

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



October 14, 2018

PRELUDE

“Hymn to Joy”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Albert L. Travis

WELCOME

Kili Wenburg

CHORAL INTROIT

“This is the Day that the Lord Has Made”
Chancel Choir, Director Robin Koozer

Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90)

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,

Let your glorious love and power be known to us, your children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

Prosper for us the work of our hands -- O prosper the work of our hands!

*HYMN

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

581

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no wrong that God cannot make right.

There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.

The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good.

God will not forsake us or leave us.

By the power of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole.

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory To God”

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*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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

COMMISSIONING OF ADULT MISSION AND EXCHANGE TEAM

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Don and Marie Rasmussen

(Over the next six weeks, we will hear a reflection from a member of our First Presbyterian Church Family on why they choose to be part of this community and why they choose to support the church with their time, talent and treasure.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

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

ANTHEM

"Children of God"

Colin Brunby

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mighty Lord, help us understand and seek to follow your holy word in our homes and in our workplaces, in our families and in our relationships. May we never stop pursuing your truth. Assure us with your word that you are with us wherever we go. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Hebrews 4:12-16

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

"One Thing"

*HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

733

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, creator of all things, ruler of all that is and all that is to come. God is transforming the world into the place of God's justice and mercy.

We follow Jesus, who taught and healed, who died and rose, revealing God's abundant grace. He sent disciples out into the world to heal, to proclaim the good news of grace, and to participate in the Reign of God in all that we do. He reigns in love over all Creation, and holds all accountable to their faithfulness to God's rule of grace.

We rely upon the unfailing grace of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, the community of the church as the Body of Christ, the unity of all believers, the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection and the alluring blessing of eternal life.

Therefore we devote ourselves to lives of daily prayer, study, service and reflection, following Jesus as our Master, for the sake of the transformation of the world by the grace of God.

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

OFFERTORY "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. Raymond H. Hann

*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 "We Are One in the Spirit" 300

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "Farewell, Good Friends!" 540

*POSTLUDE "Rondeau" Joseph Mouret/arr.Bish

*(*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

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 – Traditional service led by Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir

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

Head of Church: Jesus Christ

Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

Director of Children & Family

Ministries: Stephanie Brader

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann

Director of Adult Education &

Spiritual Formation: Kili Wenburg

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

October 14, 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 in memory of Frances & Clarence Anderson and Mabel & Paul Robare by the Anderson family.

The rose on the lectern this morning is in celebration of the birth of Brooks Willard Borrell, son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell, born on Wednesday, October 10. Proud grandparents are Bev & Ken Stein, and Dan & Diane Borrell of Grand Island.

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 #2): Al Meyer – Captain, Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Clyde Sachtleben, Carter Wenburg

Greeters: Kathy Utter, Mary Fisk

Acolytes: Grace Brader, Seth Schwartz

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Abigail Shetler

FPC Prayers for:

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	Daveta & Dick Brader	Beth Utley
Brooks Borrell	John Harrington	Jeff & Ashley Hermann

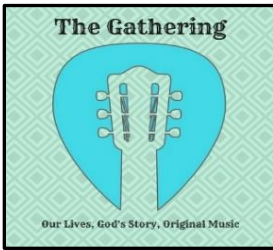
October is Pastor Appreciation Month:

Please pray for: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Rev. Damen Heitman

Pet Blessing Follow-up Gathering (rescheduled for) Today! 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 *today, at 5 p.m.* at the Hastings dog park shelter. There will be treats (for dogs and humans), walking, and lots of tail-wagging.

This Week at FPC --- October 15 – October 21, 2018

Mon, Oct. 15	12:00p-1:00p 7:00p-9:00p 7:30p-9:30p	Men's Grief Group in Kessler Room Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room
Tues, Oct 16	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 1:00p 6:45p-7:45p	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office Bible Study in Anderson Room Quilters meet in Annex Deacons Meeting in Anderson Conf. Room
Wed, Oct 17	7:00a-8:00a 9:30a-10:30a 9:30a-10:30a 1:15p-2:15p 4:00p-6:00p 6:00p-6:45p 6:30p-8:00p 6:45p-7:30p 6:45p-7:30p 7:30p-8:15p 7:30p-8:15p 7:30p-8:15p	Bible at Breakfast in the Parlor Circle I Hostess-Sally Smith, Lesson-Betty Kooy Circle II in the Library Hostess-Laurie Johnson, Lesson-Jane Foote Circle III in the Library Hostess-Carol Wheeler, Lesson-Jill Kramer Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL) Family Meal Time (WNL) All are welcome! Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement Chancel Choir Calvin/Westminster Middle School and High School Choir (WNL) 6th – 12th grades Chancel Bells Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship High School (9th-12th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
Thurs, Oct 18	12:00p 4:30p-5:30p 5:30p-6:30p 6:00p-7:00p	Soup Group in the Library Pooh Corner/FPC Liaison Committee Meeting Session in Anderson Conf. Room Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Oct 19	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, Oct 20	9:15a	United Harvest
Sun, Oct 21	8:30a-9:15a 9:15a-10:15a 10:30a	Contemplative Taize-Style Worship Sunday School 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 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

❖ **October 28: *2018 General Assembly Update***

General Assembly (GA) is the biennial gathering of commissioners from each of the 173 presbyteries of the PC(USA). Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, decisions are made at GA on behalf of the national church body. This Forum will provide a report on the notable items addressed at this summer's GA.

Presenters: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Sharon Rees

Finding God, Even in Failure

Your perfect plan just turned into a disastrous disappointment. What are you supposed to do now? How do you pick yourself up and move forward when you really want to sit in the corner and cry? The *Heirs Apparent* adult Sunday School class will be looking at these questions and more in light of the life of the prophet Jeremiah. This new five-session series called "Fail: What to Do When Things Go Wrong" begins October 21. All are welcome to join together to study how Jeremiah persevered and trusted God during extremely trying times.

Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Anderson Conference Room

Don't miss your chance to be a part of our updated pictorial directory!! **Final Sessions are this week!**



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 TODAY or stop in the church office early this week.



The 2018 CROP Hunger Walk was held on a very rainy Sunday October 7th, though a break in the rain made it a very enjoyable and successful event. Thank you to all for the donations and support. Donations will still be accepted by giving on-line at crophungerwalk.org or the church office. For questions, please contact Susie Graham.

Stay Tuned for When the Meal Train will be ready to go!

Meal Train for a new baby! We had a new baby born on Wednesday, October 10th, Brooks Willard Borrell. Brooks' daddy is Jeremy Borrell. His mommy is Kim who grew up at FPC Hastings. (Kim's mom and dad are Bev & Ken Stein.) If you are interested in joining the Meal Train by taking them a meal, just enter the following link in your browser to sign up for a day. Or, you can go to the church FaceBook page to sign up. <https://mealtrain.com/dwn78z>

UNITED HARVEST needs your hands and your heart this Saturday

Please continue to support this monthly food ministry with your prayers and your time. First shift volunteers should report to the Annex gym at 9:15-9:30 a.m. on **Saturday, October 20th**. Clean-up shift workers (desperately needed!) should report to the FPC Annex gym around noon.

As we prepare our hearts for the United Harvest distribution, we remember responding to God's call to "love your neighbor as yourself" by sharing food with those who are food insecure. The question may be asked as to why we do this. What is the goal? Where does working for justice enter into the discussion?

In the Old Testament the prophets included the word "shalom" when speaking of justice. Shalom is a word in Hebrew that has wholeness or completeness as its foundation and is often translated in English as "peace." As we come together as a whole to distribute food to those in need, let us ask how we recognize and achieve shalom.

Pray also to live lives of love and justice so that shalom is restored where it is absent. In that prayer, ask how you can intentionally bring together God, humans, and all creation to accomplish the flourishing of shalom in which God delights.

Is there room for improvement in your prayer life?

If so, check out the **Spirituality Lab**, where each gathering offers a chance to learn and practice a new form of prayer and/or meditation, giving you the support and information you need to find the right prayer practices for your life.

The 45-min. 7 a.m. gatherings, are on the 2nd and 4th Thurs. of each month in the Upper Room and provides a wonderful way to start your day! Questions? Contact Kili.

