

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. John Innes

Linda Vollweiler, organ

*(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.
The lyrics of the hymn are printed below to pray and meditate on.)*

*1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love*

*2. Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here there by Thy great help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood*

*3. Oh, that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed then in the blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Take my ransomed soul away
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day*

*4 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above*

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)**

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

O give thanks to the LORD!

We will call on God's name and make God's love known to all!

Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name!

This morning and every day, we seek the LORD;

We will seek God's presence continually.

We will remember the wonderful works God has done.

God has invited us to live today with joy. Come let us worship God!

***HYMN**

"Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah"

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Small Choir Ensemble, Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. You have provided for us, but we have not provided for others. We have not been as gracious or as grateful as you call us to be. Like the Israelites, we have failed to remember all that you have done for us, and we have complained. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts. In Jesus' name, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions for contemplation:

When have I chosen to complain instead of giving thanks to God for God's provision?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Feel the comforting power of God's love and mercy in your lives.

God is with us through all our experiences.

Though we try we cannot stray from God's love. Rejoice!

This is the good news for all of us!

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

Like morning dew, like manna, fine as frost, may your Word nourish and sustain us, O God. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

ANTHEM "All Good Gifts" (from Godspell) Stephen Schwartz/arr. John Leavitt
Small Choir Ensemble: Byron Jensen, director; Susan Oliver, Mary Fisk, Mary Plock, Becky Meyer,
Deb Jensen, Mike Meyer, Joy White, George White, Byron Jensen

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 16:2-15

MESSAGE Living Love: Provision Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" 722

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ("God is Here" written by Rev. Fred Pratt Green)

***God is here! As we your people, Meet to offer praise and prayer,
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit, Into open minds and hearts.***

***Here are symbols to remind us, Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit, Here the cross has central place.
Here in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.***

***Here our children find a welcome, In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here the servants of the Servant, Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living, To believe and to adore.***

***Lord of all, of church and kingdom, In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel, Help us work your purpose out.
We who cannot live without you, We adore you! We believe!***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Mediation”

arr. Richard Warner

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundance, receive these gifts with thanks from your people, we pray. May you use these gifts and our lives to help your love and grace flow like rivers in deserts of need. Amen.

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

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

804

*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!

*RECESSIONAL

“Fanfare”

arr. S. Drummond Wolff

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!

9am: Blessing of the Pets Service in Alexander Park, bring your own pet, chair and facemask

10:30 am Hastings College Sunday - Stay-at-home worship 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

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

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-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

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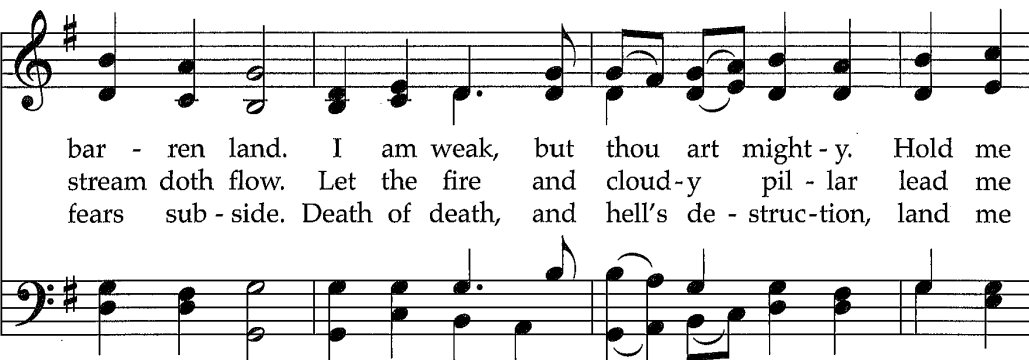
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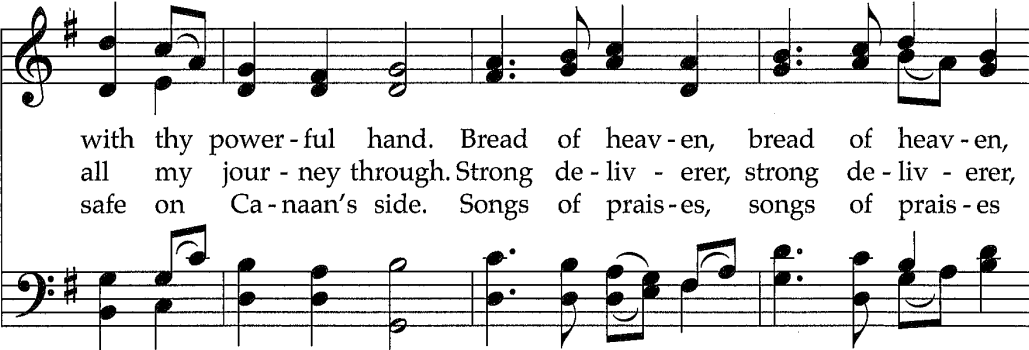
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es




feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

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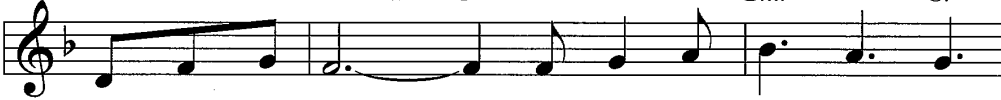
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
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

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joice! Re - joice!

September 20, 2020

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.

Flowers are given in memory of William Jensen, Claudina Jensen, Emory and Emma Holloway from Byron, Deb, Hannah, and Nathan Jensen.

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.

FPC Prayers for

Erika Brooks and family
Irina Erickson's Mom
Jim Harrenstein
Everly Hogan
Jeff Howard

Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)
Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)
Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)

Gretchen Lainson
Carol Medsker
Tommy Thomsen
Family of Irene Lindau
Family of Jim Cooke

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.

In Memory Of

- ♥ Irene Lindau, who passed away 08/24/2020. A private graveside service officiated by Pastor Greg was held 08/28/2020.
- ♥ Rev. Dr. James Cooke, who passed away 09/05/2020. Graveside services were held on 09/11/2020 at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, with Pastor Greg officiating. Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, American Heart Association, or Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity. A memorial service will be held in the spring.

October Communion Offering will go towards the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

This Week at FPC --- September 21 – September 27, 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.

Mon, Sept 21	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center “Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
Tues, Sept 22	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom
Wed, Sept 23	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	6:15p-7:00p	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Memorial Room
	6:45-7:30p	NO Choir Small Ensemble Rehearsal
	7:00p-8:00p	Middle School Youth Group in Middle School Rm
	7:00p-8:00p	High School Youth Group in Sr. High Rm
Thurs, Sept 24	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	5:30p-7:00p	Session via Zoom
Sun, Sept 27	9:00a	Worship in Alexander Park & Blessing of the Pets
	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service - HC Sunday



New Members Class Coming Soon!

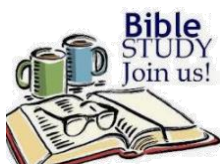
This is a great opportunity for people who are interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church and exploring membership. Please contact the church office or Pastor Greg if you are interested in attending.



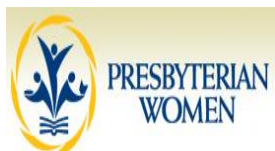
Forum Returns on September 13! Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour known as Forum will begin again at 9:15 on Sunday, September 13th. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's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

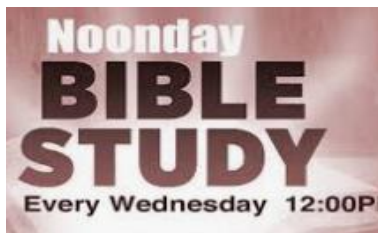
To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up!



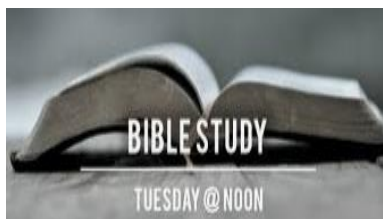
Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, starting soon via ZOOM conferencing. Contact the church office to receive the invitation.



Presbyterian Women PW will NOT meet through the end of 2020. This means there will be NO Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons.



Bible at Breakfast has a new time and name! Join us for Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM starting on Wednesday, September 16 at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. We will be looking at the Book of Revelation using the text "Revelation & the End of All Things" by Craig R. Koester. To join the study, contact sbbrooks52@gmail.com. All are welcome!



Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Pastor Greg

All are welcome to join this weekly study. The focus for the group discussion and study each week is on the verses to be used on Sunday during worship. The group gathers either by ZOOM Conferencing or in person in the Anderson Room. To join by ZOOM, contact the church office.



Update on Sunday School/Youth Group for the fall

Pre K-5th Grades: You will receive a packet of materials in the mail to use as you follow along with video lessons that will be posted weekly on our church website (<https://fpchastings.org/children/>) starting September 13.

6th-8th Grades: We will be hosting in-person 6th-8th Grade Youth Group on Wednesday evenings beginning on **September 16**. We'll plan to meet in the church basement youth room from **7pm-8pm**. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask**, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things. I'm also planning to include a little Presbyterian 101 for the first few weeks.

9th to 12th Grades: We will be hosting in-person 9th-12th Grade Youth Group on Wednesday evenings beginning on **September 16**. We'll plan to meet in the PEACE Center youth room from **7pm-8pm**. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask**, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things.

We will not have Sunday morning Sunday School or current 8th Grade Confirmation Class at this time. That may change in the coming months, but at least for September and October we will do without.

We are hoping this will become a meaningful learning experience for all. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Love to Walk? During the spring through the early fall, we walk in the beautiful Heartwell Park, which provides about a one-mile loop – and second loops are available at no extra charge. The Walkers are your solution for getting those daily steps in from 8:15 to 9:15 Monday through Thursday.



Afterwards, we have fabulous Café Justo and good conversation, but, hey, that's the bonus option.

The First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center gym is a great place to walk during the winter months. (Group size limited to 15).

Interested? Call or text Denny Storer at 402 460 8804 for more information on how to join the group and gain access to the PEACE Center on days the weather does not cooperate to walk outside.



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 free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

October 17, 2020		
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
M, N, O	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.



HASTINGS CROP HUNGER WALK

- 2pm Sunday, October 11, 2020. Heartwell Park
- Start and end at N. California Ave. in the park
- 25% raised goes to Hastings Middle School Food Pantry

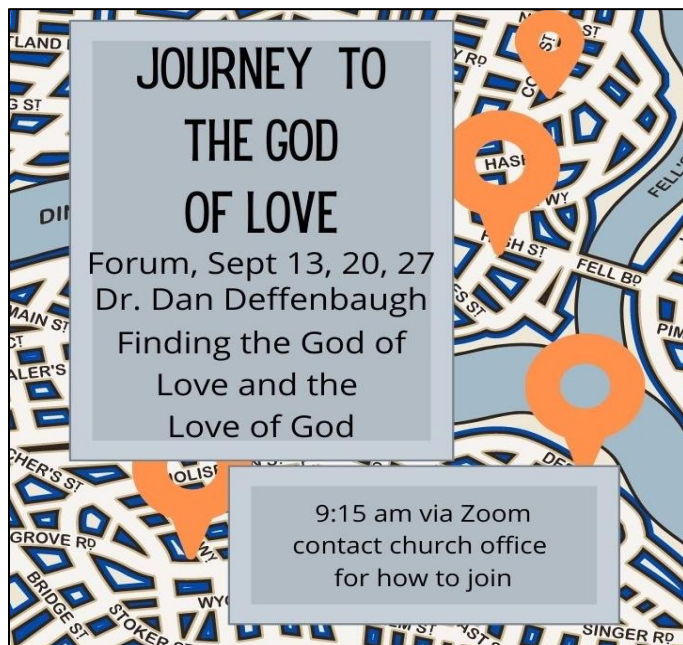
Our CROP walk is virtual, but the need could not be more real. We will walk this year, but to keep everyone safe and healthy, we will walk either alone, with immediate family or in small groups walking a safe distance apart at Heartwell Park. Look for our registration table in the park by N. California Ave.

Join Our First Presbyterian Church team - virtually - as we continue our shared commitment to stand up for the poor, the forgotten, those left behind. Access crophungerwalk.org/hastings to donate online or make a check to CWS/CROP and send or drop it by the church office or drop box. Even though we might not walk, we can “Walk in Spirit” and still support our Church World Service programs here and throughout the world.

Our church is moving to a new kind of church record keeping solution called REALM.



It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. *Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers.* Watch for more information coming soon!



**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

Invites



(and owners!)

to a *Blessing of the Pets Service*

and Worship in the Park

Alexander Park, 9:00 a.m.,

Sunday, September 20, 2020

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat distribution to be held October 17th in conjunction with United Harvest

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women, and Children.

(Adult XL and XXL are in high need.)



Donations accepted now
through October 14th.

Please bring your gently used coats to
Sunday Worship in the Park or
to the church office during the week.

"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



HastingsCollege Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

"Stay at Home" Worship

Sunday, September 20, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Featuring music by The Hastings College Choir

Dr. Rich Lloyd, the new Executive President of Hastings College,
will be introduced and serve as liturgist.

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