

PRELUDE

“Creator Praise”

arr. Jerry VanDer Pol

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

“When the storms of life are raging, stand by me”

Lord, hear our cries! When we are in the darkest valleys, rescue us!

“When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea,”

God who rules wind and water, who protects me, stand by me.

God stands with us in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

Come, let us worship our God, who gently guides us to safety and peace!

*HYMN

“When the Storms of Life Are Raging (Stand by Me)”

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Lily Kingsley and Katie Kingsley, Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, please forgive our weakness and our lack of trust in you. Sometimes we can be like the disciples who, in the midst of fears and storms, could only tremble and wonder about the threatening events. But we remember that Jesus offered words of encouragement. Be with us in the moments when we let go of our faith and clutch onto our fears. Help us to place our trust totally in you and your call to us. You will guide us — that is the promise you have given to us, and we believe it. When our faith slips, wrap us up in your warm embrace like a shepherd and bring us peace. Be patient with us, for we are flawed and yet loved by you. Give us strong hearts and willing spirits to be your disciples.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: When have I failed to trust in God as my shepherd and guide?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Keep your focus on God.

God is our shepherd and our guide.

God will never fail you. Rejoice, dear friends! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are shepherded, forgiven, cared for, and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

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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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Almighty God, prepare us to discover your word for us today.
May your Word bring us peace, joy, and hope in the midst of chaos and
grief. May your Word help us recognize your steadfast presence with us
in the many fields of life through which we travel. Amen.***

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 40:1-11

ANTHEM “This is My Father’s World” *Maltbie Babcock/F. Sheppard*
Harrison Welsch, piano
“Dance Theme and Variation” *Jean Hotteterre*
Raegan Welsch, piano

*(Langenberg Legacy Funds provide music lesson scholarships for children of church members.
During the summer, those children and youth provide special music to give thanks to God.)*

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 23 (Read responsively)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

MESSAGE “Fire, Rain, and our Great Shepherd” *Rev. Chris Ode*
Part of the Summer Sermon Song Series with the song “Fire and Rain” played by Byron Jensen

*HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” *arr. Alice Walker*
FPC Hastings Virtual Choir; Robin Koozer, director; Linda Vollweiler, piano

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Rev. Bruce Prewer, Uniting Church of Australia)

I believe I need a shepherd.

Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident,

Because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do,

Because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places,

Because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness,

Because the things I crave may not be what are good for me,

I need a shepherd.

I believe in God, the best possible shepherd;

God’s wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,

God’s word comforts me when I’m anxious or afraid, (Continued on next page)

**God's arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden.
I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd:
that I am under his care by virtue of sheer grace,
that the love he gives me is to be shared with others,
that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me,
that his fold transcends both earth and heaven.
I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sicilienne" von Paradis/arr. Willand-Kessler

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of sea and storm, of sunshine and meadow, of fire and rain, we present these offerings as tokens of our lives in grateful praise for your love for us. Use these gifts for the ministries of hope and justice in our world. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" 802

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

*POSTLUDE "Grand Chœur" Marcel Courtonne

Linda Vollweiler, organist

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

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

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

10:30 am "Stay at Home" Traditional Worship Service (at least through August 31st)

9:00 am Worship in the Park (Alexander Park)

Broadcast live

10:30 a.m. on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings
(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM

Stand by Me

Charles Albert Tindley, 1905

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1. When the storms of life are rag - ing, Stand by
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, Stand by
 3. In the midst of faults and fail - ures, Stand by
 4. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, Stand by
 5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, Stand by

me (stand by me); When the storms of life are rag - ing, Stand by
 me (stand by me); In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, Stand by
 me (stand by me); In the midst of faults and fail - ures, Stand by
 me (stand by me); In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, Stand by
 me (stand by me); When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, Stand by

me (stand by me); When the world is toss - ing me Like a
 me (stand by me); When the hosts of hell as - sail, And my
 me (stand by me); When I do the best I can, And my
 me (stand by me); When my foes in battle a - rray Un - der-
 me (stand by me); When my life becomes a bur - den, And I'm

ship up - on the sea Thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, Stand by me (stand by me).
 strength be - gins to fail, Thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, Stand by me (stand by me).
 friends mis-un - der-stand, Thou who know-est all a - bout me, Stand by me (stand by me).
 - take to stop my way, Thou who sav - ed Paul and Si - las, Stand by me (stand by me).
 near - ing chill-y Jordan, O Thou "Li - ly of the Vall-ey," Stand by me (stand by me).

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) B^b (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
F B^b F B^b F F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise *him, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

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(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

August 9, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

Flowers are given in memory of Anna and Milferd Swedlund by family.

Today's service will be broadcast

- live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings
(You don't need to have an account to watch.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- at Good Samaritan Village, the 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.



Looking for a way to give during our time of "Stay at Home" Church? The church counts on your giving to carry on its work. As you participate in "Stay at Home" Worship, please take time to

1. mail your donation in,
2. drop by the church and leave your offering in the new locked "tithing box" located on the second brick column under the portico.
3. sign up for electronic fund transfers,
4. or give on-line at: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

In the days and weeks to come, the church will continue to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts in Nebraska last year. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

FPC Prayers for

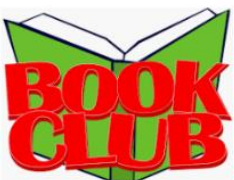
Alana DeBellis & Family	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	
Jim Duval	Cale, Noble, Zach Henderson	Gretchen Lainson
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Tommy Thomsen
Irina Erickson's Mom	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Mike Hahne & family
Jim Hahne	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Jeff Howard
Jim Harrenstein	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Carol Medsker
Everly Hogan	Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Megan Welton
	Henry Black (Joe & Amy Black's son)	

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 next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 1, 2020**, 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.



Summer Book Club Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh has been guiding a discussion of the book *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* by Bart Ehrman.

Summer Book Club has been meeting since May 13th and will continue through August 29th via Zoom Conferencing at NOON. Please obtain a copy of the book from your favorite vendor. Contact Sharon Brooks, sbbrooks52@gmail.com

for more information on how to join the online conversations.

This Week at FPC --- August 10 – 16, 2020

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through August 31 for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 15 or fewer in attendance, 2.) 1 hour or less in length, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6 ft. seating. All boards and committees will have to option to meet in person or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both to be coordinated by the church staff representative.

Mon, Aug 10		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent out via email and social media
Tues, Aug 11	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 6:00p-7:00p	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing Trustees via Zoom Conferencing
Wed, Aug 12	12:00p-1:00p	Summer Book Club via Zoom Conferencing
Thurs, Aug 13	4:30p-5:30p 5:00p-6:00p	Mission via Zoom Conferencing Personnel via Zoom Conferencing
Fri, Aug 14		“Friday Feature” Communication Sent out via email and social media
Sat, Aug 15	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest
Sun, Aug 16	9:00a 10:30a	Worship in Alexander Park “Stay at Home” Worship Service



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First United Methodist Church
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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.

August 15, 2020		
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	11:30 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.



Presbyterian Women The PW Coordinating team met in August to review the meeting schedule for the fall semester. The decision was made that PW will NOT meet through the end of 2021. This means there will be NO Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons.

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

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. Byron Jensen
Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey