

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Third Sunday of Easter – Confirmation Sunday
May 5, 2019**

PRELUDE

“Toccatà”

Theodore Dubois

Organist Linda Vollweiler

BELL INTROIT

“Amazing Grace”

Alleluia Bells (3rd-5th Grades) directed by Susan Oliver

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Sing and Celebrate”

Praise Choir (Pre-K – 2nd Grades) directed by Tim and Teresa Canady

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)

We will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn us up.

Sing praises to the LORD, and give thanks to God’s holy name!

To you, O LORD, we cry out, and we make supplication:

“Hear us, O LORD, and be gracious to us! O LORD, be our helper!”

You have turned our mourning into dancing.

O LORD our God, we will give thanks and praise to you this morning and forever. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, and responding to people’s needs. We can dance with joy on Easter Sunday, but the days and weeks that follow cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Give us a spirit for rejoicing; willing hearts and hands for helping; and voices for sharing your love and praising you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.

Our call is to love and forgive our friends, and to seek Christ’s love and forgiveness.

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

Alleluia! Amen!

*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)
The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

CHORAL ANTHEM “For the Colors of the Rainbow”

Alleluia Choir (3rd- 5th Grades) directed by Tim and Teresa Canady

BAPTISM

Elizabeth Klaassen

Parents Jessica and Justin Klaassen

(While the family and children are coming down, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me”.)

THE QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ’s church and this congregation has a role in her nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God’s help, to support and pray for this child and her parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist her in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, “We do.” ***We do!***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 9:1-20

SERMON A brief reflection on the Acts passage followed by the Confirmands’ Statements of Faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by First Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class, 2019)

We believe God is the creator of heaven and earth. God listens to our prayers and comforts us. We believe He is merciful and forgiving toward all humans. He helps us to love all living beings and to serve him faithfully. We believe that God has a plan for each of us, even if we don’t fully understand what it is.

We believe Jesus is the son of God and is fully human and fully God. He is our Savior, who died on the cross to forgive our sins. We believe that Jesus is the human form of God, who taught people about God while he was on Earth. He wants us to be His disciples.

We believe the Holy Spirit is the part of God within us. The Holy Spirit helps us communicate with God and connects us all. We believe the Holy Spirit is the part of us that will live forever, if we have faith in God and Jesus.

We believe the Church is a community of hope. The Church is a safe gathering place. We believe the Church helps people in need, teaches people about God, and cares for people in the community.

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

OFFERTORY "Here I Am Lord"
Praise Bells (1st-2nd Grades) directed by Susan Oliver

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

CONFIRMATION

Shannon Rene Canady

Confirmation Mentor: Amy Black
Parents: Tim & Teresa Canady
Baptism Date: 6/8/2008

Jackson Andrew Graves

Confirmation Mentor: Richard Johnson
Parents: Danny & Jodi Graves
Baptism Date: 4/21/2019

Eleanor Clara Oliver

Confirmation Mentor: Kathy Reimer
Parents: William & Susan Oliver
Baptism Date: 1/8/2006

Campbell Thomas Schukei

Confirmation Mentor: Matt Fong
Parents: Chris & Colleen Schukei
Baptism Date: 10/23/2005

Claire Teresa Schwarz

Confirmation Mentor: Leah Ratzlaff
Parents: Chris & Kristen Schwarz
Baptism Date: 1/16/2006

Confirmation Teachers:

Dave Cooke
Neil Riley

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Stephanie Brader

Confirmands, will you be faithful members of this congregation, sharing 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?

Confirmands: **We will, with God's help.**

Congregation, you have been witnesses to their life in this congregation. Will you support them by reaffirming your commitment as faithful members of this congregation, sharing 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?

Congregation: **We will, with God's help!**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM AND PRAYER WITH THE CONFIRMANDS

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these confirmands have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

Congregation: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We offer you the gifts in the offering plate, and we offer you our lives. Thank you for these confirmands and the commitment that they have made to your church. Accept these gifts for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE Served by the Confirmands and Communion Servers

Take and eat the bread when it is passed to you.

Take the cup and hold it until the entire congregation has been served.

We drink the cup together as a sign of unity in the Body of Christ.

COMMUNION MUSIC "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" *arr. Todd Kendall*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" (vs. 1-3) 488

(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit United Harvest. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" (vs. 4) 488

*POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso" *George F. Handel*

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

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

8:30 – Celebrate Style Service
9:15 – Sunday School for all ages
10:30 – Traditional Service

Join us for our sermon series: Astonishing God!

	FPC Prayers for:	
Jim Cooke	The Family of Bev Cooper	Jim Harrenstein
Susie Frerichs	The Family of Leah McCrady	Sharon Harvey
Celia & Wayne Ganow	The Family of Laurie Loftquist	Levi Kaiser
John Harrington	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Danna Wolford & family
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	The Family of Lois Hahne
		The Family of Chuck Bauer
<i>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.</i>		

May 5, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Edna Perry, Shirley Johnston, and 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 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 Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Mabel C. and Frank E. Weyer by family.

2019 Offering Envelopes are located on the built in wood shelf in the hall by the church office and on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room.

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

Greeters Today: Marilyn Nielsen, Gale & Dixie McDonald

Acolytes: Ian Erickson, Keira Erickson

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

May Communion Offering goes to United Harvest, the traveling food pantry delivering food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution on the 3rd Sat. of each month at the FPC P.E.A.C.E. Center.

In memory of...

- ❖ Bev Cooper passed away on 4/16/19. Services will be held at 11:00 am on May 24 at Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home in Council Bluffs, IA.
- ❖ Richard Cronin passed away on 4/9/19 in MO
- ❖ Lois Hahne passed away 4/17/19. Services were held at FPC on 4/24/2019.
- ❖ Leah McCrady passed away on 4/27/19 in Lincoln. Services were held April 27 at FPC.

PLEASE NOTE:

A new lock has been installed in the Kitchen Door. The previous code is no longer valid. If you are in need of the new code, please come to the office and fill out the form.

This Week at FPC --- May 6, 2019 – May 12, 2019

Mon, May 6	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in P.E.A.C.E. Center NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys in Scout Room
Tues, May 7	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	5:30 p-6:30p	WAM in Anderson Room
Wed, May 8	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	5:30 p-6:30p	United Harvest Board in Kessler Room
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal Time <i>All are welcome!</i>
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group
Thurs, May 9	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group
	4:30p-5:30p	Global Mission Meeting in Parlor
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel in Anderson
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center NW Classroom
Fri, May 10	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Girls in Scout Rooms
	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, May 12	8:30a-9:30a	Celebrate Style Worship Service
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School (All Ages)
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from 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/Aleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Aleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

Parish Associate and Spiritual Formation: Kili Wenburg

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

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

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger



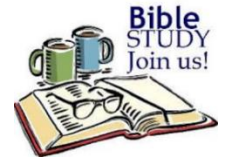
The Forum (in the Adult Education Room, 9:15am)

❖ **May 12 “What Can We Learn from the Early Church? Part 2”**

Similarities abound about what we are facing as Christians today and the challenges of our ancestors worshipping in homes. We will explore those experiences in a two-part series.

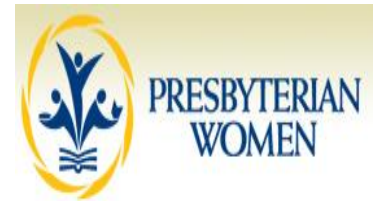
Presenter: Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Bible @ Breakfast (Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor) The current study is the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. Focus for the upcoming week is Ezekiel, chapters 1-4 and 40-43. Come join this class with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying scripture from the Old and New Testaments.



Presbyterian Women.

- ✓ Circle I will meet May 15-9:30am in the Library (Hostess-Flossie Sanderson; Lesson-Flossie Sanderson)
- ✓ Circle II will meet May 15-9:30am (Hostess-Sally Smith; Lesson-Betty Kooy)
- ✓ Circle III will meet May 15- 1:15 pm in the Library (Hostess-Nancy Grams; Lesson-Sue Medsker-Nedderman)



Our Synod is offering a 2nd *Book study*, *The Wolf at Twilight* by Kent Nerburn, *open to men and women*. The book is an opportunity to increase our understanding and knowledge of Native American culture. Register by May 13 by emailing Marilyn Stone at mmstone52@att.net.

Hastings Food Pantry-Donations Needed On the first Sunday of every month, please bring items to place in the blue bins in the Memorial Room for the Hastings Food Pantry. Non-perishable foods and paper products are always needed to keep the Pantry resupplied. Deacons will deliver the items to the pantry supply center.

RETURN OF THE SUMMER SERMON SONG SERIES!



Have you ever heard a secular song and thought that it would make a great sermon? Now's your chance to make that happen! This summer, Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen will continue the Summer Sermon Song Series where they preach sermons looking for sacred, theological and biblical themes in secular music. Perhaps you remember sermons over the past two summers on *Let it Be* by the Beatles, *Sound of Silence* by Simon and Garfunkel, *Awake my Soul* by Mumford and Sons, *Viva la Vida* by Coldplay, *Blowin' in the Wind* by Bob Dylan, *Simple Man* by Lynyrd Skynyrd and many, many more!

They need your suggestions for songs! Please send them to Pastor Greg by *May 10* so that he can put together the preaching schedule for the summer!

BS 2019 Monday, June 3- Thursday, June 6, 9:00am-12:00pm.

We are preparing for another great Vacation Bible School! This



year, we are using Living Waters for the World's VBS curriculum: *Water All Around the World*. It is designed to enable children to understand the importance of access to clean water for health, and to make them aware of the way in which this access (or lack of access!) affects the lives of children in other countries. It also teaches the value of water in our own lives.



2019 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register SOON as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/children/>. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

To register your child to attend VBS go to <https://fpchastings.org/children/> for the best week of the summer! **Early drop-off option at 8:00am by pre-registration ONLY. Everyone welcome! Ages pre-school (must be toilet trained) through 4th Grade.

Special Needs VBS 2019 will be held Tuesday, June 4 – Thursday, June 6 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Our ecumenical Special-Needs VBS will be staffed by volunteer special education teachers and others familiar with children who have special needs...maybe even a teacher, para, or parent you know.

Registration is open to elementary-aged, special-needs children and siblings. Registration is limited so sign-up now at <https://fpchastings.org/children/> . Printed registration forms are available on the wood shelf in the hall by the church office. *All registrations must be received before May 29.*

Can't wait to see you there! For more information, e-mail stephanie@fpchastings.org or call Stephanie Brader, Director of Children & Family Ministries, at 402-462-5147.



A sermon series about our astonishing God and God's astonishing acts through some astonishing events and people!

April 28: Seriously Sent, John 20:19-31

May 5: Awesome Ananias, Acts 9:1-20

May 12: Tremendous Tabitha, Acts 9:36-43

May 19: Fabulous Food, Acts 11:1-18

May 26: Loving Lydia, Acts 16:9-15

June 2: Amazing Ascension, Acts 1:1-11



It's the end of the 2018/2019 FPC curriculum year. Here's what you need to know...

Wednesday, May 8: Last regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Live, Children & Youth Vocal & Bell Choir rehearsals, and Youth Group gatherings. Please plan to attend the picnic on May 15.

Wednesday, May 15: Wednesday Night Live Picnic @ Lib's Park (16th Street & Baltimore Ave). 5:00-6:00 pm: Fellowship & Free-Play. 6:00-7:00 pm: Meal...the main dish, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be NO OTHER GATHERINGS this evening.

Sunday, May 19: Last day of Sunday School for 2018/2019 year. There will be a Christian Education Volunteer acknowledgement during the 10:30 am worship service. Hope you can be there!

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children.

(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,
First United Methodist Church, YMCA
and [Pershing Orthodontics](#).

Thank you in advance!!

WNL YEAR-END PICNIC

Wednesday, May 15

Libs Park—16th St. & Baltimore Ave

5:00-6:00pm fellowship & free-play

6:00-7:00pm meal*

*The main dish, drinks, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.





Days for Girls is a global movement that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls who would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods.

This organization gives direction to provide personal hygiene kits to girls world-wide. Each kit is placed in a draw-string bag and includes reusable cloth menstrual pads made up of colorful shields and liners; panties; a washcloth and soap; zip-closure plastic bags and other items. The kit enables girls to carry their clean and used pads discreetly and to take care of their own hygiene needs. During the distributions, women and girls also receive health education to break stigmas and cultural taboos associated with menstruation.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Turning periods into pathways

Mother's Day cards will be offered in the Memorial Room this Sunday, April 28, next Sunday, May 5, and Mother's Day, May 12, and in the church office throughout the weeks. The suggested donation is \$10 with the proceeds going to support Days for Girls International. This group helps girls and women world-wide through menstrual care solutions, health education, and income generating opportunities. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please fill in the form below and return to PW or the church office. All women will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 12. **Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.**

Card in honor of

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