

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

September 15, 2019

PRELUDE

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God" Linda Vollweiler, Organist arr. Albert L. Travis

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

PROCESSIONAL

Omaha Pipe and Drums Bagpipe Band

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another;

That we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor.

Open our ears to the needs of the world;

That we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us.

Open our hearts to your grace and love;

That we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we look at the world, and see only violence, pain, destruction, and signs of hopelessness and despair. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. We are lost sheep in need of a shepherd.

Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home and we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION WITH QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

How are you a lost sheep, in need of someone to come and search for you?

How are you called to engage in the search for others who live in isolation from God and community?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said:

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy. 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

Greg Allen-Pickett

THE BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

On behalf of families of all nations, and in the name of all the families that are here represented, we present these Tartans and symbols of families before Almighty God in appreciation of our heritage; and we ask God's blessings upon these, God's humble servants. Lord, you have promised that in all places that you will meet with your servants, and bless them; fulfill now your promise, and make us joyful in our prayers, so that our worship, being offered in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and by the guidance of your Holy Spirit, may be acceptable unto You, and profitable unto ourselves. Bless, we pray, these Tartans and the families that they represent—that they may be unto us and unto all people a token of the faith of our ancestors, and a sign of our service unto you. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go Beannai Dia Duit, May God's Blessing be on You.

ANTHEM

Omaha Pipe and Drums Bagpipe Band

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May the scriptures being read, the words that are spoken, and the reflections of our hearts, be worthy of your grace, O God, to whom all honor and glory is given now and forever more. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (CEB)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:1-10 (CEB)

SERMON Disciples Seek Out Those in Need (Part of a 3-week series, "What Disciples Do")

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpted from the Scots Confession. Kirk=Church)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust... As we believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one universal Kirk because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the Kingdom of God have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"How firm a Foundation"

arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. 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

"We All Are One in Mission" (vs. 1-2)

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "We All Are One in Mission" (vs. 3)

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*RECESSIONAL

Omaha Pipe and Drums Bagpipe Band

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

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

8:30 – Taizé Style Contemplative Worship in the Chapel 9:15 – Sunday School for all ages 10:30 – Traditional Service

JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK LUNCH (even if you didn't bring a dish) AND PRES FEST TODAY



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 Coordin

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

Ministers: Members of the Church **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann

Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Bryon Jensen

Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

September 15, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Marilynn Sachtleben by Clyde and Katherine Sachtleben, Kay and Kevin Chang and family, Tom and Camille and 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 Marilynn Sachtleben by Clyde and Katherine Sachtleben, Kay and Kevin Chang and family, Tom and Camille and family.

September Ushers (Team #1): Chuck Hastings – Captain, Luke Brooks,

LaVern Franzen, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht,

Lorna Zajack

Greeters Today: Gayle Fandry, Paula Crozier Keira Erickson, Selah Wenburg

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

FPC Prayers for:

Zachary, Noble, Cale Henderson

Celia & Wayne Ganow

Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)

Jim Cooke

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Families of Lace

Norm Giesler Dean Wallace & family (father of Kaela Pumroy) Family of Joan Shaw

Gretchen Lainson
Jim Harrenstein
Darrel Lloyd
Starla Rethorst
Family of Keith Meyer (brother of Al Meyer)
Family of John Harrington
Family of Darleen Howard
Family of Delores Levander
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.

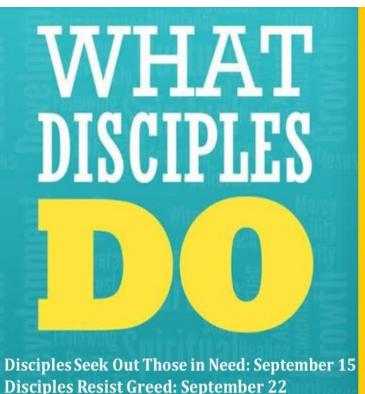
September Communion Offering is Happy Nappies. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated for the collection of diapers. Please bring a box and place in the basket outside of the Hands Around the World store. They are collected and distributed to those in need in the community, currently through Catholic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

In memory of...

- ❖ Sympathy and prayers for Elizabeth Moses in the losses of her grandmother and her father this summer. Cards can reach her at Stone Presbyterian Church, 140 Chestnut St., Watertown, NY 13601
- ❖ Jean Koch who passed away September 8, 2019. Services were held at Livingston, Butler, Volland Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, September 14, 2019.

This Week at FPC --- September 16, 2019 – September 22, 2019

		Marian Dance Trains in DEACE Center
Mon, Sept 16	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:30p-8:30p	Financial Peace University in Adult Ed Room
	7:00p-8:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls Chorus of the Plains
Tues Cont 4	7:30p-9:30p	
Tues, Sept 17	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
Mod Cont 40	5:30p-6:30p	Deacons Meeting in Anderson
Wed, Sept 18	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle I (Hostess-Alice Throckmorton;
		Lesson Elaine Specht)
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle II (Hostess-Marilyn Nielsen;
		Lesson-Bonnie Grams)
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	1:15p-2:15p	Circle III (Hostess-Nancy Grams;
		Lesson-Jill Kramer)
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5 th Grade Bible Study, Recreation
		Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	5:00-6:30p	New Member Class in Adult Ed Room
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Mealtime All are welcome!
	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: Middle
		School (6 th – 8 th) Youth Group
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High
		School (9 th - 12 th) Youth Group
Thurs, Sept 19	10:00p-1:00p	Soup Group for Women in the Library
	5:30p-6:30p	Session Meeting in the Anderson
	7:00p-8:30p	Cub Scout Committee in the Parlor
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
Fri, Sept 20	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Sept 22	8:30a-9:30a	Taizé Style Worship in the Chapel
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School of all ages
	10:30a	Traditional Worship



Disciples Practice Generosity: September 29

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES:

Although Christians are often identified with what they believe, Jesus also cared about what his followers did.

Our *beliefs* matter a great deal, yet what we *do* matters even more.

This three week sermon series will take a fresh look at a few core practices of Christianity.



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

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.

RINGING HANDBELLS

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



Soup Group for Women is Back 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.

Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School meets during the Sunday School hour in the Anderson Conference Room. The first study for the semester will be on Simon Peter. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



Retreat in the Real World - Starting September 26

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.





Bible @ **Breakfast** meets every Wednesday 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.

Forum Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:15am in the Adult Ed Room

- ❖ Sept 22: Retreat in the Real World Kili Wenburg leads us in contemplation and spiritual practices
- ❖ <u>Sept 29</u>: *Holy Land Trip Preview* − Hear from our traveling delegation on what they're learning and what they hope to experience





New Member Class

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.

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.

Presbyterian Women

Save the date for the Annual Fall Salad Luncheon at 11:45am on October 2nd at First Presbyterian Church. The program, on Global Missions, will be presented by Sue Ingels.

✓ Circle I will meet September 18-9:30am (Hostess-Alice Throckmorton; Lesson Elaine Specht)

✓ Circle II will meet September 18-9:30am (Hostess-Marilyn Nielsen; Lesson-Bonnie Grams)

✓ Circle III will meet September 18− 1:15 pm (Hostess-Nancy Grams; Lesson-Jill Kramer)





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

Knitters and Crocheters If you like knitting and/or crocheting, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on or stop in for pointers on how to get started. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and fun!



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.



CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children.

(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, YMCA and Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!



Join First Presbyterian Church of Hastings for our 3RD annual Blessing of the Pets Service

Sunday, September 29 at 8:30am at Alexander Park

NW corner of 7th and Lincoln behind Great Western Bank (Inclement weather backup is the PEACE Center, SE corner of 7th and Lincoln)

ALL PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!