

*First Presbyterian
Church Hastings*



**August 25, 2019
Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost**

PRELUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Welsh Tune/arr. Mark Hayes*
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 (Isaiah 58) Kailen Soncksen
God calls us to lose the bonds of injustice; God calls us to let the oppressed go free!
God calls us to share our bread with the hungry and to offer hospitality to the homeless and poor!
Then our light shall break forth like the dawn; the glory of the Lord shall be upon us!
When we call, the Lord will answer.
When we cry for help, God will say, “Here I am.”
Come, let us worship the God who calls us to compassion and hospitality and promises to be with us always!

*HYMN “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” (vs. 1, 3-4) 757

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we sometimes allow ourselves to become so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. We can relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, to care for the poor, and to care for the stranger in our midst, as you have cared for us. Lord, heal us and soften our hearts to the needs around us.

Forgive us, again, as you have so often before, when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is nowhere in creation where your love is not needed. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in serving others by serving you. We ask these things in Jesus' name.

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions to contemplate:

What does Christian hospitality look like for me?

How can I enact it?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though we have failed time and time again to be God's people,

God heals and forgives us.

God is with us always. 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 *(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.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, whose power and mercy have extended to all ends of creation, pour out your love on us this day through your Holy Word, so that our minds and our hearts may be made ready to serve you by serving others in this world that you have created. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Leviticus 19:33-34 and Deuteronomy 10:17-19 (NIV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Eleanor Oliver, Meredith Oliver, Laura Kate Oliver

(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 – Romans 12:9-13

SERMON

“Come from Away” and Radical Hospitality

*HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Pastorale in G”

Ernest A. Dicks

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (1 Peter 4)

God you call us to maintain constant love for one another. You call us to be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, you call us to serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. May the tithes and offerings we have gathered today help us to do that, and may we offer you our lives in the same way. 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!” (vs. 3)

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*POSTLUDE

“Piece d’Orgue”

Jacques Lemmens

(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 – Labor Day Weekend – NO Sunday School for children and youth

10:30 – Traditional Service with a sermon based on Kenny Chesney’s “Better Boat”

***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 25, 2019:

FPC Prayers for:

Celia & Wayne Ganow	Jim Cooke	
Norm Giesler	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	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

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.

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 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 Phyllis and John Lainson by family and friends.

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

September Ushers (Team #1): Chuck Hastings – Captain, Luke Brooks, LaVern Franzen, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht, Lorna Zajack

Greeters Today: Alice Throckmorton, Barry & Peggy Thomson

Acolytes: Claire Schwarz, Moses Rhodes

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

September Communion Offering is the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering that enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.



Help Rachel Lay Celebrate her 100th Birthday!

Join us for a cake reception Sunday, September 1st in Fellowship Hall from 1:00-3:00pm to celebrate Rachel's 100th birthday. Rachel was born August 30, 2019, in Scribner, NE. If you are unable to attend the reception, Rachel's family is requesting a card shower. The address is 319 North Shore Drive, Hastings, NE 68901.

Go & Serve Informational Meeting following worship **TODAY**, Sunday, August 25. If you are a parent of a child (or are a child) in 9th-12th grade, please join us. 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!



This Week at FPC --- August 26, 2019 – September 1, 2019

Mon, Aug 26	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Aug 27	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-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, Aug 28	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Mealtime <i>All are welcome!</i>
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group</i>
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group</i>
Thurs, Aug 29	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 30	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Sept 01	9:15a-10:15a 1:00p-3:00p	NO Sunday School-LABOR DAY WEEKEND 100th Birthday Reception for Rachael Lay in Fellowship Hall

Please Note:

- ❖ **The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.**



Coming Soon to FPC!

- 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

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**



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.

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



GREETINGS, MY FRIENDS AND FELLOW MUSICIANS!

If you love to sing and enjoy Fellowship with fellow vocalists, come join us at CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal! See you in the FPC Choir Room (still located in the basement) on Wednesday's, at 6:45 p.m.

Robin Koozer, Director

LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, the LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP 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 instruction.
- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Grants are limited to one per child.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.



Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

- 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!



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 childcare. *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

ATTENTION: Mandatory Training for ALL First Presbyterian Church Child & Youth Adult Volunteers!!!!

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*

ACOLYTE TRAINING



When: Sunday, September 8

Time: 9:15 am-9:45 am

Who: 4th through 8th Graders and **Parents**

Where: FPC Sanctuary

PRES FEST
September, 15

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

- 9:15 FORUM
10:10 BAGPIPE PROCESSIONAL
10:30 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
11:30 POTLUCK
11:30 - 2 INFLATABLES
11:30 - 2 PICKLEBALL AND BAG TOSS
TOURNAMENT
12:30 PEACE CENTER TOURS

All are invited to wear tartans or family crests
to worship.

Potluck main dish will be provided. Folks with
last name A-L please bring a side dish or salad.
Folks with last name M-Z please bring fruit or
dessert.





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.



Adult Classes Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School

This adult Sunday School class begins on Sept 8th. The first study for the semester will be on Simon Peter. Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Anderson Conference Room.

Retreat in the Real World

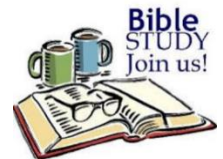
You don't have to leave home to experience the benefits of a retreat! Take your spiritual growth to the next level this fall by joining weekly with others learning to incorporate easy but focused spiritual practices into busy daily life. Led by Kili Wenburg, Thursday mornings in the church library, 7:00-7:45am.



Soup Group for Women is Back starting September 5th and will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.

❖ September 5 – Lunch and Fellowship

Bible @ Breakfast is starting again on September 11th, Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will be leading a study on the “Rise of the Apocalyptic Imagination.” There is no specific study book designated at this point.



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**