



Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 30, 2020

PRELUDE “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” John Zundel/arr. James Gilbert
Linda Vollweiler, organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Don Canady
How shall we live in the love of God?
We will treat everyone we meet with fairness, and dignity, and caring.
How shall we be witnesses to God’s abundant love?
We will reach out to others with compassion.
Come, let us worship the God of light who has always loved us!
May our worship reflect the light of God and may God’s love be reflected in our lives as we share hope and peace this morning!

*HYMN “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” 744
Small Choir Ensemble, Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving and loving God, our hearts are filled today with pain and concern for the future. Words of anger assail our airways — we cannot escape from the threats being thrown about. In our fear, we cry “Where are you, O Lord?” We wander around in darkness, seeking light and hope. Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us, through times of peace and times of conflict. Heal our souls. Open our eyes to your love and light, and then help us to reach out to others so they can see your love and light reflected in us. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions for contemplation: When have I let the darkness overcome me? What can I do to refocus on God’s light? How can I reflect God’s light into the world?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God hears our prayers and our cries.
God leads us out of the darkness of the past into the bright promise of today. We are called to stand strong and confident in God’s Love.
Rejoice, dear friends! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!
Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” 582

***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

Lord of light, in the midst of darkness and fear, your Holy Word calls us to be a community of peace, love and hope. As we listen to your Word read and proclaimed today, may it shine light into the darkness. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 119:33-40

ANTHEM

“Shine on Us”

Smith/Harlan

*Small Choir Ensemble, Directed by Robin Koozer
Linda Johnson, Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Sarah Wolfe, Ann Koozer,
Chris Schukei, Neil Kerr, Will Locke, Richard Johnson*

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 13:8-12

MESSAGE

Love your Neighbor, Be a Light!

Greg Allen-Pickett

*Part of the Summer Sermon Song Series with the song “Be a Light” by Thomas Rhett
Cover by Maddie Wilson, Bri Ray, Madilyn Paige & Yahosh Bonner*

*HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the French Confession of 1559)

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful.

We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God’s eternal Son; God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit.

Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works, so we may shine God’s love and light into the world.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Gift of Love”

Hall Hopson/arr. John Carter

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We present to you these offerings and our lives, O Lord. May our time, talent, and treasure be used for your ministries of light, love, and reconciliation in a world that is in desperate need. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine"

Insert

*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

"This Little Light of Mine" *Spiritual/arr. Mario Stallbaumer*

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 All Church Worship in the Park! (Alexander Park)

This will be our traditional "kick-off" Sunday. We will distribute bibles to our Kindergartners, 3rd and 8th Graders. We will have bagpipes. Following worship there will be food trucks in the church parking lot for fellowship. If you can't come in-person, we will also **Broadcast live 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 will also be broadcast live 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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Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann
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Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny
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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.


TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
SM
(this tune in a lower key, 815)

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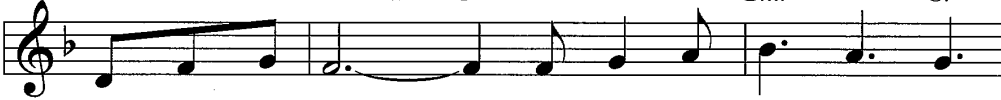
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
C7

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1997, alt.

MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

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Music Arr. © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

CHEREPONI
7.7.9 with refrain

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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"

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

This Little Light of Mine 514

1. This lit-tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine,
2. Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine,
3. Je-sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine,

This lit-tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine;
Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine;
Je-sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine;

This lit-tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine,
Ev-'ry-where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine,
Je-sus gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African-American spiritual
Tune: African-American spiritual; harm. by Horace Clarence Boyer, b.1935, © 1992

"Living Love"

A sermon series that reflects on our call to actively live love. Studying stories from the Old and New Testaments that demonstrate lived love from God and others that serve as an example for us.

9/6: Love your neighbor, be a light.
Romans 13:8-14
9/13: Forgiveness
Genesis 50:15-21
9/20: Provision
Exodus 16:2-15
9/27: Compassion
Philippians 2:1-13
10/4: Sharing
1 Corinthians 11:18-26

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!!

JOURNEY TO THE GOD OF LOVE

Forum, Sept 13, 20, 27
Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
Finding the God of Love and the Love of God

9:15 am via Zoom
contact church office
for how to join

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS KICK-OFF SUNDAY IN ALEXANDER PARK!

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 AT 10:30 AM

Join us for worship, fellowship, food, and fun!

- ❖ Bagpipes to celebrate our Scottish heritage
- ❖ Bible Presentation for Kindergarten, 3rd Grade and 8th Grade
- ❖ Food Trucks in the church parking lot following worship
- ❖ Join us in-person (bring your own chair and face mask) or stay-at-home and join us via Facebook Live or by radio on KICS 1550 AM

September 6, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Dr. Robert McIntire by Marilyn McIntire.

Flowers are given in honor of Hannah Jensen and Damen Heitmann on their wedding day from the Jensen and Heitmann families.

Today's service will be broadcast

- live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (You don't need an account.)
- 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.



Giving 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/>

The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts in Nebraska. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

<i>FPC Prayers for</i>		
Family of Irene Lindau	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	
Alana DeBellis & Family	Cale Henderson	Gretchen Lainson
Jim Duval	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Tommy Thomsen
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Mike Hahne & family
Irina Erickson's Mom	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Jeff Howard
Jim Hahne	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Carol Medsker
Jim Harrenstein	Cathy Davis and family	Megan Welton
Everly Hogan		
<i>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.</i>		

In Memory Of

- ♥ Thomas Toms, father of Cathy Davis and father-in-law of Dale Davis, who passed away on 08/14/2020 in York, NE. Services were 08/19/2020.
- ♥ Irene Lindau who passed away 08/24/2020. A private graveside service officiated by Pastor Greg was held 08/28/2020.
- ♥ Georga Ochsner who passed away 04/17/2020. Memorial Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, on 09/12/2020 at 2:00, with Pastor Greg officiating.

Kindergarten, 3rd Grade, and 8th Grade Bible Presentation



**Alexander Park
September 13---10:30 am**





New Members Class Coming Soon!

This is a great opportunity for people who are interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church and exploring membership. Please contact the church office or Pastor Greg if you are interested in attending.



Forum Returns on September 13! Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour known as Forum will begin again at 9:15 on Sunday, September 13th. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session at any time.

We'll begin this year with a three-part series titled, "Journey to the God of Love" led by Scholar in Residence, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh. The series will trace theological development of the love and mercy of God through both Old and New Testaments.

To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know and we'll get you all set up!



LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Grants are limited to one per child.
- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- 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 2020 GRANT PROGRAM IS October 1, 2020.**
- **GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE; PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**



The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Monday, January 4, 2021**, 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.



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 regardless of status. 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.

This Week at FPC --- September 6 – September 13, 2020

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through September 30 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 the 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.

Sun, Sept 6	9:00a	Worship in Alexander Park
	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service
	1:30p	Hannah Jensen and Damen Heitmann Virtual Wedding
	3:00p-5:00p	Hannah and Damen’s “Drive-Through” reception at the church parking lot
Mon, Sept 7	Labor Day	Church Office Closed
Tues, Sept 8		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life via Zoom Conferencing and Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees via Zoom Conferencing and Anderson Rm
Wed, Sept 9	6:15p-7:00p	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Memorial Room
Thurs, Sept 10	4:30p-5:30p	Mission via Zoom Conferencing & Fellowship Hall
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel via Zoom Conferencing & Kessler
Sun, Sept 13	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service via ZOOM <u>AND</u> In Person at Alexander Park (Kirkin O’th’ Tartan, Food Truck in the Parking Lot)



Presbyterian Women 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. The deadline to bring kits to the church is September 10. Bring completed kits to the church or call Nancy Grams, 402-462-4668, or Sue Medsker-Nedderman, 402-984-3545, to pick them up. 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.

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

