

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Hastings College Sunday  
October 13, 2019**

PRELUDE

“Organ Concerto No. 2”  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

*J.S. Bach*

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

INTROIT

“Lancashire Fanfare”  
The Hastings College Choir, Directed by Dr. Fritz Mountford

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Travis Feezell

*We return to this place in joy and thanksgiving.*

***We rejoin with our fellow pilgrims to seek again the grace of God.***

*We return to this place in hope and expectation*

***Longing for salve for our wounds and a holy rest.***

*We return to the heart of God in peace and contentment*

***Knowing that we are loved by the divine.***

\*HYMN

“God of Great and God of Small”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we don't excel at being grateful. Perhaps because being grateful means we must admit to being in need. We haven't been taught to be vulnerable with grace. We haven't been encouraged to acknowledge our own shortcomings. We insist on self-reliance above all else. And so we fail to observe the life-giving blessings which fall upon us. We cannot breathe without the trees. We cannot drink without the rain. When we cry others often catch our tears. When we laugh our hearts are made light. Forgive us, O God, for missing the blessings which sneak into our lives without notice. Draw us toward you and help our hearts to be grateful.***

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation:

What blessing has escaped your notice?

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*By the mercy of God our hearts are reformed.*

***Our lives are restored.***

*By the mercy of God we are forgiven.*

***We are loved and made whole.***

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

## \*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

Nancy Grams

(While the children come down, the congregation will sing, “Jesus Loves Me”.)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As your word is read and proclaimed let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.***

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

## ANTHEM

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Frederick C. Maker

Cale Arent, tenor; Kaitlynn Schreiner, soprano

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 17:11-19

## MESSAGE

“Gratis”

## \*HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***We believe in the consistency of God; the one who was, who is, and who shall be. We believe that God calls us to live beyond ourselves. We are invited to overflow with grace, to share mercy with others, and live peaceably with others. God provides for us that which we need. We rest contented in the hope and challenge of Jesus’ birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. We are guided by the Holy Scriptures and the continued revelation of the Holy Spirit. We are bound up with one another in believing that the rock of the ages is our rock as well.***

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

“O Great God”

words and music Bob Kauflin  
arr. Joey Hoelscher

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***With humble hearts we return to this table. We set forth our gifts in praise and adulation. But more than that which is in these baskets, we return to you our hearts and lives. May all that we offer be pleasing to you. May all that we are work to bring forth your kingdom of 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**

**"Spirit of the Living God" (2x)**

**288**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**"Sevenfold Amen"**

**Sir John Stainer**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**"Trumpet Tune"**

**Antony Holborne/arr. Wolff**

***(\*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**

***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

## **October 13, 2019:**

**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 Frances and Clarence Anderson/Mabel and Paul Robare by the Anderson family.

**October Ushers (Team #2):** Al Meyer – Captain, Duane Huber,  
Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson,  
Clyde Sachtleben, Carter Wenburg

**Greeters Today:** Jean Barber, Scott & Willie Kummer

**Acolytes:** Ashton Essink, Grace Brader

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

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

Celia & Wayne Ganow	Zachary, Noble, Cale Henderson	Jane Horton
Norm Giesler	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Jim Cooke
Gretchen Lainson	Kaela Pumroy and Family	Joan Shaw and Family
Jim Harrenstein	Family of Keith Meyer (brother of Al Meyer)	Jim Hahne
Darrel Lloyd	Linda & Terry Hall and Family	Alden Talbet (Bob's Dad)
	Nancy Grams and Family	Irina Erickson's Mom
	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.*

**October Communion Offering** is the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering. A portion of the offering will benefit peace ministries of the PCUSA and a portion of the offering will benefit Hearts and Hands Against Hunger of Hastings.

**This Week at FPC --- October 14, 2019 – October 20, 2019**

<b>Mon, Oct 14</b>	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>6:30p-8:30p</b>	<b>Financial Peace University</b> in the Parlor
	<b>7:00p-9:00p</b>	<b>Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls</b>
	<b>7:30p-9:30p</b>	<b>Chorus of the Plains</b>
<b>Tues, Oct 15</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>6:45p-7:45p</b>	<b>Deacons</b> in Anderson
<b>Wed, Oct 16</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible @ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor
	<b>9:30a-10:10a</b>	<b>HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel</b>
	<b>9:30a-10:30a</b>	<b>Circle I</b>
	<b>9:30a-10:30a</b>	<b>Circle II</b>
	<b>1:15p-2:15p</b>	<b>Circle III</b> in Library
<b>Thurs, Oct 17</b>		<b>NO WNL due to Fall Break</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>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells</b>
	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Retreat in the Real World</b> in the Library
	<b>12:00-1:00p</b>	<b>Soup Group</b> in Library
	<b>4:30p-5:30p</b>	<b>Pooh Corner/FPC Liaison Meeting</b> in Anderson
	<b>5:30p-7:00p</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-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in PEACE Center
<b>Fri, Oct 18</b>	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Cub Scout Den Meeting</b> in Fellowship Hall
	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in the Youth Room
<b>Sat, Oct 19</b>	<b>9:30a-2:00p</b>	<b>United Harvest</b>
<b>Sun, Oct 20</b>	<b>8:30a-9:15a</b>	<b>Taizé Style Worship Service in the Chapel</b>
		<b>NO-Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>



**CROP Hunger Walk TODAY, October 13** 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.

Twenty-five percent of our Hastings Walk fundraiser will be used locally to benefit our Hastings Crossroads Center Rescue Mission.



**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.



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

- ❖ Oct 13: A Meal of Welcome – Mark and Aida Evans join us to share their experience of offering hospitality to migrant workers in Hastings, NE.
- ❖ No Sunday School Oct 20
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Nov 3: Holy Land Trip Review



**Sponsored by:**  
First United Methodist Church  
First Presbyterian Church

Third Saturday of the Month  
Annex Building  
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

October 19, 2019		
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	9:30 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.



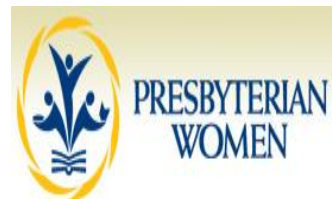


**Knitters and Crocheters** If you like knitting and/or crocheting, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on or stop in for pointers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

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## Presbyterian Women

- ✓ 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)



**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.



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## Quilter's Paradise Sale

Zelma Fobben was an avid quilter who was always taking lessons and learning new techniques. She was one of the founders of the Hastings Quilters Guild and PW Quilters. When she moved to Lincoln, she left behind a large collection of beautiful fabrics, books, patterns, and unfinished quilting projects which the Fobben family has graciously donated to the PW Quilters.

These items will be offered for sale

PEACE Center on October 26

North West Classroom

10:00am until 4:00pm,

Proceeds going toward PW Missions.

## **Guest Preacher on October 20**

On Sunday, October 20, Rev. Dr. Gary Eller will be guest preaching. He is a theological educator in both seminary and university settings. For the past eleven years, he has been president of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation in Nebraska. He is an ordained Presbyterian Church (USA) minister with decades of experience in congregations along with governing body responsibility at the local, regional, and national level. Rev. Eller visits more than 30 churches a year and he said, "There is something special happening here at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings." It will be exciting to hear a reflection on our beloved church from an outsider's perspective.

Rev. Eller will be kicking off our stewardship campaign with a sermon entitled, "Will our faith have children?" based on Luke 18:15-17. John Westerhoff's book *Will Our Children Have Faith?* is a classic running in the background of this sermon that urges adults to make provision for the generations to come after us. Those provisions include both teaching the faith and living the faith and includes the stewardship of resources. We hope you will join us to hear Rev. Eller on Sunday, October 20.

### **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!!