

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



Ascension of the Lord Sunday  
June 2, 2019

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 47)

Damen Heitmann

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth!**

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

**Come let us worship God!**

\*HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power. You triumph over death and bring forth new life. You are the head of the church. Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power in our lives. We see violence in the world. We see injustice in our communities. We see hunger and need among our neighbors. We see longing for something more. We see failures and faults in our lives. In all these things, we feel powerless. Forgive our hesitance to call upon you. Forgive our propensity to rely upon ourselves. Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge your power. Speak your words of power again; may they become our fight song. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, that the power of Jesus Christ may be visible in your life. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven and loved!

**By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and empowered to serve! Alleluia! Amen!**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory To God"

582

**\*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.)

## COMMISSIONING OF VBS VOLUNTEERS

### QUESTION FOR THE VOLUNTEERS

Vacation Bible School Volunteers: In baptism you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission to the world. Now you are called by God for service and ministry in Jesus' name. Will you pray for and seek to serve the children this week with energy, joy, imagination, and love? ***We will with God's help.***

### QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Congregation: Do we, the members of this church, agree to pray for these volunteers, to encourage them, to support them, and to love them as they share the love of Christ with the children who come for Vacation Bible school? ***We will, with God's help.***

### COMMISSIONING PRAYER

***Loving God, you have entrusted us with the message of your grace and love. We ask for your guidance, that we may all be teachers and learners together. Believing that you are present here with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit, we set apart those who would serve in our Vacation Bible School in this service of commissioning. May they serve you in nurturing the spiritual growth of all who are entrusted in their care. Bless each one gathered here, enabling them to be channels of your grace. Bless our Vacation Bible School this year that it may help us to shine your love and light into the lives of all who are present, both our volunteers and our children. Keep everyone safe and help us to have a fun and joyful time. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

### 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 1:1-11

Living Translation

### SERMON

***“Amazing Ascension and Fight Song”***

***“Fight Song” sung by Erika Nielsen as part of the Langenberg Lesson Program***

(The Langenberg Fund provides scholarships for FPC children and youth to take music lessons.)

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

### OFFERTORY

***“Here I Am Lord”***

*arr. Douglas E. Wagner*

### \*DOXOLOGY

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

## COMMISSIONING OF GO AND SERVE TEAM

### QUESTIONS FOR THE VOLUNTEERS:

Go and Serve Volunteers: The grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God has called you to participate in this Go and Serve Mission Trip. Please show your purpose by answering these questions:

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love and do you welcome the joy and responsibility of participating in Go and Serve because you are determined to follow the way of Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world? ***I do and I will with God's help.***

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit? ***I will, with God's help.***

### QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Congregation: Do we, the members of this church, agree to pray for these volunteers, to encourage them, to support them, and to love them as they share the love of Christ on the Go and Serve trip to Kentucky? ***We will, with God's help.***

### COMMISSIONING PRAYER

***Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.***

***We thank you for leading these volunteers to go on this trip. Establish them in your truth and grace, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love. May they share your love and light with all who they come into contact with on their trip. Empower them to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***We offer you the gifts in the offering plate, and we offer you our lives of service. Thank you for these Go and Serve Volunteers and the commitment that they have made to be your hands and feet in the world. Accept these gifts and our lives, that we may all be your servants in the world. Amen.***

### 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

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

"Take This Cup"

*Jerry van der Pohl*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### \*HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit" (vs. 1-3)

300

(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take the June Communion offering to benefit the Mexican Folkloric Dance Troupe. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*BLESSING RESPONSE

"We Are One in the Spirit" (vs. 4)

300

### \*POSTLUDE

"Joyous Day"

*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 – "Pentecost in the Park" Church Service

Chautauqua Park Pavilion

- ❖ *Potluck to follow: Bring either a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert*
- ❖ *Mexican Dance Troupe will perform traditional dances following the service:  
Raices de Me Pueblo, directed by Carmen Morales*

***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

### ***FPC Prayers for:***

Susie Frerichs	Kay Georgiana and family	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	Go & Serve Team
Georgia Ochsner	Pine Ridge Flood Relief Team	VBS

*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.*

### **June 2, 2019:**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Mary Jo and Frank Emmons.

**Today's service will be broadcast live** on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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](mailto: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 Irma & Floyd Hansen/Beth Marvel Marti & Archie Marvel/Oline & Richard Marvel/Alice & Jack Marvel 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.

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

**Greeters Today:** Pam Lay, Jim & Kathy Duval

**Acolytes:** Eleanor Oliver, Jonah Snell

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

**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 --- June 3, 2019 – June 9, 2019

<b>Mon, June 3</b>	<b>9:00a-Noon</b>	<b>VBS</b>
	<b>7:30p-9:30p</b>	<b>Chorus of the Plains</b>
<b>Tues, June 4</b>	<b>9:00a-Noon</b>	<b>VBS</b>
	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study in Anderson Room</b>
	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b>	<b>Special Needs VBS</b>
	<b>1:00p</b>	<b>Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center</b>
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>WAM in Anderson</b>
<b>Wed, June 5</b>	<b>9:00a-Noon</b>	<b>VBS</b>
	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b>	<b>Special Needs VBS</b>
<b>Thurs, June 6</b>	<b>9:00a-Noon</b>	<b>VBS</b>
	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b>	<b>Special Needs VBS</b>
	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom</b>
<b>Fri, June 7</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Church Women United in the Parlor</b>
	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room</b>
<b>Sat, June 8</b>	<b>9:00a-2:00p</b>	<b>Scout Parking Lot Sale in P.E.A.C.E. Center Parking lot</b>
<b>Sun, June 9</b>	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>“Pentecost in the Park” Worship Service with Potluck to follow at the Chautauqua Park Pavilion</b>

### PLEASE NOTE...

- **VBS Volunteer Orientation** is in Fellowship Hall **TODAY** at 11:30am.
- **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.



**Potluck June 9** immediately following Pentecost in the Park service. *Bring either a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert. Chicken, beverages, and eating utensils will be provided.*

The Mexican Dance Troupe will perform traditional dances following the service: Raices de Me Pueblo, directed by Carmen Morales. Please feel welcome to join us for food and fellowship even if you didn't bring a dish to share. All are welcome!

**Summer Book Club** will meet on *Wednesdays, July 17-August 21* 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."



**The Canine Congregation** will meet at the Hastings dog park, south of GSV, on June 16 at 2:00. This is a time for fellowship among dogs of FPC and their human stewards. There is no cost and no need to make reservation. However, participants must adhere to park regulations dictated by the city of Hastings.



**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](mailto:greg@fpchastings.org)) for more details or to sign up



**The next United Harvest food distribution date is June 15.**

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. *(Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.)* Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next

distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

## 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.

To support the fight against cancer:

1. 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.)  
→ *Today is the last Sunday to dedicate a luminary, they will still be available in the church office until Friday, June 7.*
2. Donations may be given on line at [www.Relayforlife.org](http://www.Relayforlife.org).



# Summer Sermon Song Series

May 26: *Jesus is Just Alright* - Doobie Brothers

June 2: *Fight Song* - Rachel Platten

June 16: *I still haven't found what I'm looking for* - U2

June 23: *To Sir, With Love* - Lulu

July 7: *Coming to America* - Neil Diamond

July 14: *Shine* - Collective Soul

July 21: *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* - Simon and Garfunkel

July 28: *This is me* - Greatest Showman (Musical)

August 4: *One Voice* - Wailin' Jennys

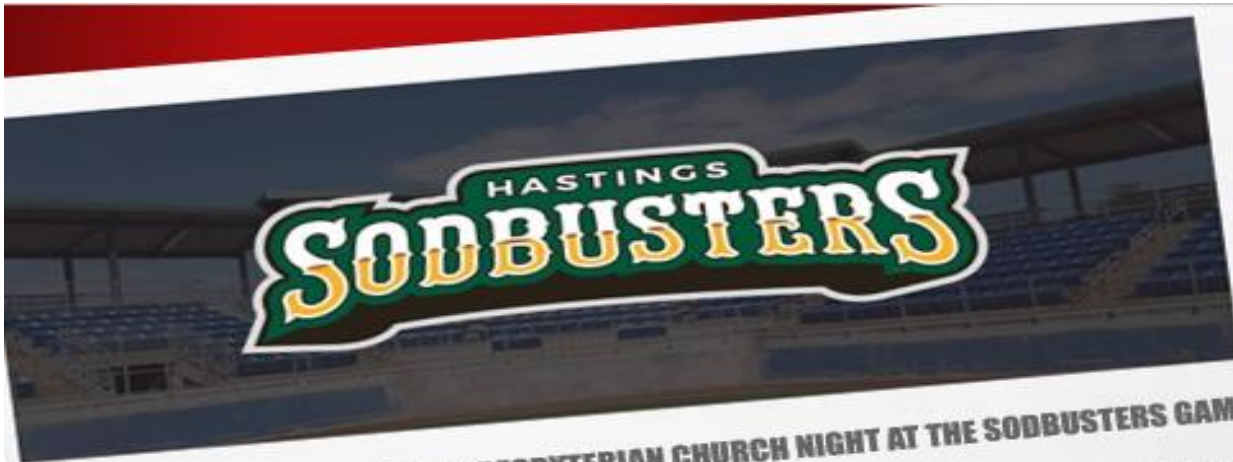
August 11: *I Hope* - Dixie Chicks

August 18: *Man in the Mirror* - Michael Jackson

August 25: *Come from Away* (Musical)

September 1: *Better Boat* - Kenny Chesney

September 8: *Beautiful Messes* - Hilary Scott



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NIGHT AT THE SODBUSTERS 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 SODBUSTERS BEAT THE PIERRE TRAPPERS!**

**OUR VERY OWN CHURCH CHOIR WILL BE SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**





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 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.

Donation in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Donation in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## **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!!

## **HEAVENLY HARP LIVE IN CONCERT: "ENCOUNTERS WITH HEAVEN"**



**Your eyes will be opened in ways you never imagined!**

You'll discover  
~ 3 secrets of the dying that can erase your every-day fears  
~ The answer to that important question, "Does Jesus still heal today?"  
~ How to know for sure you're fulfilling your life purpose  
~ Deep peace & joy as you're wrapped in Jesus' incredible love for you.

All are welcome, so please invite family, friends & coworkers to this FREE concert of beautiful Harp and Vocal music and inspiring "heavenly" stories!

*"If I would've known how life-changing this concert was going to be, I would have brought a whole car full of people!" C.M. Minneapolis, MN*

Heavenly Harp CDs, DVDs and Karin's book will be available for signing.

## **Tuesday, June 18, 2019**

## **First Presbyterian Church - 7 pm**

*Featuring the Hastings Hospice Choir*

## **Thank you all VBS Volunteers – June 3-9, 2019**

*Please pray for all the volunteers and children as they learn about God and his world this week.*



### **2019 Traditional VBS Volunteers**

Jessica Allen-Pickett, Allie Bauer, Eric Brader, Grace Brader, Chudier Duang, Nyabong Duang, Nyanhial Duang, Tethloach Duang, Heather Gosda, Nancy Grams, Susan Hoff, Jal Hoth, Laurie Johnson, Pamela Lainson, Jill Kramer, Erika Nielsen, Ruth Nielsen, Phyllis O'Dey, Eleanor Oliver, Laura Kate Oliver, Susan Oliver, McKain Ratzlaff, Cheryl Schukei, Claire Schwarz, Maddie Wells, Kili Wenburg, Selah Wenburg, Danna Wolford

### **2019 Special-Needs VBS Volunteers**

Jessica Allen-Pickett, Eric Brader, Grace Brader, Erica Brooks, Melissa Davis, Georgie Evans, Hannah Hafer, Lois Hafer, Jan Ham, Jane Marsh, Ruth Nielsen, Abby Rehtus, Becky Rehtus, Jessica Rehtus, Lindsey Rehtus, Deb Rodgers, Claire Schwarz

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## **2019 Go & Serve Team – June 7-15, 2019**



### **What does it mean to come "Hammer In The Hills"?**

It means our youth will have an opportunity to enjoy a week in the heart of Appalachia where they will experience the culture, the communities, and the people that make this area uniquely beautiful.

It means they will work alongside our professional carpenters to build new homes or repair existing ones. The team won't be bandaging problems; they will be solving housing issues for those who need it most.

It means the work our group provides is important and meaningful. They will witness firsthand the housing situation in our area, and they will be taking steps toward providing long-term solutions.

Our youth are volunteering in the heart of rural Appalachia building dreams and having an unforgettable experience. Please pray for us as we travel and during our sojourn in Hazard, Kentucky.

#### **Youth:**

Abigail Kerr  
Summer Parnell  
Grace Redinger  
Chudier Duang  
Nyaguor Duang  
Meredith Brandt  
Hannah Hafer

Sarah Spilinek  
Grace Canady  
Nyanhial Duang  
Eric Brader  
Carter Wndburg  
Avery Essink

#### **Adults:**

Rev. Damen Heitmann  
Tammy Nowka  
Michelle Kerr  
Jason Hafer