

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**August 18, 2019**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## PRELUDE

“Morning Hymn”  
“When Morning Gilds the Skies”  
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

*Flor Peeters*  
*Barnby/arr. Innes*

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

## WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sara Babcock

In stormy seas,

***You are the lighthouse that guides us to safety.***

In a world of darkness,

***You are a light to our feet and a lamp to our path.***

When we encounter troubled waters,

***You are the bridge that leads us to still waters, and you restore our souls.***

***Come let us worship our guiding, loving, and restoring God!***

## \*HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Divine God, you are our refuge and our strength. You feed us, shelter us, and provide for our daily needs. You comfort us when we are hurting and lead us in paths of joy and righteousness. Yet we often fail to recognize your steadfast love and care for us. Often, we act as though we were abandoned children, trying to make it on our own. Sometimes we feel forsaken, cut down by our enemies, and neglected in the wilderness of our lives. Yet, through it all, you remain faithful. Renew our lives once more and inspire us to be your hands and feet and enact your love for those around us who are hurting.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

Questions to contemplate:

When have I failed to recognize God as my refuge and strength?

When have I failed to provide refuge and strength to others?

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, be assured that God's love is sufficient.

***We have been given all that we need.***

God hears our cries and comes to save us.

***Through Christ we may lay aside our sins,***

Through Christ, we know we are safe, 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.)*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Campbell Schukei, Caleb Schukei

*(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.)*

## 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 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

*(As the children, youth, and volunteers come down, we will sing "This Little Light of Mine".)*

Teachers and Volunteers, at the celebration of baptism, we pledge to nurture one another in the faith. You, as teachers and volunteers, carry a particular joy and responsibility. Do you accept your call by this church and by Christ to this ministry?

***We do.***

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love and to be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God?

***We do.***

Children and youth, do you promise to support these teachers and volunteers by coming to Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live regularly, by listening to them, and by being helpers?

***We do.***

Parents, do you promise to support these teachers and volunteers by praying for them, by encouraging your children and youth to come to Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live and bringing them, and by strengthening what they learn here when you are at home by praying and reading scripture with your children?

***We do.***

Friends, let us acknowledge the gifts and calling of your sisters and brothers.

***We receive you as a servants of Christ; we pledge to support you in your service. We will encourage you with our words and our prayers. We will consider ourselves coworkers with you in the service of Christ.***

Servants of Christ, accept the service with which you have been entrusted. Do not neglect the gifts that are in you. Present yourselves to God as approved workers, ever faithful to the Spirit of God. Remember always that Jesus called you as friends as well as servants. Attend to prayer, for without God, you can do nothing.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

***O God, giver of all good gifts, we commend ourselves and these teachers and volunteers to your constant love and guidance. Bless them with faith and the ability to share that faith. Bless them with love, a calling to be compassionate in heart to all of our children and youth. Bless them with truth, the commitment to justice grown from truth, and the courage to respond to an ever-changing world. Bless them with peace, to witness the unfolding souls of our children and youth as they accompany them along their way. Amen!***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of truth, may your word be a bridge that carries us over troubled waters and guides us safely to you, our refuge and our strength. May your word also inspire us to be a bridge to help others over the troubled waters of their lives and lead them to you. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 46:1-7

SPECIAL MUSIC      Biblical Songs based on the Book of Psalms  
#1 “Clouds and Darkness” and #5 “I Will Sing a New Song”  
Nathan Jensen, Vocal Solo; Hannah Jensen, Piano

Antonio Dvorak

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Ruth 1:8-18

SERMON      “Like a Bridge Over Troubled Waters”

(Song led by Peter Lainson on guitar and vocals, Pastor Damen and Pastor Greg on vocals.)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Adapted from Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

***We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and resurrection, we see the deepest truth of life.***

***We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.***

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY      “Bridge Over Troubled Water”  
Mary Plock and Phill Parker

Paul Simon

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

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Psalm 138)

***We give you thanks, O LORD, with our whole hearts. Through these gifts and offerings, we give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness. May these gifts and our very lives be a bridge over troubled waters that lead others to your ways of love, compassion, mercy, and justice 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

"Come! Live in the Light!" (vs. 1-2)

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\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*BLESSING RESPONSE "Come! Live in the Light!"

\*POSTLUDE "March in A Major"

Alex Guilmant

*(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!

9:15 – Sunday School for children and youth

10:30 – Traditional Service with a sermon on the musical "Come from Away"

***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

**August 18, 2019:**

<b>FPC Prayers for:</b>		
Don Canady	Eric Smith	Jim Cooke
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Lois Hahne
Norm Giesler	Frank and Kay Georgianna	Family of John Harrington
Jim Harrenstein	Gretchen Lainson	Family of Darleen Howard
Darrel Lloyd	Family of Keith Meyer (brother of Al Meyer)	Family of Delores Levander
Starla Rethorst		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 by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

**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 Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lainson and Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

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

**Greeters Today:** Kathy Utter, Jan Bolliger

**Acolytes:** Campbell Schukei, Shannon Canady

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

**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.



**Coming Soon to a Church Near You! More details to follow!**

- Soup Group for Women-September 5
- Fall Forum Classes-September 8
- Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School Class-September 8
- Bible at Breakfast-September 11
- Pres Fest/Kirkin' O' Th' Tartan-September 15
- Retreat in the Real World-September 26

## This Week at FPC --- August 19, 2019 – August 25, 2019

<b>Mon, Aug 19</b>	<b>7:30p-9:30p</b>	<b>Chorus of the Plains</b>
<b>Tues, Aug 20</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> in Anderson Room
	<b>1:30p-4:00p</b>	<b>Quilters</b> meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	<b>5:30p-7:30p</b>	<b>Deacons</b> Meeting in Anderson
	<b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
<b>Wed, Aug 21</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Summer Book Club</b> in Anderson
	<b>4:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)</b>
	<b>6:00p-6:45p</b>	<b>WNL Family Meal Time</b> <i>All are welcome!</i>
	<b>6:20p-6:50p</b>	<b>WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells</b>
	<b>6:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers</b> meet in Church Basement
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Chancel Choir</b>
	<b>6:50p-7:30p</b>	<b>WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</b>
<b>Thurs, Aug 22</b>	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Session</b> in Anderson
	<b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
<b>Fri, Aug 23</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in the Youth Room
<b>Sun, Aug 25</b>	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:30a-11:45a</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship</b> in Memorial Room
	<b>11:45a-12:15p</b>	<b>Go &amp; Serve Informational Meeting</b> in Fellowship Hall

### Help Rachel Lay Celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

- ❖ Rachel was born August 30, 2019 in Scribner, NE. In honor of her special day, Rachel's family is requesting a card shower. The address is 319 North Shore Drive, Hastings, NE 68901.



### GREETINGS MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW MUSICIANS!

As August begins and the end of summer vacation becomes day-by-day closer, I invite you to the CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal of the

year...(yes, it has to happen...ready 😊 or not 😞,...come

rain ☁️ or shine ☀️)! If you love to sing and enjoy Fellowship with

fellow vocalists come join us! See you in the FPC Choir Room (still located in the basement) on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:45 p.m.!

Robin Koozer, Director



**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).



**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!

### **Are You Ready for Calvin/Westminster Handbells?**

Calvin/Westminster Handbells is for students in grades six through twelve. It is led by Byron Jensen, who has a bell choir program at Hastings College and also directs the Chancel Bells. Ideally, students should have some music reading ability, but anyone willing to work at ringing handbells is welcome.



NEW THIS YEAR is that CW Bells will be open to beginning adult players. If there is enough interest, perhaps a beginning bell choir for adults could find a different time. If you have an interest in learning, please contact Byron at [bjensen@hastings.edu](mailto:bjensen@hastings.edu).

CW Bells meets every Wednesday evening from 6:20 until 6:50. (From there, the CW students attend choir rehearsal.) Questions? Contact Byron Jensen



### **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](http://www.fpu.com/1093853)

Questions? Call Deb Johnson at 402-469-5847

# First Presbyterian Church

## *Child Protection Policy Training*

**Who:** All persons 18 years of age or older who desire to or presently work with the children participating in FPC programs and activities

**When:** Sunday, September 8; 11:30am–12:00pm (following worship)

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church–Sanctuary

*First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our programs and activities. Training of adults working with FPC children is a **MANDATORY** requirement of the FPC Session-adopted policy. Questions? Contact Stephanie at 402-462-5147 or [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org)*

### ACOLYTE TRAINING



**When:** Sunday, September 8

**Time:** 9:15 am–9:45 am

**Who:** 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and **Parents**

**Where:** FPC Sanctuary



**Langenburg Lesson Program** You are invited to participate in a very exciting program offered by the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, a program was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instructions.

Applicable areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any

band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parents must be members of FPC, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms will be available in the church office and on the church website starting August 12, 2019. DEADLINE FOR THE FALL 2019 GRANT PROGRAM IS OCTOBER 1, 2019. ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER. Questions? Call the church office at 402-462-5147. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this wonderful program!





## 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](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org).



## 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 will 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.

## 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

FORUM AT A GLANCE

# SEPTEMBER 2019

SEPT 8

**ADULT ENRICHMENT KICKOFF**  
Come and learn about all our adult enrichment opportunities

SEPT 15

**PRES FEST**  
A celebration of things First Pres with tours of the PEACE Center

SEPT 22

**RETREAT IN THE REAL WORLD**  
Kili Wenburg leads us in contemplation and spiritual practices

SEPT 29

**HOLY LAND PREVIEW**  
Hear from our traveling delegation on what they're learning and what they hope to experience

**FORUM TAKES PLACE AT 9:15  
SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE  
ADULT EDUCATION ROOM**

# **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.



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## ***2019/2020 Christian Education Volunteers***

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### **Sunday School Teachers**

PreK/Kindergarten: Nancy Grams & Lois Hafer

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Irina Belikova-Erickson, Chelby Schlichtman, Pam Schlichtman

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jill Kramer & Ben Welsch

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Traci Boeve & Courtney Junker

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kris Horton & Dave Cooke

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation: Steph Brader

Sr. High: Damen Heitmann, Bruce Day, Kim Day, Kili Wenburg, Susan Oliver, William Oliver

### **WNL Bible Study & Youth Group Teachers**

PreK/Kindergarten: Jane Marsh, Selah Wenburg, Grace Brader

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Leah Ratzlaff & Kathy Reimer

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jessica Allen-Picket & Ashley Mullen

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ann Koozer & Mary Fisk

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Steph Brader, Amy Hermes, Tom Ratzlaff, Leah Ratzlaff

Sr. High: Damen Heitmann, Bruce Day, Kim Day

### **Other Sunday Volunteers**

Children's Moment Leaders: Nancy Grams

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff

### **Other WNL Volunteers**

Greeters: Jane Foote, Georgie Evans, Elaine Specht

Recreation: Brady Rhodes & Steph Ourada

Laundry Coordinator: Marie Rasmussen

Dinner Dean: Chris Schukei & Damen Heitmann

Table Parents: Damen Heitmann, Chris Schukei, Richard Brader, Lois Hafer, Hannah Hafer, Nancy Grams, Neal Hoff

Sunday School & WNL Attendance Recorder: Lynne Friedewald

### **Adult Education Volunteers**

Heirs Apparent: Curtis Reimer

Retreat in the Real World: Kili Wenburg

Bible @ Breakfast: Dan Deffenbaugh