



August 4, 2019
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Voluntary”

John Stanley

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

As we stand in God's presence this morning, let us raise our voices in praise: Almighty God, before you, angels sang for joy when you created the heavens and the earth.

Hear our voice this day and accept our praise and thanksgiving for the gift of creation and song, which we on earth share with the heavenly host.

O Jesus Christ, you are the Word made flesh, the firstborn of many sisters and brothers in the family of God who have heard your music in their hearts.

Open the ears of our hearts this day, that all we say and all we sing may reveal you in us and us in you, whose body and voice we are in this world.

O Holy Spirit, with tongues of fire you have inspired the speech and songs of preachers, poets, musicians, and congregants alike.

Visit us this day to kindle anew the fire of love and the light of understanding, that your church may live in sacred community.

O Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, you live in harmony as three persons in one God.

As your church, may our many voices, our many lives, become one chorus to praise the Trinity of your holy name. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Sing Glory to the Name of God” (Psalm 29)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking reconciliation and unity.

You have called us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect, and we are incomplete without you.

We can be selfish and greedy. We can be anxious and resentful. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you. Forgive us and restore us, draw us close and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace, may we strive toward gratitude and grace. In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, by the working power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for Contemplation: How can your life blend with the lives of others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith,

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

And we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we are forgiven!

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.)

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.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 3:13-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

Harrison Welsch, Raegan Welsch

(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.)

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – John 14:15-21

SERMON

Singing together in harmony, Surrendering to the mystery

“One Voice” by the Wailin’ Jennys

Sung by Robin Harrell, Andi Schilling, and Cindy Uden

*HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

OFFERTORY

"Come to Jesus"

Mindy Smith

(Sung by Robin Harrell, Andi Schilling)

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, you offer yourself to us through the gift of the Trinity. Now we offer you the gifts in the offering plate, and we offer you our lives. 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 ANTHEM Partita on “I come, O Savior, to Thy Table” *Thomas Canning*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN “Come Thou, Almighty King” (vs 1-3) 2

(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Food4Thought. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE “Come Thou, Almighty King” (vs. 4) 2

*POSTLUDE “Suite in D Major” David N. Johnson

(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

August 4, 2019:

FPC Prayers for:		
Don Canady		Family of Susie Frerichs
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Eric Smith	Family of Lois Hahne
Norm Giesler	Russel Hilger (Ashley Mullen's father)	Family of John Harrington
Jim Harrenstein	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Darleen Howard
Darrel Lloyd	Frank and Kay Georgianna	Family of Delores Levander
Starla Rethorst	Jim Cooke	Family of Galen Finley
<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>		

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Hal Lainson by the Lainson 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 Bob & Tony Mays; and also in memory of Jim McDougal by family and friends.

August Ushers (Team #6): Jim Harrenstein – Captain, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker, Eric Brader

Greeters Today: Jan Ham, Rich & Carolyn McKenzie

Acolytes: Henry Black, Ashton Essink

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

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

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August Communion Offering is Food4Thought, a non-profit food assistance program run by Hastings College students and assisted by campus and community volunteers. Each week, volunteers pack and deliver bags of food to Hastings Public elementary schools. These bags are then sent home on Fridays with students whose families qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Currently, Food4Thought provides supplemental meals designed to feed a family of six for two days to over 100 local families.

This Week at FPC --- August 5, 2019 – August 11, 2019

Mon, Aug 5	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
	6:00p-8:00p	Missionary Presentation at Pastor Greg's (RSVP)
Tues, Aug 6	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	5:30p-7:30p	WAM Meeting in Anderson
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, Aug 7	12:00p-1:00p	Summer Book Club in Anderson
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, Aug 8	4:30p-5:30p	Global Mission in Parlor
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel in Kessler
	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, Aug 9	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Aug 11	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

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.



**American
Red Cross**



Summer Book Club meets weekly on *Wednesday's, 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*.



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.

New Member Class Coming in September

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or simply curious about what membership might mean? You are invited to attend our three-session New Member course, which will cover Presbyterian history and theology, as well as local structures and involvement opportunities. Classes will take place from 5:00-6:30pm on three Wednesdays, September 11, 18, and 25, in the Adult Ed Classroom (by the church office). Each session includes complimentary meal and child care. *Contact the church office to RSVP.*



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

Cost: \$129.99

Register at: www.fpu.com/1093853

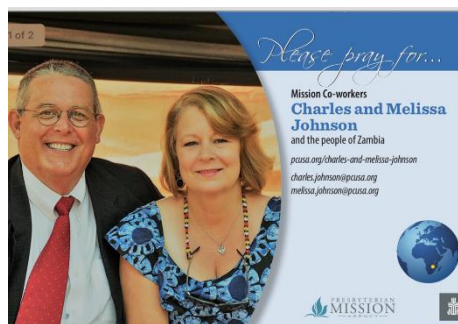
Questions? Call Deb Johnson at 402-469-5847

Christianity in Action in Zambia

Join us Monday, August 5th at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

For a presentation and barbecue at the Allen-Pickett Home

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear first hand about Christianity in action in Zambia from Mission Co-Workers Charles and Melissa Johnson.



Charles and Melissa Johnson have been invited to help the Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian Synod of Zambia, expand its ministry of community development and food security. A major focus of Charles's position as Development Specialist is teaching sustainable agriculture to students at Chasefu Theological College and developing Chasefu Farm. The farm feeds the students, trains smallholders in sustainable agriculture, and generates

revenue to support CTC and the farm itself. Melissa serves in the Health Department as Health Education Programs Facilitator. She is responsible for working with health-related stakeholders to identify important needs and gaps in the general population's health education and to facilitate training programs. "We pray that our work in Zambia will see new partnerships created that will benefit those we serve alongside," say Melissa and Charles.

All are welcome.

- **Attendees are asked to bring a side dish for the barbecue.**
- **A free will donation will be taken for the presenters.**
- **Please RSVP by contacting Jean in the church office at 402-462-5147 or by signing up Sunday in the Memorial Room.**



Go & Serve Informational Meeting: With the approach of a new school year comes the approach of another program year for Go & Serve. We're already starting to gear up for next year's adventure so if you are a parent of a child (or are a child) in 9th-12th grade please join us for an informational meeting following worship on Sunday, August 25. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for about 30 minutes and share a little bit about what we have up our sleeves for Go & Serve 2019-2020. See you there!

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

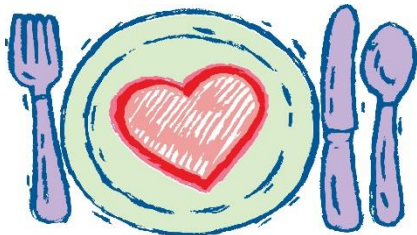
August 18: *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* - Simon and Garfunkel



August 25: *Come from Away* (Musical)

September 1: *Better Boat* - Kenny Chesney

September 8: *Beautiful Messes* - Hilary Scott



Wednesday Night Live Family Time

Do you have the gifts and talents to serve as a Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Table Parent during our Family Time meals?

The goal of WNL Family Time is to provide a joyous, cross-generational celebration of personhood over a shared meal as

we experience being the family of God. The role of the table parent is as follows:

- Arrives before 5:55 pm and stays through dinner approximately 6:45 pm.
- Maintains order and carries on a joyous "family" conversation at the table.
- Works on building relationships with the youth/children assigned to the table.
- Supervises serving and cleaning up the tables.
- Helps the youth/children be responsive to the leadership of the Dinner Dean.
- Participates in and encourages all members of the table to engage in family fun time.
- Serves as a friend to each young person outside of WNL.
- Prays regularly for each person at his/her table.

Is God calling you to serve as a WNL Table Parent?

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Our first WNL for the 2019/2020 ministry year will be August 21. If you feel this is your calling, please contact Stephanie by phone, 402-462-5147 or by email, stephanie@fpchastings.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:15-9:30: All gather in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School & Wednesday Night Live (WNL) teachers' introductions (cookies, coffee, and juice will be served)

9:30-10:15: Age 3 thru 12th-grade students will proceed to their classrooms with their teachers for Sunday School. Parents/Guardians will remain in Fellowship Hall for a Parent Information/Registration Meeting.

