

PRELUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *James Ellor/arr. Diane Bish*
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

Welcome today to a celebration of God’s love! Feel the loving power of God flow into your lives.

We open our hearts and lives to receive God’s blessings.

Though we come from different circumstances,

The Lord will make us one in worship.

Though we have traveled different paths of struggles and successes,

The Lord will make us one in healing.

Though each one of us has struggles and strife, as well as joy,

The Lord will make us one in hope. Come, let us worship our God, who brings us together to be changed for the better!

*HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”
Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we hunger and thirst for your loving touch and your presence. We sometimes think that we should be the only ones who receive these blessings, and we turn our backs on those in need, either by refusing to help or by pretending that the needs do not exist. But you have heard the cries of all who are in need, and you turn to each one with your healing love. Forgive our selfishness and stubbornness. Heal us and turn us again toward pathways of compassion for all your people. We offer this prayer in Christ’s Name.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: Who has God put into my life to change me for the better, and how have I resisted that change?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You have reached out for the Lord, seeking God’s healing power.

It is always given to us through God’s awesome love.

Friends, receive the compassion of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Now let us reach out to others with that same love and compassion.

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader and Kim Borrell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we hear God's word read and proclaimed today, may we clearly see how Jesus' love and compassion are poured out for us. May God's word inspire us to go into the world in confidence, bearing forgiveness and love for all God's people. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Colossians 3:12-17

ANTHEM

“Showboat”

Ian Erickson, piano

“Prelude” by Bach

Keira Erickson, piano

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 15:9-17

MESSAGE “Being changed for the better, being changed for good” Greg Allen-Pickett
Part of the Summer Sermon Song Series with the song “For Good” from the musical “Wicked”

*HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Rev. Gerardo Oberman, Argentina)

I believe in the God that accompanies me along every step of my path on this earth, many times walking behind me, watching me and suffering with my mistakes, other times walking beside me, talking to me and teaching me, and other times walking ahead of me, guiding and marking my pace.

I believe in the God of flesh and blood, Jesus Christ, the God who lived in my skin and tried on my shoes, the God who walked in my ways, and knows of lights and shadows, the God who ate and starved, who had a home and suffered loneliness, who was praised and condemned, loved and hated.

I believe in a God who created the church to enact God's mission on earth. I believe in a God who calls me friend. I believe in a God who loves me and calls me to love others. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Orgelstück”

Justin Heinrich Knecht

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundance and joy, we thank you for the many blessings you have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in your service. 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

“Called as Partner’s in Christ’s Service”

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*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

“Hornpipe” (*from Suite from “Water Music”*)

G.F. Handel

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

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

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

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Ministries: Stephanie Brader

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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

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B \flat F B \flat F B \flat 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 \flat E \flat B \flat 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.

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus


죄짐맡은 우리구주




1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some dotted rhythms. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or-der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

August 16, 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 Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Lainson and Hal Lainson by the Lainson 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.

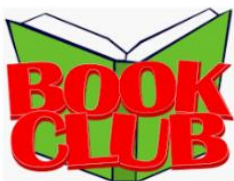
FPC Prayers for

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		Megan Welton

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 17 – 23, 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 17		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent out via email and social media
Tues, Aug 18	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 6:45p-7:45p	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing Deacons via Zoom Conferencing
Wed, Aug 19	12:00p-1:00p	Summer Book Club via Zoom Conferencing
Thurs, Aug 20	5:30p-7:00p	Session via Zoom Conferencing
Fri, Aug 21		“Friday Feature” Communication Sent out via email and social media
Sat, Aug 22		
Sun, Aug 23	9:00a 10:30a	Worship in Alexander Park “Stay at Home” Worship Service



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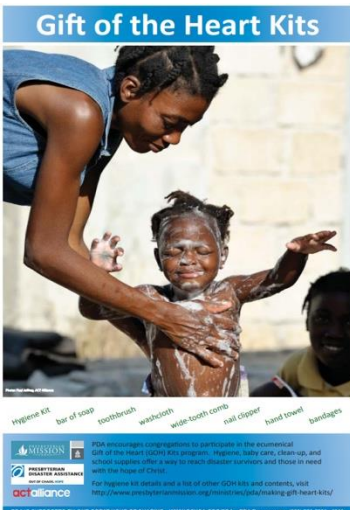
A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal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

September 19, 2020		
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
I, J, K, L	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 2020. This means there will be NO Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons.



Hygiene Kits Needed. PW is collecting complete kits to take to Lincoln to the PDA collection center at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. The deadline to bring kits to the church is September 10. If you don't want to bring them to the church or can't get out, call Nancy Grams, 402-462-4668, or Sue Medsker-Nedderman, 402-984-3545, and they will be glad to pick them up from your house. Following is the list of what should be included in a hygiene kit. Please follow the list exactly, and don't add anything, or put anything of a different size in the kit. Only complete kits will be collected, due to the difficulty of packing the kits during the pandemic. Thanks for your help.

- 1 hand towel (approx. 16" X 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide-tooth comb (remove from package) (Continued on next page)

- 1 nail clipper (nail clippers with metal files or emery boards attached are now accepted; remove from package)
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging) - *Do NOT add toothpaste to the hygiene kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to international hygiene kits just prior to shipment*
- 10 adhesive bandage strips
- Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure

Anti-Racism Conversation Groups

We started in June by encouraging the whole church to watch the movie *Just Mercy*. For the month of July we read the book *The Hate U Give*.

This week we will continue talking about Austin Channing Brown's *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. I know that folks have had difficulty accessing the book, so I highly recommend this conversation between Austin and Brené Brown on [Brené's podcast](#)

PLEASE NOTE: There will once again be **NO THURSDAY GROUP**. If you can, please attend one of the Wednesday times!

[Wednesday Afternoon 3:30pm-5pm](#)

[Wednesday Evening 5:30pm-7pm](#)

This will be our last week for the summer! Thanks everyone who participated, whether you came to our film session, our weekly

meetings, or reached out to a facilitator personally. Thank you for your bravery, for coming to difficult discussions honestly and authentically. Thank you for opening your hearts to new and difficult ideas. I truly believe we are working towards building the Kin-dom of Heaven every time we wrestle with these tough subjects.

Some things to explore if you are interested:

- [The PC\(USA\) is hosting a Week of Action](#) Aug 24th - 30th. There will be lots of neat programming happening, I encourage everyone (Presbyterian or not) to check out the schedule and attend a few (virtual) events!
- In the group I led last week I closed with Austin Channing Brown's [manifesto](#), available on her website. I like it a lot and wanted to make sure folks had a copy!

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again. Thank you to Damen, Greg, Jean, and Jessica for taking time out of a busy (and stressful) summer to plan and lead these sessions. Thank you to all who reached out with interest, even if adding one more thing to your summer wasn't going to work out. It's been such a joy to be a part of this community.

Peace, Sara Babcock sara.g.babcock@gmail.com