



**September 22, 2019**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**

**“Prelude and Fugue in G Major”**

*J.S. Bach*

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

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

**WELCOME**

Greg Allen-Pickett

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**“Jubilate”**

*Mozart/arr. Alan Bullard*

*Calvin Middle School/Westminster High School Choir; Linda Johnson, Director; Mary Plock, Piano*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 79, Jeremiah 8, and Luke 16)**

Damen Heitmann

O God, we come into your church this morning with praise and thanksgiving!

***We come in celebration and song.***

We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

***We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.***

We come to share our abundant blessings with others in Jesus' name.

***O God, we come into your church this morning with praise and thanksgiving! Come, let us worship God!***

**\*HYMN**

**“Take My Life”**

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***God, we call you our great physician, and you work to bring peace and wholeness to our minds, bodies, and souls. But we confess that sometimes we find your medicine hard to swallow. The quick fixes of this world are so much more pleasant, leaving us free to go back to our usual routines. But your prescription is powerful. And if we take it, it will remake and renew our lives. It will reorient us to you and to you alone. Turn us away from greed, materialism, and the idols we make and toward your love for compassion, justice, mercy, love, and true worship. Forgive our sins, for which you weep. Forgive our hesitation. Grant us courage to choose you as our physician and to serve you and you alone.***

**SILENT CONFESSION**

Questions to contemplate: What are the quick fixes that I must give up in order to follow God's leading in my life? How has God called me to a life of generosity?

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The God of our salvation, the God who weeps for us and for our world

***Desires everyone to know God's saving love and grace.***

Christ Jesus, a human like us,

***Showed us those ways of love and grace.***

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

***As we read your Holy Word, may we see the clear call that you have placed on us to serve you, O God, by serving others: the poor, the needy, the least, the lost, and the lonely. Help us hear anew your Word that we may become more faithful stewards of the gifts you give us each day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, CEB

ANTHEM

“It is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord”

Lynn Shaw Bailey

*Calvin Middle School/Westminster High School Choir; Linda Johnson, Director; Mary Plock, Piano*

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 16:1-16, CEB

SERMON

Disciples Resist Greed

(Part of a 3-week series, “What Disciples Do”)

\*HYMN

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Written by Revs. Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill, 2004

***We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God’s kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God’s gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.***

***We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God’s, caretakers of God’s home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Amen.***

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Ring Joyfully”

Susan E. Geschke

*Calvin Middle School/Westminster High School Bells, Byron Jensen, Director*

\*DOXOLOGY            "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*May we be faithful when we have just a little. May we be faithful when we are blessed with much. May we faithfully give back to God out of the abundance that God has shared with us. Through these gifts and the work of this church that they support, may the world come to know the love and grace of God in Christ Jesus. 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                            "God of the Fertile Fields" (vs. 1 & 2)

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\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*BLESSING RESPONSE    "God of the Fertile Fields" (vs. 4)

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POSTLUDE                            "Trumpet March"

*Lully/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!

8:30 – Blessing of the Pets service in Alexander Park

9:15 – Sunday School for children, youth, and adults

10:30 – Traditional Service with Children's Choir and Chancel Choir

***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:** 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

## **September 22, 2019:**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Thelma and Lester D. Pedersen by their family.

**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 William Jensen, Claudina Jensen, Emory and Emma Holloway from Byron, Deb, Hannah, and Nathan Jensen.

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

**Greeters Today:** Lorna Zajack, Anne Bohlke

**Acolytes:** Addyson Hermes, Laura Kate Oliver

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan

### ***FPC Prayers for:***

Darrel Lloyd	Zachary, Noble, Cale Henderson	Jane Horton
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Jim Cooke
Norm Giesler	Dean Wallace & family (father of Kaela Pumroy)	Joan Shaw and Family
Gretchen Lainson	Family of Keith Meyer (brother of Al Meyer)	Family of Jean Koch
Jim Harrenstein	Linda & Terry Hall and family	Lee Kreager
	Nancy Grams and Family	
	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	

*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 23, 2019 – September 29, 2019**

<b>Mon, Sept 23</b>	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>6:30p-8:30p</b>	<b>Financial Peace University</b> in Adult Ed Room
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls</b>
	<b>7:30p-9:30p</b>	<b>Chorus of the Plains</b>
<b>Tues, Sept 24</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-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
<b>Wed, Sept 25</b>	<b>7:00p-8:30p</b>	<b>Knit Wits</b> in the Parlor
	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible @ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor
	<b>9:30a-10:10a</b>	<b>HC Chapel</b> at French Memorial Chapel
	<b>4:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)</b>
	<b>5:00-6:30p</b>	<b>New Member Class</b> in Adult Ed Room
	<b>6:00p-6:45p</b>	<b>WNL Family Mealtime</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>Thurs, Sept 26</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>7:00a-7:45a</b>	<b>Retreat in the Real World</b> in the Library
	<b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
<b>Fri, Sept 27</b>	<b>7:00p-8:30p</b>	<b>Cub Scout Committee</b> in the Parlor
	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in the Youth Room
<b>Sun, Sept 29</b>	<b>8:30a-9:30a</b>	<b>Blessing of the Pets</b> in Anderson Park (PEACE Center if weather is bad)
	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> of all ages
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship</b>

# WHAT DISCIPLES DO

Disciples Seek Out Those in Need: September 15  
Disciples Resist Greed: September 22  
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.





## CROP Hunger Walk October 13

Hastings CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by the local Church Women United with help from Hastings College. The walk event is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year. It will start at Hazelrigg Student Union and will be in the Hastings College and Heartwell Park area Sunday, October 13, 2019, 1:30 to register and 2:00 to walk. Crop Hunger Walks began in 1949 under the wing of Church World Services and for many years has raised funds to help provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs both locally and globally. A table will be in the Memorial room each Sunday until October 13 for your donations and will inform you of the walk event.. To donate or register online, go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org), find Hastings CROP Hunger Walk, register, join a team, First Presbyterian Church, or start your own team. Follow the simple step-by step instructions.



**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.

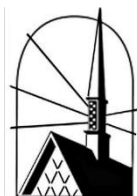


NEW THIS YEAR is that CW Bells will be open to beginning adult players. If there is enough interest, perhaps a beginning bell choir for adults could find a different time. If you have an interest in learning, please contact Byron at [bjensen@hastings.edu](mailto:bjensen@hastings.edu). CW Bells meets every Wednesday evening from 6:20 until 6:50. (From there, the CW students attend choir rehearsal.) Questions? Contact Byron Jensen



**Soup Group for Women is Back** and will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, *12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.*

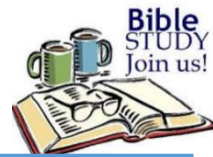
**Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School** meets during the Sunday School hour in the Anderson Conference Room. The first study for the semester will be on Simon Peter. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



## 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.



**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!

## Forum, Sept 29

9:15 AM



Journey to the Holy Land

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

❖ Oct 6: *A Meal of Welcome* – Mark and Aida Evans join us to share their experience of offering hospitality to migrant workers in Hastings, NE.

❖ Oct 13: *Flood Relief* – Brian Johnson and Tim Johnson share the many ways FPC responded to flooding in the Midwest during the spring and summer of 2019.

❖ Oct 27: *Ministry at the Border* – Mark Adams, Miriam Maldonado, and Carmina join us from Frontera de Cristo and Café Justo in Agua Prieta, Mexico, to share about life and ministry on the U. S./Mexico border.

**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.



**FINANCIAL** *Peace*  
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### 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



**Presbyterian Women** Save the date for the Annual Fall Salad Luncheon at 11:45am on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at First Presbyterian Church. The program, on Global Missions, will be presented by Sue Ingels. The monthly luncheon is open to all Presbyterian women. Please call the office to add your name to the reservation list. Circles, please RSVP to your circle calling person if you plan to attend. Circle III will prepare lunch and act as Kitchen Helpers. Circle I is in charge of setting the tables, centerpieces, devotions, nametags, cashier, and Hunger Cups.



- ✓ Circle I will meet October 16-9:30am  
(Hostess-Jane Foote; Lesson-May Wierenga)
- ✓ Circle II will meet October 16-9:30am  
(Hostess-Laurie Johnson; Lesson-Betty Kooy)
- ✓ Circle III will meet October 16-1:15 pm  
(Hostess-Marie Rasmussen; Lesson-Sue Medsker-Nedderman)

## LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- 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.

### 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!!

Get a free "blessed"  
dog tag for each pet!



## Blessing of the Pets



Join First Presbyterian Church of Hastings for our 3<sup>RD</sup> annual Blessing of the Pets Service

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

NW corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln behind Great Western Bank

(Inclement weather backup is the PEACE Center, SE corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln)

**ALL PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!**