

PRELUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Organist Linda Vollweiler
 Arr. Diane Bish

INTROIT “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Graham Kendrick/Arr. Jack Schrader
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir Director Linda Johnson

Come let us worship God, our rock and our redeemer!

Alleluia! Amen!

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? ***I do.***

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? ***I do.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying his word and showing his love? ***I will.***

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? ***I will, with God's help.***

PROMISE FROM THE CHURCH

To the members of this church: Do you promise to help these new members find their place in the body of Christ, to pray with and for them, to welcome them fully in holy friendship, to be angels for them in times of distress and servants to them in times of need? ***We promise, with the help of God.***

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads, and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

(While the children come down, the congregation will sing “This Little Light of Mine”)

ANTHEM

“Shine on Us”

Michael W. Smith/arr. Benjamin Harlan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Give us courage and joy as we listen to God's holy word for us today. Help us to be people who hear your word and respond by praying for the needs of those around us, and by acting. May your word give us the confidence to believe in the power of prayer. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 19:7-14

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – James 5:13-215, 19-20

SERMON “Powerful Prayer”

*HYMN “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” (vs. 1, 3, 5) 796

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Uniting Church in Australia)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we claim Jesus as the Lord of the church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation.

We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the promised goal; on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will.

We affirm that every member of the church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died, and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

OFFERTORY “Blessed Assurance” *Arr. Dale Wood*

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation, weaving a tapestry of compassion and action, faith and fellowship, hope and wholeness. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” 465

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Finale on "Tallis Canon"

L. Dean Bye

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

8:30 – Contemplative Taize-Style Worship with Communion

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

**10:45 – Combined worship with First United Methodist Church,
Choir, Communion**

5 week sermon series
**A Working Faith:
How to live our
faith in action!**

September 2: Just do it – Show the way!
James 1:17-27

September 9: Body and Soul
James 2:1-10

September 16: Taming the Tongue
James 3:1-12

September 23: The Good Life
James 3:13-4:3

September 30: Powerful Prayer
James 5:13-20



First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873

Head of Church: Jesus Christ

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Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

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Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

September 30, 2018:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village - today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean Matheny in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at 402-469-4805 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

October Communion Offering goes to Peace and Global Witness featuring Hearts and Hands Against Hunger in Hastings who will receive 25% of the offering.

Ushers (Team #1): Chuck Hastings – Captain, Luke Brooks, LaVern Franzen, Roger Sunderman

Greeters: Gayle Fandry, Marilyn Nielsen

Acolytes: Addyson Hermes, Keira Erickson

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

FPC Prayers for:	Jeff & Ashley Hermann	John Harrington
Judy Brown	Elmer Heeren	Zelma Fobben
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Richard & Wanda Langer	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Mary Kay LaMaster	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Arlene Kort
Ramona Shetler	Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)	Carolyn Nowka & families
Brett & Dana Miller	Connie Meyer (Daveta Brader's sister-in-law)	Beth Utley

Fifth Sunday Potluck: Today!!

Celebrate and welcome our new members with a soup and baked potato bar!

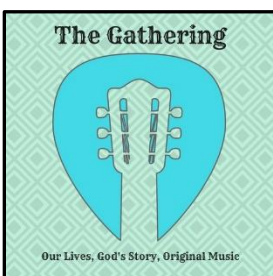
During 10:30 worship today, 14 new members will officially be joining our church family! *This is an event worth celebrating!!* Please help welcome them by gathering in the Fellowship Hall for lunch following worship. Whether you brought something to contribute or not, you are welcome!

Welcome, new members!

Today, we are blessed to welcome new members into our church family! The following individuals completed our series of new member classes: *Heather Gosda, Stephanie and Doug Ourada, Kris Norris, Dora Horsley, June Nielsen, Jan Bolliger, Ashley Mullen, Dana and Brett Miller, Bob and Jean Matheny, Grant Hunter, and Sally Hatcher.* While they are not all able to be here today, all are officially joining either today or in the near future. Be sure to welcome and get to know them!

This Week at FPC --- October 1 – October 7, 2018

Mon, Oct. 1	12:00p-1:00p	Men's Grief Group in Kessler Room
	12:00p-1:00p	Memorial Committee Meeting in the Anderson Room
	7:00p-9:00p 7:30p-9:30p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room
Tues, Oct 2	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in Annex
Wed, Oct 3	5:30p-6:30p	WAM Meeting in Anderson Room
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible at Breakfast in the Parlor
	11:00a-11:45a	PW Coordinating Team in the Library
	11:45a-1:45p	PW Lunch/Business Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time (WNL) All are welcome!
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:45p-7:30p	Calvin/Westminster Middle School and High School Choir (WNL) 6 th – 12 th grades
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
	7:30p-8:15p	High School (9th-12th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
Thurs, Oct 4	12:00p-1:00p	Soup Group for Women in the Library
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Oct 5	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Oct 7	8:30a-9:15a	Taize Style Worship Service
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School for all ages!
	10:45a (Late Start Today Only)	Combined Service with FUMC Traditional Worship Service



“The Gathering”

Returns on October 28th, 7:00 p.m. at *Prairie Loft*. Our theme this time around shall be “Regret and Contentment: Missteps, Mistakes, and Learning to Live With It”.

If you have a story you'd like to share, please contact Pastor Damen at dheitmann@hastings.edu

Upcoming Forum Classes

- ❖ October 7: *Following Our Faith in the Midst of Polarization*. Divisions are often drawn between the "right" and the "left," implying boxes into which religion and religious people should fit. However, these boxes often do not accurately reflect the nuanced convictions and allegiances of today's Christians.

Join us for a compelling forum discussion between three local pastors as they seek to break down divisions between liberal and conservative, evangelical and progressive, bringing focus to what unites us: our shared call to follow Jesus Christ.

Presenters: Greg Allen-Pickett of First Presbyterian Church, Greg Lindenberger of First United Methodist Church, and John Whitsett of Lakeside Community Church of the Nazarene (by video).

- ❖ October 14: *No Class* (Fall Break)
- ❖ October 21: *Fifty Years of Impact*. Assassinations of MLK and Bobby Kennedy; first Big Mac goes on sale; My Lai massacre in Viet Nam; first successful heart transplant; Black Power salute at the Olympics...the year 1968 was tumultuous and triumphant, innovative and incomprehensible. This class will explore 1968's continuing moral, cultural, and theological impact 50 years later.

Presenters: Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey and friends

Time for an updated photo directory!!

...and this time it's different! Instead of high-pressure sales from photography companies we've used in the past, this year the Congregational Life Committee has contracted with a local photographer who will take photos of our church families, provide rights to the digital version of these photos, and will create for us a pictorial directory app. There will be a printable version of the app, but the digital directory provides the church an easily-updatable format and offers readily accessible information for today's digital world. To offset the cost of the photographer's services, a small donation will be asked of each participating household.

Please sign up for a portrait sitting appointment in the Memorial Room before or after worship this Sunday and the next few weeks to come. (You can also call or stop in the church office.)

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time Hastings CROP Hunger Walk 2018



Hastings CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by the local church Women United with help from Hastings College. Twenty-five percent of the Hastings Walk fundraiser will be used locally to benefit our local Hastings Salvation Army food Pantry.

The 2018 walk event will be Sunday, October 7, 2018, at Hastings College Hazelrigg Student Union at 1:30 to register and 2:00 to walk.

To join the First Presbyterian Church team, start your own team, register, or donate, go on-line at crophungerwalk.org. A table will be in the Memorial Room each Sunday till October 7 with more information about the walk event and to take your donations. The church office will also take your donations if you are unable to participate in person.

Women's Soup Group on Thursday: Ten Mindful Minutes. Join a casual lunchtime conversation on Thurs., 10/4. Viewing of a TED talk, followed by conversation on the topic of how simply being mindful and experiencing the present moment for just ten minutes a day can be refreshing and even transformative. *Free childcare provided with reservation by Tuesday. Bring a sack lunch if you wish. Noon-1, Church library.*

Presbyterian Women Annual Salad Luncheon October 3, 2018 at 11:45 a.m. All women are welcome. The program will be "Nebraska Quilts" given by Jo Seiler. Please RSVP to Jean in the church office by October 1.

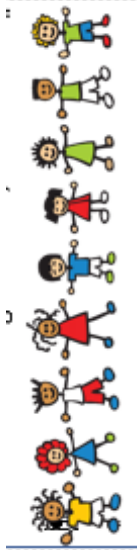
Women's Night Out

Mariners group (comprised of FPC members and friends in their 20s-40s) is hosting a "Women's Night Out" on Friday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m.. Meet at Steeple Brewery to relax, connect, and enjoy fellowship in a wholesome environment of acceptance and shared faith.

Pet Blessing Follow-up Gathering

It's fun to get together with other pet owners and their pets! In the spirit of pet-loving fellowship, all are welcome to gather next Sunday afternoon, October 7, at 5 p.m. at the Hastings dog park shelter. There will be treats (for dogs and humans), walking, and lots of tail-wagging.

Parents of Young Children, WELCOME!



Children are an important part of God's family and we are excited to have you and your family with us today. *As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Matthew 19:14*

Here are some tips to make the service more enjoyable for you and your child.

♥ **Sing** the hymns, **pray** the prayers, and **say** the responses. *Children learn from your actions.*

♥ **Grab a Children's Worship Bag.** The bags are located in the back/side entrance to the sanctuary. These are great to use during the sermon when it is harder for kids to participate in the service.

♥ Kids of all ages are welcome in the worship service. However, if you decide to use it, we have a **nursery available for children who have not yet started school.**

The presence of children is a gift to our church. Like all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ and a reminder of the growth and future of our church. Please welcome our children and their parents with a smile of encouragement!