



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Hastings College Sunday
September 27, 2020

PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" 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

INTROIT "Lead on, O King Eternal"
Hastings College Choirs, Directed by Dillon Beede

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 78) Dr. Rich Lloyd
Give ear, O my people, to God's teaching; incline your ears to God's words!
God teaches us through parables, hymns, psalms, and God's holy Word.
God teaches us through this wisdom of those around us, our elders and our ancestors,
our youth and our children, our mentors and our friends.
This morning we dare to learn about God: God's mighty works, God's love, and who God is calling us to be.
This morning we dare to learn about compassion and humility; we seek to have the same mind in us that was in Christ.
Come let us worship God who loves us and teaches us and who inspires us to love and teach others!

*HYMN "Live Into Hope" 772
Ciara Figgins, Timothy Ellis, HC Students; Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION Damen Jensen-Heitmann

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question.
We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no.
When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things, gently call us back to you.
Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust.
As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love.**

SILENT CONFESSION
Questions for contemplation: How has God called me to humility and compassion?
When have I failed to live up to that call?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding.

Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out.

The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away.

May we hear and believe these words of forgiveness once more:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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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 & MINUTE FOR MISSION

REFLECTION ON HASTINGS COLLEGE

Dr. Rich Lloyd

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Teach us, O Lord, through these scriptures. Remind us again of your everlasting power. May we learn your story and our place within it.

May your Word inspire us to claim your promise and share your love.

We are listening, Lord; speak to us today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 25:1-9

ANTHEM

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Hastings College Choirs, Directed by Dillon Beede

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Philippians 2:1-13

MESSAGE

“Living Love: Compassion and Humility”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

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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, always looking to the needs of others. We are invited to overflow with grace, to share mercy with others, and to live lives of empathy and joy. God provides for us all that 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 intricately bound up with one another. May we believe and live accordingly.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hastings College Choirs, Directed by Dillon Beede

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***God of abundance, you fill us with good things; you satisfy our thirst; you meet our every need. From your rock, our blessings flow.
Accept what we give in return: our hearts, our hands, our gifts, our love.
Use them to answer the cries of a world in need. 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

"O for a World"

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSES

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!

"Sevenfold Amen"

Sir John Stainer

Hastings College Choirs, Directed by Dillon Beede

*POSTLUDE

"Finale"

Telemann/arr. Wolff

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

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

9am: Worship in the Park in Alexander Park, bring your own chair and facemask

10:30 am World Communion 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

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

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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.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

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
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O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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September 27, 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 by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

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.

FPC Prayers for

Erica Brooks and family	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Gretchen Lainson
Irina Erickson's Mom	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Carol Medsker
Jim Harrenstein	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Everly Hogan	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Family of Irene Lindau
Jeff Howard	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	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.



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.

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 28 – October 4, 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 28	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers at the PEACE Center “Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
Tues, Sept 29	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers at the PEACE Center
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
Wed, Sept 30	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers at the PEACE Center
	12:00 1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:15p-7:00p	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Memorial Room
	6:45p-7:30p	Choir Small Ensemble Rehearsal
	7:00p-8:00p	Middle School Youth Group in Basement Youth Rm
	7:00p-8:00p	High School Youth Group in PEACE Center
Thurs, Oct 1	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers at the PEACE Center
Sat, Oct 3	9:00a-1:30p	New Member Class at Prairie Loft
Sun, Oct 4	9:15a-10:15a	Adult Ed Forum via Zoom Conferencing
	9:15a-10:15a	19/20 Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall
	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service



New Members Class October 3, 9:00am to 1:30pm, at Prairie Loft! 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.



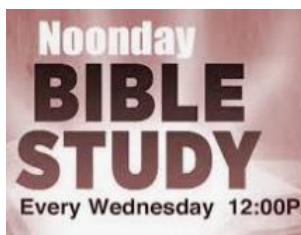
Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour known as Forum meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session at any time. To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up!



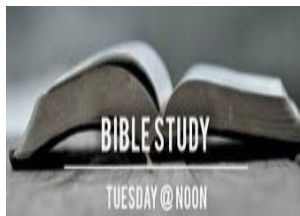
Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, is starting soon via ZOOM conferencing. Contact the church office to receive the invitation.



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 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. 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. A little Presbyterian 101 will be included for the first few weeks.

9th to 12th Grades: We will be hosting in-person 9th-12th Grade Youth Group on Wednesday evenings beginning. 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.

There will be no 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 **Friday, October 30, 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.



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!

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

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Church and Anti-Racism

How First
Pres and
others joined
in the work
for justice



Forum: Sunday, October 4,
9:15 AM via Zoom