

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



November 18, 2018

PRELUDE

“Prelude in G Major”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Johann Kittel

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

Calvin Choir (grades 6-8) & Westminster Choir (grades 9-12)
Directed by Linda Johnson, Accompanist Mary Plock

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 16)

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord."

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand;

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices. In your presence there is fullness of joy! Come let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rock of Salvation, you give strength to the feeble; you exalt the poor and lift up the needy. We find ourselves building walls that separate us; from you, from one another, from the world, even from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. We confess our fallibility. Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Spoken from the Baptismal Font)

Our hearts are sprinkled clean;

Our bodies are washed with the water of God's love.

Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God assures us that we are forgiven, absolved, and released from our sin, and that we are 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.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Greg Allen-Pickett

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

ANTHEM

“Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song”

Hal H. Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Speak to use by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might hear what you would say to us today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 100

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Hebrews 10:11-25

SERMON

“A Community of Love, Grace, and Gratitude”

*HYMN

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself. We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God’s kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God’s gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God’s, caretakers of God’s home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.

OFFERING AND COLLECTION OF PLEDGE CARDS

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

OFFERTORY

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Rinck/arr.Kessler

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERINGS AND THE PLEDGE CARDS**

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving; ***These offerings and these cards represent our labor, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.***

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may give generously to you, God, and to the work of your church as closely as possible how you give generously to us.

May we see these pledges as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthly, and filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering. It is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. 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** "Great God of Every Blessing" 694

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** "Finale from Concerto No. 5" Handel

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

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

NO 8:30 Service due to the Thanksgiving Holiday
NO Sunday School due to the Thanksgiving Holiday
10:30 – Traditional Service

***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

Parish Associate and Spiritual Formation: Kili Wenburg

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann

**Interim Director of Adult Education &
Fellowship:** Sharon Brooks

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

November 18, 2018:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Willard and Della Stein by the Stein 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 of Libby and Elmer Glenn by the family.

November Communion Offering goes to Crossroads Mission, Hastings, NE

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

Greeters: Darrel & Roberta Lloyd, Paula Crozier

Acolytes: Henry Black, Paxton Rhodes

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Leah Ratzlaff

FPC Prayers for:

Judy Brown	Family of Jack Osborne	Katharine Davis
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Elmer Heeren	Zelma Fobben
Georgie Evans	Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Sharon Harvey
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
	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)	Dacia & Launa (Dawna & Brad Whitcomb's daughter & grand-daughter)

Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.

Hanging of the Greens

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, we will gather to enjoy preparing to welcome everyone to First Presbyterian Church with traditional wreaths and strings of lights. Bring a snack to share!

This Week at FPC --- November 19 – November 25, 2018

Mon, Nov 19	5:30p-6:30p	Session Meeting in Anderson Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in FPC Annex NW Classroom
	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 20	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in Annex
Wed, Nov 21		No Bible at Breakfast in the Library
		No WNL Activities No Chancel Choir or Bells
Thurs, Nov 22	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	Office Closed	Thanksgiving Day
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Nov 23	Office Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday
	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Nov 25		No 8:30a Services
	10:30a	No Sunday School-All Ages Traditional Worship Service

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

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

Upcoming Forum Classes

- ❖ 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.

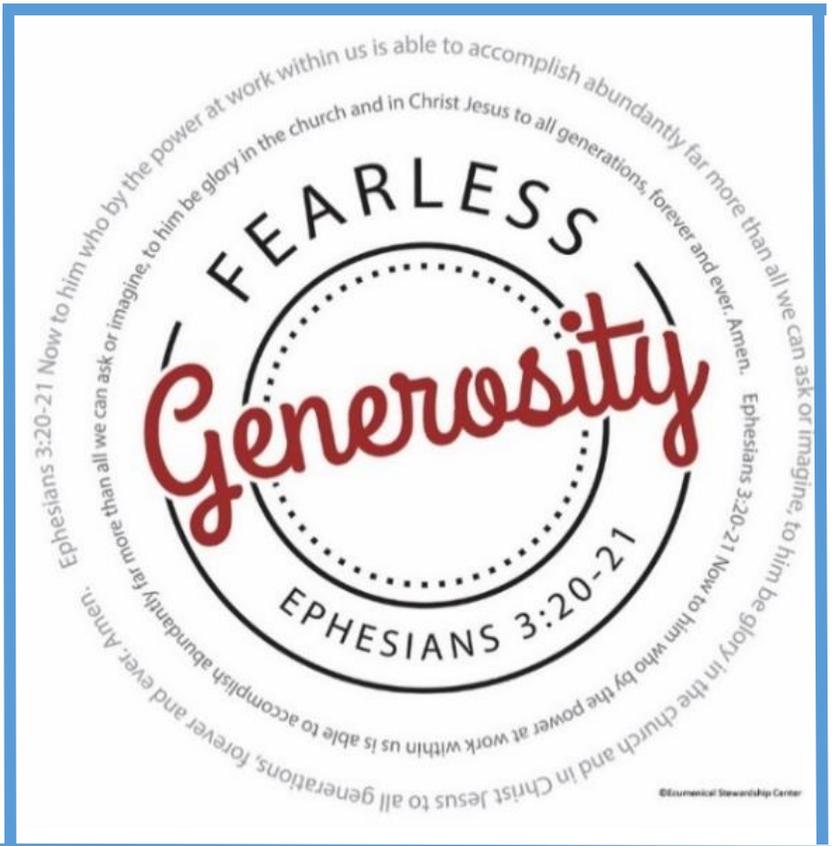
Presenters: Irina Belikova-Erickson (Russia), Bertha De Dios Salvador (Mexico)

Spirituality Lab

The next meeting is Thursday, November 29th, from 7:00-7:45 a.m. in the church library. Discover the right mix of prayer and meditation for your spiritual life.

Hastings Food Pantry Donations

During this time of the year, donations of paper products, soup, pasta, and canned fruit are much appreciated. The Food Pantry has been in operation since 1982 as an all-volunteer organization providing Hastings and the surrounding area with emergency provisions. The first Sunday of each month is a great time to fill up our boxes in the Memorial Room.



Presbyterian Women Luncheon in Minden

You are invited to attend a Holiday Thanksgiving Luncheon hosted by Westminster United Presbyterian Women of Minden on Wednesday, November 28th, at 12:00 p.m. at the church on 109 N. Colorado Ave, Minden. Call 308-832-2170 with reservations.

Mark Your Calendars – the Annual Hands Around the World Store Sale is coming up - December 8th, 9:00a-1:00p!

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls



Go & Serve Fundraiser

This year we are offering something new. You can pick up a pan of 6 baked fresh rolls OR you can request to have your rolls frozen and you can bake when you would like!

**If you request yours to be frozen, you will get a package of 6 rolls along with a bag of frosting.

**All orders will be ready for pick up in the Church kitchen Sunday December 16th.

**If you can not make that date let us know and we can make other arrangements.

6 Cinnamon Rolls \$12 (one pan). Total number of pans _____

Baked _____ or Frozen _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

First Presbyterian Church

Holiday Drop & Shop

Drop off your children while you do your holiday shopping.

Drop off children at Main Entrance (south doors)

Bring your friends!

Ages 3-11
(Must be potty trained)

Saturday, Dec. 1

Full day: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Half day: 9 a.m. to noon
or Noon to 3 p.m.

Lunch provided for all.

Full Day: \$50

Half day: \$30

10% off for additional children from same family

Activity stations:

- Make a Gift: Additional charge
- Movie & popcorn
- Make an ornament/advent calendar
- Reindeer Games in gym
- Karaoke/Dance Party
- Yoga
- Nails by Nina
- Snowy Science Lab
- Slime Make & Take
- Photo Booth
- Lego Creation
- Scavenger Hunt
- Plus, more!

Child's name _____ Age _____

Parents' name(s) _____

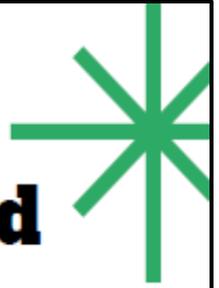
Allergies _____

Contact phone numbers _____

Reserve space by e-mailing the total number of kids to holidaydropandshop2018@gmail.com by November 28.

GO & SERVE

Bid Board donations needed



Each year, the senior high youth group of First Presbyterian Church has the opportunity to go on a Go & Serve Mission trip. The goal of this trip is to engage the students in service projects that work toward the betterment of our community, our state, our nation, and its people. In June of 2019, the group will travel to Hazard, Kentucky and will work on new home construction and/or home repair through the "Hammerin' in the Hills" program.

To help offset the costs of taking trips to various destinations across the country, we hold an annual silent auction (Bid Board). This year our silent auction will be held December 2-16. We are always looking for items to put up for auction and are hoping you can help with a NEW or GENTLY USED donation. A few popular items from the past include: themed gift baskets, gift certificates, child care, yard services, fine art.

Please deliver your donations to the designated cart in the church's common office area **before Sunday, December 2**. Also, please fill out the following form and attach it to your donation.

Item/Service being donated: (please, new or gently used)

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____

