

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**July 21, 2019**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

PRELUDE

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

Paul Manz

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

*(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection, and expectation.)*

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

God has given us this day for praise!

***Praise be to God for this most generous gift!***

God has given His Son to us that we might learn ways of compassion, peace, and mercy.

***Let God’s word enter our hearts and transform our lives!***

Come, let us worship our great God of abundant mercy and love!

***Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God’s healing and restoring love this morning!***

\*HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (vs. 1-2, 4-5)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of mercy, you know us so well. You have offered to us new life through Jesus Christ, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of compassion, peace, and justice, but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you and that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions to contemplate: What are the marks of the Christian life?

In what ways have I missed those marks?

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even if we have transgressed and done what we know to be wrong,

***We remember that God will heal and forgive us;***

God will always call us back and then send us out in God's name

***To become people of mercy, compassion, peace, hope, love, and justice.***

Be at peace. God is with us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we 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

Damen Heitmann

*(While the children are coming down, we will sing “This Little Light of Mine.”)*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of abundant love, you delight us with the grace that we find in your Holy Word. God of truth and light, your word challenges us to live faithful lives, to turn away from evil, to follow your ways, to serve your people.***

***May your word of truth be heard and understood and then grow within us this day, that we may bring forth a harvest of peace. Amen.***

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Job 29:1-16

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Ian Erickson, Keira Erickson

*(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – James 1:22-27

## SERMON

“What do we see when we look in the mirror?”

## \*HYMN

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

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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                    “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”                    Robin Milford

\*DOXOLOGY                “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”                    606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***God of light and beauty, every gift is from you. Even our own ability to give generously is ultimately a blessing of your love. We offer you what we have and what we are. Use our gifts to give birth to a world of righteousness where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace. 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                                “Go to the World!” (vs. 1-3)                    295

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*BLESSING RESPONSE                “Go to the World!” (vs. 4)                    295

POSTLUDE                                “Postlude for Organ”                    L. Dean Bye

*(You are invited to remain seated during the postlude and listen reverently as a way to end your time of worship. The postlude serves as a musical offering sending people out into the world, urging the transition from service in the sanctuary to service in the community and throughout God’s world.)*

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

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

10:30 – Traditional Service with a sermon by Kili Wenburg on the song “This is Us”  
from “The Greatest Showman”

***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

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann

**Parish Associate and Spiritual**

**Formation:** Kili Wenburg

**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:***

Celia & Wayne Ganow	Eric Smith	Norm Giesler
Don Canady	Russel Hilger (Ashley Mullen's father)	Family of Susie Frerichs
Starla Rethorst	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	The Family of Lois Hahne
Jim Harrenstein	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	The Family of Darleen Howard
Darrel Lloyd	The Family of John Harrington	Frank and Kay Georgianna

*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.*

### **July 21, 2019:**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Bob and Toni Mays by family and friends.

**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 our parents by Marnie and Doug Soderquist.

**July Ushers (Team #5):** Ken Stein – Captain, Dale Behrens, Travis Feezell,  
Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Kathleen Nelson

**Greeters Today:** Vonda Essex, Roger & Karen Doerr

**Acolytes:** Keira Erickson, Addyson Hermes

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

**July Communion Offering** is Project Homeless Connect, Hastings, a one-day, one-stop event July 24<sup>th</sup> (10-4pm) where individuals and families who are homeless or near homeless can receive a variety of immediate, on-site services and support. The goal is to connect those in need to medical services, free clothing, a hot meal, and much more.

### ***In memory of...***

- ❖ Delores Levander passed away Friday, July 5, 2019, at Harvard Rest Haven. Services were held July 10 with Rev. Damen Heitmann presiding.

### ***Congratulations...***

- ❖ The rose on the lectern is in honor of Owen Lee Hermann, who was born on July 7, 2019. He joins his parents, Jeff and Ashley Hermann, and sister, Tenley. Grandparents are Gaylon and Kim Hermann.

**This Week at FPC --- July 22, 2019 – July 28, 2019**

<b>Mon, July 22</b>	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b> <b>5:30 p-6:30p</b> <b>7:30p-9:30p</b>	<b>Open Table Meal Prep/Cook</b> <b>Foundation Board Meeting</b> in Anderson <b>Chorus of the Plains</b>
<b>Tues, July 23</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b> <b>12:00p-1:00p</b> <b>1:30p-4:00p</b> <b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> <b>Bible Study</b> in Anderson Room <b>Quilters</b> meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center <b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
<b>Wed, July 24</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b> <b>6:30p-9:00p</b>	<b>Summer Book Club</b> in Anderson <b>Wood Carvers</b>
<b>Thurs, July 25</b>	<b>5:30p-8:00p</b> <b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym <b>Spanish Class</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
<b>Fri, July 26</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in the Youth Room
<b>Sun, July 28</b>	<b>10:30a</b> <b>11:30a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b> <b>Open Table Lunch Assembly</b> in Fellowship Hall

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. *Mark your calendar now!* To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



**American  
Red Cross**



**Summer Book Club** meets weekly on *Wednesdays, July 17 through August 21* at noon in the Anderson Conference Room. We will discuss David Galston's book *Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity*.

## 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: *Man in the Mirror* - Michael Jackson

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

August 4: *One Voice* - Wailin' Jennys

August 11: *I Hope* - Dixie Chicks

August 18: *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* - Simon and Garfunkel

August 25: *Come from Away* (Musical)

September 1: *Better Boat* - Kenny Chesney

September 8: *Beautiful Messes* - Hilary Scott



## Open Table Sack Lunch Assembly began Sunday, July 7th, following Church, and will continue the entire month of July.

Needed for July:

1. Early birds to arrive at 9:30 Sunday mornings to help set up the assembly tables.
2. Volunteers to stay after church to assemble the sack lunches.
3. People with trucks or large vehicles to help transport the sacks to Catholic Social Services following the assembly and possibly help with other food transportation through the month.
4. A few good cooks (or people who can follow directions) to assist in creating special meals on Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 beginning July 8<sup>th</sup>.
5. Volunteers to help serve the special meals on Tuesday mornings or afternoons at the Catholic Social Service Office. This requires a background check and a brief online information course that Meg or Jeni can lead you through.
6. Last, but definitely not least, prayers and financial support.



With our Appreciation and Thanks, Jeni, Meg, and Lily.

Questions? Call or text: Jeni @ 402-469-1500 or Meg @ 402-902-9330



### First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an “APP” for you!

Our directory of names, contact information and corresponding family photos is ready for you to create your login at <http://instantchurchdirectory.com>. You can use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access because only members will be able to create a login and load an app on their phones.

An additional set of information under the Groups tab is forthcoming. It will include lists of members in each of the boards, committees, and organizations that are a part of the life of our congregation.



**Coming this Fall!**

### Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey created Financial Peace University nearly 25 years ago after learning how to pay off debt, save and spend wisely, and build wealth. Today, millions have used the same principles to transform their lives. You shouldn't feel overwhelmed and powerless over your money. You can be in control of your money and your future.

Nine Week Class: September 9 - November 4, 2019

Monday's at 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Register at: [www.fpu.com/1093853](http://www.fpu.com/1093853)

Questions? Call Deb Johnson at 402-469-5847