

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



October 28, 2018

PRELUDE

“Fantasy in A Minor”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Inner Peace”
Praise Bell Choir (grades 3-5), Directed by Dr. Susan Oliver

Sandra Eithun

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34)

We will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Let us magnify the LORD, and let us exalt his name together!

We seek the LORD, and God answers us.

God delivers us from all our fears.

O taste and see that the LORD is good;

Happy are those who take refuge in him. Come let us worship the LORD!

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mystical, transcendent God, there is so much of life we simply do not know. Yet in our moments of pride, we speak as if we know it all and often utter what we do not understand. Rather than following our call to draw people to you, sometimes our words and actions keep people away from you, and keep us away from you. Rescue us, O Lord, from our afflictions. Restore us, O God, from our self-inflicted wounds. Have mercy on us, Son of God, and save us by your unending intercession.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Cry out to Christ, our great High Priest, for he has saved us!

Our faith has made us well, brought us forgiveness, and granted us peace.

By the power of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Crossroads Mission

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

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

ANTHEM

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Alleluia Choir (grades 1-2) and Praise Choir (grades 3-5), Directed by Tim & Teresa Canady

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, your holy word banishes darkness. Your holy word restores our sight. Your holy word reforms our lives in Christ’s love. May that word speak to us again today. May we let it into our lives to banish our darkness, open our eyes, and may it teach us to share Christ’s love. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 126

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

“Trusting God’s Abundance, Restoring Our Vision”

*HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the United Church of Canada “Song of Faith”)

We find God made known in Jesus of Nazareth, and so we sing of God the Christ, the Holy One embodied. We sing of Jesus... He knew human joy and sorrow. So filled with the Holy Spirit was he that in him people experienced the presence of God among them. We sing praise to God incarnate.

Jesus announced the coming of God’s reign – a commonwealth not of domination but of peace, justice, and reconciliation. He healed the sick and fed the hungry... He crossed barriers of race, class, culture, and gender. He preached and practiced unconditional love – love of God, love of neighbor, love of friend, love of enemy – and he commanded his followers to love one another as he had loved them. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Brian and Laurie Johnson

(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, expressing “Fearless Generosity!”)

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

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Chancel Bells, Directed by Dr. Byron Jensen

*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 "Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs. 1, 3-5) 726

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "Danish Amen"
Alleluia Bells (grades 1 & 2), Directed by Dr. Susan Oliver

*POSTLUDE "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. Paul Manz

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

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

8:30 – Contemplative Taize-Style Worship with Communion

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 – Traditional service with All Saints Day Remembrance

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 28, 2018:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Ardyce and Jon Bohlke by Anne Bohlke.

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 Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Clarke by friends and family. Also, flowers are given in memory of Ardyce and Jon Bohlke by Anne Bohlke.

“The Gathering” originally scheduled for tonight has been cancelled.

November Communion Offering goes to Crossroads Mission, Hastings, NE

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

Greeters: Mary Kay Lamaster, Kim Creech

Acolytes: Moses Rhodes, Paige Redline

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

FPC Prayers for:

Judy Brown	Elmer Heeren	Katharine Davis
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Richard & Wanda Langer	Zelma Fobben
Mary Kay LaMaster	John Harrington	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Ramona Shetler	Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)	Arlene Kort
Brett & Dana Miller	Daveta & Dick Brader	Carolyn Nowka
Constance Malloy	Linda Vollweiler	Beth Utley
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell, grandson of Bev & Ken Stein)	Jeff & Ashley Hermann
		Dacia & Launa (Dawna & Brad Whitcomb's daughter & grand-daughter)

186th M.P. Company stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, lost a member of the unit this week. Prayers for the unit and the family of Matthew Cox.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month:

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

This Week at FPC --- October 29 – November 04, 2018

Mon, Oct. 29	12:00p-1:00p	Men's Grief Group Meeting in the Kessler Room
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room
Tues, Oct 30	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in Annex
Wed, Oct 31	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting in the Anderson Room
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible at Breakfast in the Parlor
	CANCELLED (this week only)	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study,
	CANCELLED (this week only)	Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	CANCELLED (this week only)	Family Meal Time (WNL)
	CANCELLED (this week only)	All are welcome!
	CANCELLED (this week only)	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	CANCELLED (this week only)	Chancel Choir
	CANCELLED (this week only)	Calvin/Westminster Middle School and High School Choir (WNL)
	CANCELLED (this week only)	6th—12th grades
Thurs, Nov 01	CANCELLED (this week only)	Chancel Bells
	CANCELLED (this week only)	Middle School (6th—8th) Youth Group:
	CANCELLED (this week only)	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
	CANCELLED (this week only)	High School (9th-12th) Youth Group:
	CANCELLED (this week only)	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
	12:00p-1:00p	Soup Group for Women in the Library
	5:00p-6:00p	Pooh Corner/FPC Liaison Meeting in the Anderson Room
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed. Meeting in the Parlor
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Fri, Nov 02		<i>Set your clocks BACK before you go to bed! Daylight Savings Times Ends Tonight!</i>
Sat, Nov 03		
Sun, Nov 04	8:30a-9:15a	Tazie Style Worship
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

November PW meeting and luncheon is on November 7. The program will be given by Sarah Nottage-Tracey on her experiences in China. Sounds interesting, doesn't it? Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 5th.

FYI... The Circle meeting dates are a little different in the month of November:

- ✓ *Circle I will meet on November 14th (Hostess-Gayle Fandy, Lesson-Pam Lay)*
- ✓ *Circle II will meet on November 28th (Hostess-Shirley Gass, Lesson-Alice Throckmorton)*
- ✓ *Circle III will meet on November 28th (Hostess-Mary Northrup, Lesson-Jo Seiler)*



World Community Day November 2, 2018 Hosted by Hastings Church Women United at Grace United Methodist Church (1832 West 9th Street) at 10:00, with Soup Luncheon to follow.

The overall theme of “Reaching Toward Wholeness,” reflects the idea that being wholeness requires feeling safe, cared for, valued and connected within our local community and the larger world. With these aspects present, there is harmony.

Like many voices coming together in a chorus, people of many cultures and nations can come together to lift humanity beyond the brokenness of discord, violence, and war.

World Community Day began in 1943 from discussions at a meeting of denominational presidents and executive secretaries asking that a day be set aside in the fall for the study of peace by church women. WCD continues to emphasize peace but has been broadened to include justice, a vital partner of peace. The once clear categories of “domestic” and “foreign” were consciously blurred so the global scope of the wide range of problems could be emphasized on World Community Day.

November Communion Offering goes to Crossroads Mission of Hastings, NE Crossroads Center is excited to celebrate 35 years of ministry in Hastings!



God has been so very faithful to the ministry as we strive to “Bring glory to God” through the helping of people, making an impact in the lives of men, women, and families who experience homelessness.

We are in the process of a remodel to make more space in our lobby and dining area. This year Crossroads has experienced many breakdowns in our facility with the security system, the heating and cooling system, including when a tree fell through the roof of the family wing. We are in need of funds to help cover the costs of these repairs.

November 15th we will be hosting an open house at the Hastings Facility, 702 west 14th Street. The open house will be from 9am - 5pm and all are welcome to come tour the facility, see the exciting upgrades, and learn about the 4 phase PRP program.

In the evening from 6:30 - 8:00pm we will host a concert at the Hastings Auditorium with Christian band VODA. Please prayerfully consider a free will offering.

Soup Group on Thursday: *Understanding Stress*

All women of the church are welcome to join in a casual lunchtime conversation on Thursday, November 1. Viewing of a TED talk will be followed by conversation around the topics of how stress can actually be seen as a positive and how reaching out to others provides underestimated stress reduction.

*Free childcare provided with reservation by Tuesday. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.
Noon-1, Church library.*

Upcoming Forum Classes

❖ November 4: *Presbyterian Border Ministry*

Frontera de Cristo is a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora, and Douglas, Arizona. At this Forum, Hastings FPC's delegation will share about their October visit to Frontera de Cristo.

Presenters: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Denny Storer, Jeni Howard, Margaret Marsh, Jeanne Hastings, Jan Ham, Sharon Brooks

❖ November 11: *Faith and Military Service*

On this Veteran's Day, a panel of FPC vets will reflect on the impact their faith had on their military service before, during, and after deployment.

Presenters: Rev. Jim Cooke, Dick Kleiber, Rick Matticks



**MEN'S BASKETBALL
HASTINGS COLLEGE VS. STERLING COLLEGE**

GUYS NIGHT OUT

**Monday, November 5. Food at 6:00, Game at 7:00
Legacy Room, Lynn Farrell Arena, Hastings College
All men, all ages welcome.**

Kirkin' o' th' Tartan

Sunday, November 11

Bagpipe-led parade! (10:15)

Bring a swatch of **plaid fabric** to worship! (10:30)

Scottish lunch! (11:30)

Catered: Roasted Top Round of Beef with Whiskey Sauce,
and Neeps--mashed potatoes and turnips
(free will donations appreciated)

Potluck rounds out the meal: bring a Scottish dish or
another family favorite

