



September 1, 2019
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“To God Be the Glory”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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 led us through our wildernesses. God has led us into a plentiful land.

God is the fountain of living water.

Come to the Water! Come to God!

We come! God is our strength. God is our helper.

Enter the sanctuary. Come and listen. Come and sing. Come and pray. Be refreshed, be renewed, be at peace!

Come, let us worship our God who grants us serenity, courage, and wisdom!

*HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference – the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness.

Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause – an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt.

Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making – the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form.

Lord, have mercy on us; help us to reclaim our trust in you.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation:

When have I failed to trust God’s provision, steadfast presence, and care for me?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 106)

Beloved, hear the good news!

Jesus Christ came to stand in the breach, to reconcile us and restore our trust in God.

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.)

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Isabel Emelia Lay - Parents: Cody and Elizabeth Lay
Maisey Evelyn Olson - Parents: Brigitte and Ryan Olson

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, these children will be received into Christ’s church, and we all have a role in their nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God’s help, to support and pray for these children and their parents? And do you promise to love these children and to assist them in becoming faithful followers of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, “We do.” ***We Do.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.***

BAPTISM SONG

“God Claims You”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts
that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. Amen.***

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Deuteronomy 31:1-2, 6-8

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Philippians 4:4-9

SERMON

Building a Better Boat
Jim, Sanderson, Vocals and Guitar

*HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” *arr. Brant Adams*
Mary Plock, piano – Sarah Wolf, flute

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Philippians 4, Psalm 106)

Creator God, you are our provider. We offer all that we have and all that we are to you because we belong to you. Bless these gifts, and empower us, your church, that through the work of your spirit, we may be a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. Through Christ, our shield and stronghold. 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 "Bread of the World"/"Here, O My Lord" arr. Todd Kendall

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" (vs 1-3) 463

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

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "How Firm a Foundation" (vs. 5) 463

*POSTLUDE "Finale" Telemann/arr. Wolff

(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.)

(*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, youth, and adults

10:30 – Traditional Service with a sermon based on "Beautiful Messes" by Hilary Scott

September 1, 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 Linda & Terry Hall	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 Dr. and Mrs. William A. McCall by the family.

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

Greeters Today: Jane Foote, Kent & Bonnie Grams

Acolytes: Jordan Norris, Tethloach Duang

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

September Communion Offering is Happy Nappies. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated for the collection of diapers. Please bring a box and place in the basket outside of the Hands Around the World store. They are collected and distributed to those in need in the community, currently through Catholic Social Services. The congregation is encouraged to bring diapers to help those most vulnerable.



Help Rachel Lay Celebrate her 100th Birthday!

Join us for a cake reception TODAY, 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.

The Red Cross Blood Drive is 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.



This Week at FPC --- September 2, 2019 – September 8, 2019

Mon, Sept 2	Labor Day	Church Office Closed
Tues, Sept 3	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	Noon-6:00p	Red Cross Blood Drive
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting in Anderson Room
	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Board in Kessler Room
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, Sept 4	11:00a-11:45a	PW Coordinating Team in the Library
	11:45a-1:20p	PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
	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 <i>Bells</i>
	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 <i>Choir</i>
	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, Sept 5	Noon-1:00p	Soup Group in the Library
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed in the Parlor
	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, Sept 6	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Sept 8	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School of all ages
	9:15a-9:45a	4th-8th Grade Acolyte Training
	9:45a-10:15a	K, 3rd, 8th Grade Bible Presentation Rehearsal
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30a-12:00p	Child Protection Policy Training

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
- Heirs 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

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 Wednesdays, at 6:45 p.m.

Robin Koozer, Director



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

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.**

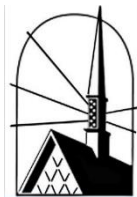


Questions? Call the church office at 402-462-5147. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this wonderful program!



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.



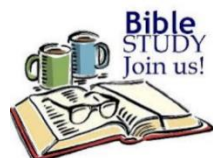
Retreat in the Real World

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
STUDY**
Join us!

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.

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.*



FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

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

ACOLYTE TRAINING



When: Sunday, September 8

Time: 9:15 am-9:45 am

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

Where: FPC Sanctuary

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*



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.

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

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.



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**

