

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 26, 2019**

PRELUDE Easter Fantasy on "Palestrina" *arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

BELL INTROIT "Whispering Hope" *arr. Michael Glasgow*
Chancel Handbell Choir, directed by Byron Jensen

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 67) Damen Heitmann
May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.
May God's way be known upon earth,
May God's saving power be known among all nations.
Let us praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
**Let us praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Come let us
worship God!**

*HYMN "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" 250

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day!

May we feel the healing presence of God in our lives.

Accept God's love, hope, and mercy for you. In the name of Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord, you 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.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Colossians 3:1-17

ANTHEM

“Eternal Father Strong to Save”

John B Dykes

Chancel Handbell Choir, directed by Byron Jensen

arr. Valerie Stephenson

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 16:9-15

SERMON

“Loving Lydia & The Doobie Brothers”

*HYMN

“Go to the World!”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A New Creed (1968) from the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

OFFERTORY

Theme from “Finlandia”

Jean Sibelius

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Beloved God, may these gifts and our lives be a blessing to others. May we bring the good news of forgiveness and healing to this hurting, lonely world. May these gifts and our lives bring hope to all, for God’s love is poured out for all God’s people. 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	“We Are One in the Spirit” (vs. 1-3)	300
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
*RESPONSE	“We Are One in the Spirit” (vs. 4)	300
*POSTLUDE	“Jubilation”	John Leavitt

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

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

Summer Schedule
10:30 – Traditional Service



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	<i>FPC Prayers for:</i>	Kay Georgiana and family
Susie Frerichs		Levi Kaiser
Celia & Wayne Ganow	The Family of Laurie Loftquist	Nancy Zimba and 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)	Danna Wolford and family
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 26, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Jo and Les Seiler.

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 Florence and George Root; and Jane Kuehn McCollum by the 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

June Ushers (Team #4): George Howard – Captain, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Ted Schroeder, Lori Schroeder

Greeters Today: Margaret Koontz, Dick & Pat Kleiber

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Claire Schwarz

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

June Communion Offering is the Pentecost special offering which helps our youth begin life with a strong start - a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood. A portion of the offering will stay with our congregation and go to the Mexican Dance Troupe.

In memory of...

- ❖ Rev. Dr. Henry E. Fawcett, 86, passed away 04/11/2019 in Dubuque, IA. He was a much beloved pastor for the Hanover and Fairfield congregations and a close friend of Si Kessler. Memorials may be given to University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Student Scholarship Fund 1342.
- ❖ Bev Cooper passed away on 4/16/19. Services were held 5/24 in Council Bluffs, IA. Memorials may be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

This Week at FPC --- May 26, 2019 – June 2, 2019

Mon, May 27	Memorial Day 1:00p-3:00p 6:00p-8:00p	Church Office Closed Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym Mexican Dance Troupe in P.E.A.C.E. Center NW Classroom
Tues, May 28	7:30p-9:30p 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 1:00p 7:00p-8:30p 5:30p-8:00p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal Staff Meeting Bible Study in Anderson Room Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center Knit Wits in the Parlor Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, May 29	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
Thurs, May 30	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center NW Classroom
Fri, May 31	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, June 2	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

PLEASE NOTE...

- **THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 27 FOR MEMORIAL DAY**
- **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.



Mark your calendar! **Summer Book Club** will begin on *Wednesday, June 12* at noon in the Anderson Conference Room. John Harrington will lead our discussion of David Galston's book, "Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity."

Work Shirts Needed for Proteus There is a great need for long sleeve work shirts for migrant workers this summer.

These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. While you are doing your spring cleaning, if you find long sleeve shirts you are no longer using, please bring them and place them in the specially marked tub outside the Hands Around the World store. To participate in the distribution of the shirts in early July, contact Denny Storer.



Join First Presbyterian Church of Hastings on a flood relief/recovery trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota

Dates: June 7-10, 2019

- Needs:**
- Volunteers to do light construction and cleanup
 - Volunteers to cook meals and support the work team
 - Donations of supplies



Call the church office at 402-461-5147 or email Pastor Greg (greg@fpchastings.org) for more details or to sign up

The logo for the Hastings Sodbusters is prominently displayed at the top. It features the word "HASTINGS" in a smaller, green, sans-serif font above the word "SOBBUSTERS" in a large, stylized, green and yellow font with a white outline. The background of the logo is a dark, slightly blurred image of a stadium with blue seating.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NIGHT AT THE SOBBUSTERS GAME

WE HAVE A BLOCK OF 50 TICKETS!

DATE: JUNE 23

TAILGATE SUPPER: 5:00 PM

LOCATION: HARMS PARK (SO. OF DUNCAN FIELD)

GAME TIME: 6:35PM

LOCATION: DUNCAN FIELD

COST: \$10

THE COST OF THE TICKET INCLUDES PRE-GAME TAILGATE MEAL.

**STOP BY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BUY YOUR TICKET, OR BUY THEM IN THE MEMORIAL ROOM
AFTER WORSHIP STARTING ON SUNDAY JUNE 2**

**COME OUT AND HAVE FUN WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY, AND
WATCH THE SOBBUSTERS BEAT THE PIERRE TRAPPERS!**

OUR VERY OWN CHURCH CHOIR WILL BE SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**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!!



**VBS 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.***
- ***Adult Volunteers Still Needed for Special Needs VBS Sign Up NOW!!!!***

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.



JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

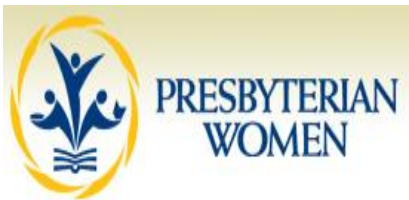
The Relay For Life Walk is Friday, June 7, at the Hastings High School track, 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Once again, we have a First Presbyterian team as we have the past 7 years.



There are several ways you can support the fight against cancer.

1. You may purchase/dedicate a luminary in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love who has battled cancer. The suggested cost is \$10. Luminaries are lit up around the track making a beautiful sight at sunset. Luminaries are now available at a table in the Memorial Room each Sunday or in the church office during the week.
2. Donations may be given on line at www.Relayforlife.org.

The Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to end cancer, uniting communities across the globe to finish the fight. Dollars raised help the American Cancer Society save lives by supporting education and prevention efforts, funding groundbreaking cancer research, and providing free information and services for people with cancer who need them.



The **PW Father's Day** Offering this year will go to *The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World*. There will be a table in Memorial room for donations May 26, June 2, and June 16. You may also take donations to the church office during the week.

More than half of Guatemala's population lives below the poverty level, with nearly a quarter living on less than \$2/day. Many people lack a source of safe drinking water, which has a multiplying impact on poverty. Currently, there are over 210 Living Waters for the World filtration systems installed across Guatemala, providing each of the surrounding communities with an opportunity to live longer, more healthful lives because they are finally free of water-borne illness and disease.

The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World helps to support teams that go to Guatemala to install waters systems, and provides ongoing support to those systems through local in-country staff. Pastor Greg has served on the US board of Living Waters for the World for the past six years. He also serves on the Guatemala Board of Living Waters for the World. As such, he travels there twice a year to help support the operation.

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