

The Kinkin' o' The Tartans

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

November 11, 2018

PRELUDE

“Prayer of Blessing” Linda Vollweiler, Organist
Traditional Scottish Melody/arr. Christopher

INTROIT/PROCESSIONAL

The Omaha Pipe and Drums Bagpipe Band

WELCOME

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind. God watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow. Come, let us worship our loving God!

*HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, on this day when we celebrate our church's heritage and give thanks for our families, we confess that we do not always honor or appreciate the gift of our families. We admit that in our selfish desires to indulge our own interests, we too often neglect the care of our family members. As families, sometimes we fail to follow, to serve, to support one another out of love and respect. We mindlessly continue in the generational sins that have plagued our families for years. Give us the courage to change and the will to forgive as you have forgiven us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the work of Jesus Christ, we have been adopted into God's own family.

May we live our lives as children of God and brothers and sisters to one another.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

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.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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.

THE BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

On behalf of families of all nations, and in the name of all the families that are here represented, we present these Tartans and symbols of families before Almighty God in appreciation of our heritage; and we ask God's blessings upon these, God's humble servants. O Lord, you have promised that in all places you will meet with your servants, and bless them; fulfill now your promise, and make us joyful in our prayers, so that our worship, being offered in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and by the guidance of your Holy Spirit, may be acceptable unto You, and profitable unto ourselves. Bless, we pray, these Tartans and the families that they represent—that they may be unto us and unto all people a token of the faith of our ancestors, and a sign of our service unto you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go Beannai Dia Duit, May God's Blessing be on You.

ANTHEM

The Omaha Pipe and Drums Bagpipe Band

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Compassionate God, through these scriptures that we read today, teach us that we are called to love and share sacrificially and with fearless generosity. May your word inspire us to love this day and every day. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Kings 17:8-16

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

“The Greatest Gift”

*HYMN

“Take My Life”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpted from the Scots Confession. Kirk=Church)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust... As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one universal Kirk because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the Kingdom of God have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Grant Hunter

(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!”)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY The Omaha Pipe and Drums Bagpipe Band

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God you call us to love you and love one another. May these offerings be a tangible example of that love. May these offerings help us and this church to share your love to the world. Amen.

THE 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 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” 316

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RECESSIONAL The Omaha Pipe and Drums Bagpipe Band

*POSTLUDE “Winter Symphony” *Thomas/Vivaldi*

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

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

8:30AM TAIZE - STYLE CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30 AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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

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November 11, 2018:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Dixie and John Kerr by the Kerr family.

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 Randall, David, and Richard Fandry by Gayle Fandry and daughter Mickie Day.

November Communion Offering goes to Crossroads Mission, Hastings, NE

FPC Prayers for:	Sharon Harvey	Katharine Davis
Judy Brown	Family of Jack Osborne	Mary Jeanne Cook
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Elmer Heeren	Zelma Fobben
Mary Kay LaMaster	Richard & Wanda Langer	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Ramona Shetler	John Harrington	Arlene Kort
Brett & Dana Miller	Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)	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
186 th M.P. Company stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, lost a member of the unit last week. Prayers for the unit and the family of Matthew Cox.		Dacia & Launa (Dawna & Brad Whitcomb's daughter & grand-daughter)

Ushers (Team #3): Dave Fisher – Captain, Andrew Barrows, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

Greeters: Richard & Carolyn McKenzie, Kim Creech

Acolytes: Ashton Essink, Ruei Duang

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

Come one, come all, for a festive lunch after worship TODAY!

As a follow-up to our "Kirkin of the Tartan" service, which is inspired by our Presbyterian Scottish heritage, please gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch following the 10:30 worship service. A portion of the lunch is catered (free will donations appreciated), and the rest is supplied by potluck offerings. *Even if you didn't bring something, PLEASE feel welcome to stay. There will be plenty of food!*

This Week at FPC --- November 12 – November 18, 2018

Mon, Nov 12	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, Nov 13	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in Annex
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life meeting in the Parlor
	5:30p-6:30p	Trustees meeting in the Anderson Conference Room
Wed, Nov 14	7:00a-8:00a	Bible at Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle I Hostess-Gayle Fandy, Lesson-Pam Lay
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	5:15p-6:15p	Deacon's meeting in the Anderson Conference Room
	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
Thurs, Nov 15	7:30p-8:15p	High School (9th-12th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
	12:00p-1:00a	Soup Group for Women in the Library
Fri, Nov 16	5:00p-6:00p	Session Meeting in the Kessler Room
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Sat, Nov 17	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Nov 18	9:30	United Harvest
	8:30a-9:30a	Taize Service
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	7:00p	Hastings College Choral Concert

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

- ✓ *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)*



Did you miss the photo sessions for the new pictorial directory? NO PROBLEM!

You can still be included in the new directory! Just email your snapshot to kili@fpchastings.org. Horizontal orientation preferred. Please, no copyrighted photos. Digital pictures are preferred, but we can scan a hard copy, if digital is not an option

Upcoming Forum Classes

❖ November 18: *Ethical Shopping*

"Black Friday" is one of the biggest shopping days of the year. In anticipation of this annual event, we will explore the ethical questions related to shopping. How much do we really need? How do our purchases impact the earth? How do our purchases impact the workers who made the products?...and more.

Presenter: HC Economic Professor Amy Black

❖ November 25: *No Class. Happy Thanksgiving!*

❖ December 2: *Religious Experience Inside and Outside the U.S.*

The practice and experience of any given religion can vary widely from place to place. In this Forum, immigrants to the U.S. will compare their religious experiences before and after coming to the U.S.

Presenters: Irina Belikova-Erickson (Russia), Bertha De Dios Salvador (Mexico)

LocalGlobal is a student-led service group at Hastings College. Our goals are to educate our campus about food insecurity and other issues of poverty; and to contribute to the needs of our community, state, country, and world. Food insecurity means a person doesn't know where their next meal is coming from or can't afford food for their next meal. We participate in National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week every year in November by organizing events at the college to get the campus and community involved in the fight against hunger. See you there!

LocalGlobal would like to invite members of the First Presbyterian Church congregation and anyone from the community to come help us pack meals.

- *Meal packing event will be held on November 9th from 8 am to 5 pm in Hazelrigg Student Union, Rooms A, B, and C. We will partner with Hearts and Hands of Hastings to pack 100,000 meals in these 9 hours.*
- *Sandwich making event on November 13th from 5 pm to 8 pm in Hazelrigg Student Union, Room C. These sandwiches will be given to the Catholic Social Services Open Table sack lunch program and our goal this year is 3,000 lunches.*

Soup Group Meets on Thursday: *Slowing Down*

We'll eat lunch together and enjoy conversation based on a TED talk, which offers a counterpoint to the Western world's obsession with speed and always doing more. ("Soup Group" is a women's group that meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.) *Noon-1 p.m., Thursday, November 15; Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.*

Fearless Generosity . . .

Gifts of Love

A three week sermon series on the gifts of love
November 4: The Greatest Commandment – Mark 12:28-34
November 11: The Greatest Gift – Mark 12:38-44
November 18: A Community of Love – Hebrews 10:11-25

Youth Special Attendance Recognition for October

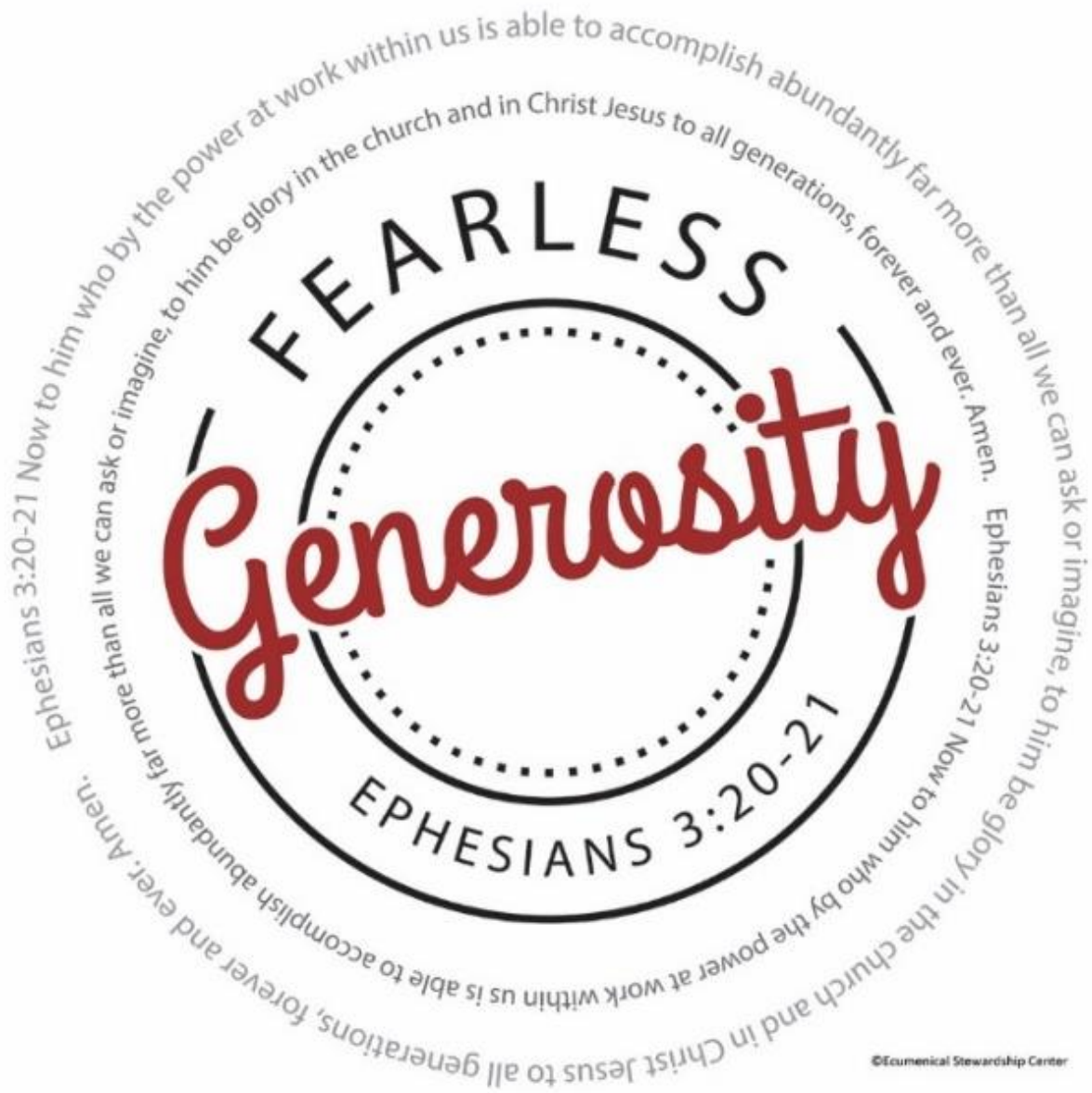
Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children preschool thru 8th grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. Two children will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their faith growth to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

- Acolyte (if under 4th grade)
- Usher
- Music soloist
- Call to Worship leader
- Prayer leader
- Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of October, nineteen (19) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-three (23) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for October's recognition are Keaton Redline (Sunday School) and Ruei Duang (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!

Meal Train for Kim, Jeremy, Briella and Brooks Borrell!!

Dear First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, NE family: We are so excited to welcome the newest member of our church family, Brooks! Mom is Kim Stein Borrell, Dad is Jeremy Borrell. And Brooks sweet big sister Briella. Sign up on Facebook to bring the family a meal or go to the following link www.mealtrain.com/trains/2orko8



Saturday, November 17: United Harvest Distribution

From one of our Methodist brothers, a reflection in anticipation of Saturday's distribution:

How do we see others? In the Old Testament account of Hagar fleeing her masters Abram and Sarai, this pregnant, abused, runaway slave was approached by the angel of the Lord. No doubt she is surprised when the angel of the Lord speaks to her, most likely much differently than her masters, saying “Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?” (Gen. 16:8). Note that the angel calls her by name, hears her plight, and offers her a promise. That promise comes with the instruction to return to Abram and Sarai’s household: “I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count” (Gen. 16:9). Continuing, the angel says: “You are now with child and you will have a son. You will name him Ishmael (meaning *God hears*), for the Lord has heard of your misery” (Gen. 16:11). Upon hearing God’s promise: “She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her, ‘You are the God who sees me,’ for she said, ‘I have now seen the One who sees me.’” (Gen. 16:13).

Turning to Luke 7:44: “Then he (Jesus) turned toward the woman and said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman?’” This text is within a story where Jesus has been invited to Simon’s house. While there, a woman came to see Jesus and began to anoint his feet. Simon, a Pharisee, seeing this said to himself; “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner.” (Luke 7:39). Most likely, the woman had already encountered Jesus. In this encounter, had she experienced being seen through the eyes of love? Accustomed to being used and judged, did she realize that she was a beloved child of God? In contrast, Simon could not see her as a beloved child of God. Instead, he saw her as a “sinner”, someone to be judged, and someone who was “cast out”.

The stories above remind us that ours is a God who sees. As we gather within our own communities and that of United Harvest, let us be the eyes and ears of the Kingdom of God. Pray that we listen with love and caring. Pray that we see with eyes of love that bring hope and healing. Pray that we can call others within our circle of contacts by name.

In the words of Phillip Yancey, “You say you care about the poor. Then tell me, what are their names?”