

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2019**

PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Almighty King”
Linda Vollweiler, Organ

arr. Albert L. Travis

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Come, Thou Almighty King”
Chancel Choir, directed by Robin Koozer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 23)

Damen Heitmann

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian, and our guide.

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

God surrounds us with God’s love and bounty.

Surely God’s mercy accompanies us on our journey.

And we will dwell in God’s house forever. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”
Josh Brooks, Trumpet

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, forgive us. Our unity as the church, the body of Christ, is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community.

We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another’s burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity, joy, and love that you grant us to live in as your church.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By Christ’s work, we are reconciled and united with God and with one another.

Thanks be to God for the Good News!

In 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.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader and Henry Black

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 23

ANTHEM

“Fairest Jesu”

Benjamin Harlan

(Diptych on Fairest Lord Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 9:36-43

SERMON

“Tremendous Tabitha!”

*HYMN

“For All the Faithful Women”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive Apostles’ Creed)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Psalm 47:1)

Holy One, we clap our hands and shout for joy! Use these gifts to help us proclaim your message of love and hope 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 "Today We All Are Called to be Disciples" (vs. 1-3) 757

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE "Today We All Are Called to be Disciples" (vs. 4) 757

*POSTLUDE Toccata and Variation on "Hyfrydol" arr. Gordon Young

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

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

8:30 – Taizé Style Service

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 – Traditional Service

Join us for our sermon series: *Astonishing God!*



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

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/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

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

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

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.

May 12, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Rogene Wenburg, beloved mother and Grandmother by Justin, Kili, Selah, and Carter Wenburg.

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 Phyllis Glass & Dorothy Christenson.

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: May Wierenga, C. L. & Sandra Wimer

Acolytes: Henry Black, Shannon Canady

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 were 4/24 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 4/27 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.

The Worship, Art, and Music Committee thanks all the musicians and directors who have helped provide worship during church all year. A special thank you to the Celebrate Band, as they will not be leading worship regularly again.

This Week at FPC --- May 13, 2019 – May 19, 2019

Mon, May 13	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 14	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	Trustees in Anderson Room
	5:30 p-6:30p	Congregational Life in Parlor
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, May 15	7:00p-8:30p	Knit Wits in Parlor
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30 a-10:30a	Circle I in the Library (Hostess-Flossie Sanderson; Lesson-Flossie Sanderson)
	9:30 a-10:30a	Circle II (Hostess-Sally Smith; Lesson-Betty Kooy)
	1:15p-2:15p	Circle III in the Library (Hostess-Nancy Grams; Lesson-Sue Medsker-Nedderman)
	5:00p-7:00p	WNL Year-End Picnic at Lib's Park
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
Thurs, May 16	5:30p-6:30p	Session in Anderson
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Girls in Scout Rooms
Fri, May 17	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, May 18	9:30a	United Harvest
Sun, May 19	8:30a-9:30a	Taizé Style Worship Service
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School (All Ages)
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service



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!

Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School Transformational decisions challenge us to consider what aspects of our lives stand in our way as we seek change. "Joy Stealers: Overcoming Obstacles to Hope and Happiness" offers suggestions for a positive change. *Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Anderson Conference Room at 9:15am.*



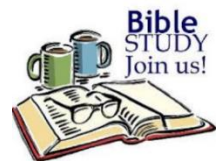
The Forum (in the Adult Education Room, 9:15am)

May 19 - Cast Members Reflect on the Play "Geezers"

Plenty of light moments beckoned when we bought our tickets to the Hastings Community Theatre production of "Geezers," and we continued to ponder its message in the days following. Cast members will talk about their roles in helping characters discover their significance in life.

Presenters: Director Roger Doerr; Cast Members Jane Marsh, Sue Medsker-Nedderman, and Cheryl O'Curran.

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.

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.



**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!!



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!

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.



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. *Donations can still be made today at the table in the Memorial Room.*

DONATION IN HONOR OF:

All girls
Jonell Burnside
Georgie Evans
Evelyn J. Geu
Dana Kay Ghorashy, my daughter
Jodi Graves
Dora Horsley
Dee Krause, sister
My daughter, Kristen
Carol Nedderman Kyle
Gretchen Lainson & the wonderful women in our family
Elizabeth J. Lay
Rachel C. Lay
Carol Medsker
Verna Meyer
Renee Miller
Madeline Weiland
Victoria Nieves
Robyn Nedderman
Presbyterian Women who have mentored me
All Mothers

DONATION IN MEMORY OF:

Ruth Zimmerman Eiben
Dorothy Friedewald
Evelyn Greenwood
Twilia Griess
Julie Hastings
Evelyn Holloway
Luella Hunzeker
Claudina Jensen
Loved ones
Lucille McHargue
Marcia Meshbesher
Pauline Moomey
Margaret Nedderman
Our mothers
Isabell Perrie
Cora Stewart
Barbara Stinson
Loved Ones

GIVEN BY:

Janna Johnson
Lora Sinnard
Karen Doerr
Pamela K. Lay
Flossie Sanderson
her kids
Laurie Johnson
Susie & Kenny Graham
Teresa Luther
Bianca, Meghan & Morgan Kyle
Mary and Erica Olsen
Pamela K. Lay
Pamela K. Lay
Sue Medsker-Nedderman
Mike Meyer & family
Mary Fisk
Max Franklin Nedderman
Mary Fisk
Calvin Thanos Nedderman
May Wierenga
Darlene Payne

GIVEN BY:

Elaine Specht
Lynn Friedewald
Chuck & Jeanne Hastings
Paul & Belinda Nuss
Chuck & Jeanne Hastings
Byron, Deb, Hannah & Nathan Jensen
Paul & Belinda Nuss
Byron, Deb, Hannah & Nathan Jensen
Sally Smith
Jan Bolliger
Jan Bolliger
Marilyn Nielsen
Robert Nedderman
George & Colleen Adam
Nancy Grams
Mary Fisk
Julie Thomsen
Steve & Lesa Cropley