

Loving & Sharing for such a time as this

2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

October 18, 2020

PRELUDE

“Meditation”

Gilbert M. Martin

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION *What image of God do you hold dear?*

INTROIT

“Diademata”

arr. Samuel Metzger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kili Wenburg

As the morning sun rises, so too does the call of God.

May the call to love our neighbor fall fresh upon our ears.

As the church bell chimes, so too do the people of God.

In joy and thanksgiving, let us lift our hearts to God.

As the first few cords whistle through the organ, so too does the holy trinity.

May our lives reflect that glorious harmony.

We gather as a people who bear the very imprint of God.

Let us join together in worship and praise.

*OPENING HYMN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We adorn ourselves with so many images and so many slogans. We bear, willingly and joyfully, the images of companies and teams. We festoon our houses with the likenesses of political parties and cartoon heroes. We wander around thinking we'd like to play like so-and-so, sing like what's-her-name, and vacation like the family next door (or maybe the neighborhood over). We take all of these images and drape them upon ourselves, thinking they will provide us with value, with worth, with some sort of identity. And in so doing, we often forget that we already bear your image. We are already your children. Forgive us when we forget such a thing. Have mercy for the moments we have masked your image in our lives and hidden it from others. Help us, O God, to willingly and joyfully bear your image to the world.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

What image have you been bearing this week?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise be to God, whose mercy knows no end.

Praise be to God, who lived among us and calls us God's own.

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

Amen. And again, amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory Be to the Father"

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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

Let us, O God, not only hear the truth of your word. Let us embrace it. Let us cherish it. Let us allow it to flow through our very selves. And in its course, let it alter our thoughts, change our words, and reform our lives. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 1:26-27

ANTHEM "Come, Christians Join to Sing" ("Madrid") *arr. Lloyd Larson*
Chancel Bells; Byron Jensen, director

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 22:15-22

MESSAGE "The Unbearable Likeness of God" or "Who's Dime Is It, Anyway?"
Damen Jensen-Heitmann

*HYMN "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" 716

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence, he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "A Celtic Ring" (incorporating "Holy Manna") *arr. Susan E. Geschke*
Chancel Bells; Byron Jensen, director

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Into your service, O God, we pledge our very selves. May our hearts bear your mercy. May our thoughts display your love. May our whole lives reflect your image. 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**

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

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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**

"Voluntary"

Charles Zeuner

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 worship

Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on KICS 1550 AM

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

11:30 am In-Person Worship in the Park in Alexander Park (bring your own chair and facemask)

***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

Accompanist: Mary Plock

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

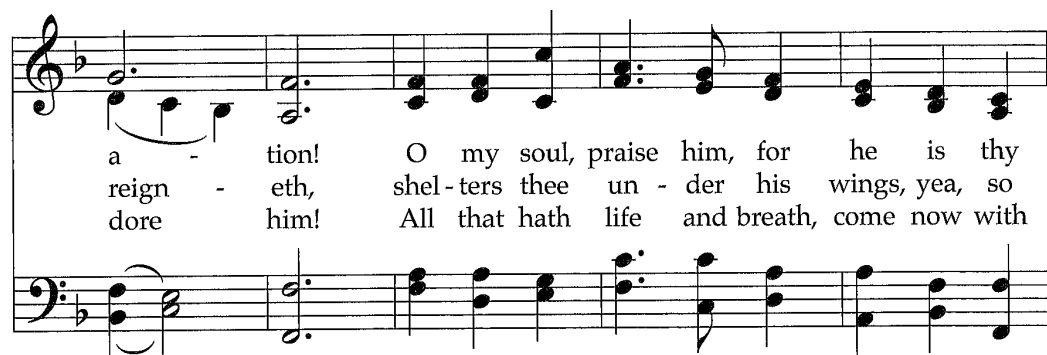
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacev


35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



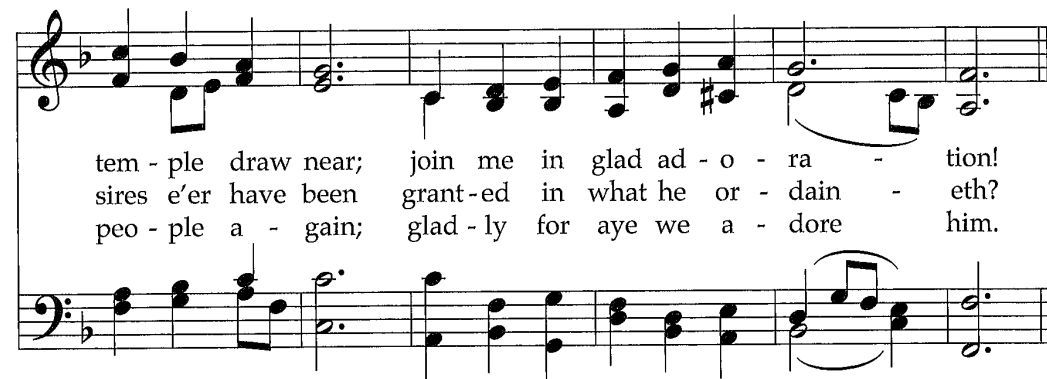
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel-ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

Glory Be to the Father

581

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The score consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, the third system covers the third line, and the fourth system covers the final line and ends with a double bar line. The bass staff in the final system has a large '8' written below it, likely indicating a page or measure number.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the


Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm




end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C




cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
 Text © 1961, ren. 1989 *The Hymn Society* (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
 Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING
 8.7.8.7.D

606 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

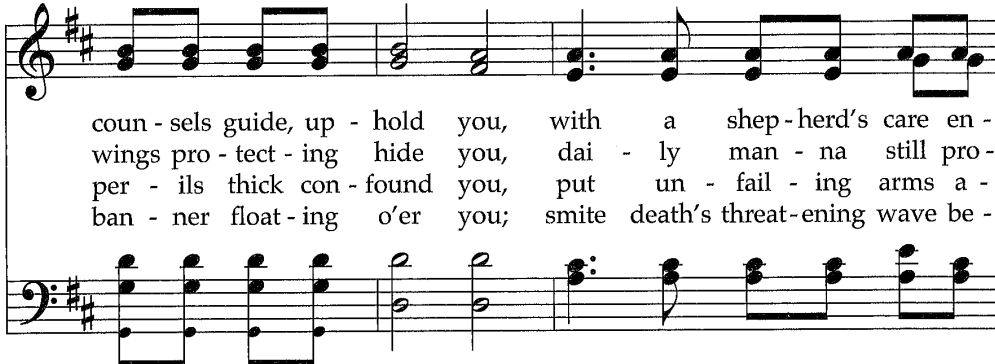
OLD HUNDREDTH
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SENDING

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
vide you:
round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU
9.8.8.9
(alternate tune: RANDOLPH, 541)

October 18, 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 Ruth and Hayes M. Fuhr by friends.

Today's 10:30 "Stay at Home" Worship 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) | Barry Thomson |
| Irina Erickson and family | Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents) | Gretchen Lainson |
| Jim Harrenstein | Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom) | Carol Medsker |
| Everly Hogan | Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom) | Tommy Thomsen |
| Jeff Howard | Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son) | Darlene Payne and family |
| Vern Kooy | Cindy Pickett | Family of Jim Cooke |
| Pastor Greg and family | | Craig and JoAnn Williams |

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

- ♥ Rev. Dr. James Cooke, who passed away 09/05/2020. 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.
- ♥ Shirley M. Lee, who passed away 09/17/2020, and is the sister of Darlene Payne.
- ♥ Irina Belikova-Erickson's mother, who lost her battle with cancer on 10/01/2020.
- ♥ Dean Pickett, who passed away 10/13/20. Dean is Pastor Greg's father. Memorial gifts in his honor may be given to one of three causes he was very passionate about:
The American Cancer Society: <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html>
The Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering: <http://bit.ly/PresbyPeace>
Best Friends Animal Society: <https://bestfriends.org/>

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



Thinking of You Notes With COVID-19 on the rise, a number of our retirement communities have closed to visitors again, which can lead to a sense of isolation. We want our members who live in these homes to know that they have a church family that loves them and is thinking about them. One way to do that safely is to send them cards. If you have a few moments, you can drop a card or note into the mail to help them feel connected and remembered. Please contact the church office for names and addresses. Even if you don't know them personally, a card or note can provide a real pick-me-up. Please join us in this important work.

This Week at FPC --- October 19 – October 25, 2020

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

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| Mon, Oct 19 | 8:30a-9:30a 7:00p-8:00p | Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center Troop 200 Scouts in FPC Scout Room “Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen |
| Tues, Oct 20 | 8:30a-9:30a 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 6:00p-7:00p 6:45p-7:45p | Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center Staff Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing/Anderson Trustees via ZOOM Conferencing/Anderson Deacons via ZOOM/Fellowship Hall |
| Wed, Oct 21 | 8:30a-9:30a 12:00 1:00p 6:15p-7:00p 6:45p-7:30p (Fall Break) (Fall Break) | Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Memorial Room Choir Small Ensemble Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall NO-Middle School Youth Group in Youth Rm NO-High School Youth Group in PEACE Center |
| Thurs, Oct 22 | 8:30a-9:30a 5:30p-6:30p 6:00p-7:00p 7:00p-8:00p | Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center Session via ZOOM/Anderson Mexican Dance Troupe in NE Room/PEACE Center Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall |
| Fri, Oct 23 | 7:00p-8:00p | Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center |
| Sun, Oct 25 | 9:15a-10:15a 9:15a-10:15a 10:30a 11:30a | Adult Ed Forum via ZOOM Conferencing 19/20 Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall “Stay at Home” Worship Service Worship in Alexander Park (NEW TIME) |



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.

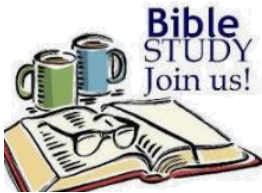


Presbyterian Women PW will NOT meet through the end of 2020. This means there will be NO Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons until further notice. Members will receive monthly packets.

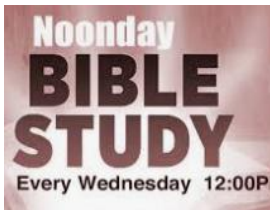
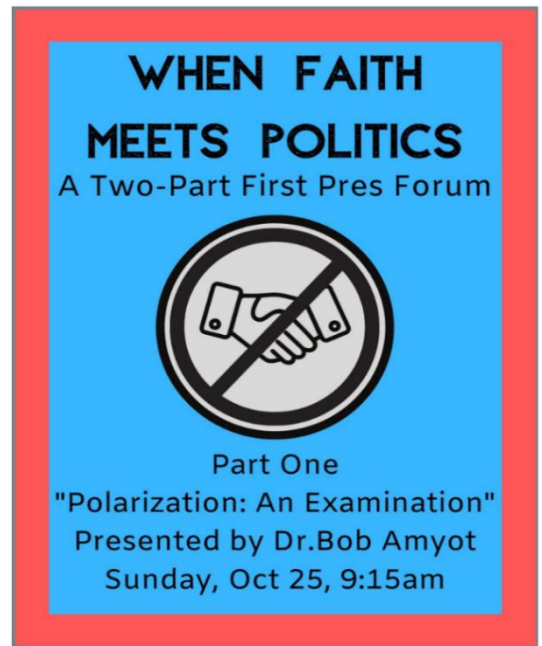


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour known as Forum meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and

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!

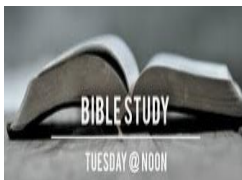


Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, is starting soon via ZOOM conferencing. Contact the church office to receive the invitation.



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: Families should have received a packet of materials in the mail to use as you follow along with video lessons to be posted weekly on our church website <https://fpchastings.org/children/>

6th-8th Grades Youth Group is meeting in-person on Wednesday evenings 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.

9th to 12th Grades Youth group is meeting in-person on Wednesday evenings 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.

There will be no Sunday morning Sunday School or current 8th Grade Confirmation Class at this time. 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. The Walkers are your solution for getting those daily steps in from **8:30a-9:30a** 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.



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.

| November 21, 2020 | | |
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| S, T, U | May park and get number starting | 9:45 AM |
| V, W, X, Y, Z | May park and get number starting | 10:00 AM |
| A, B | May park and get number starting | 10:15 AM |
| C, D, E | May park and get number starting | 10:30 AM |
| F, G, H | May park and get number starting | 10:45 AM |
| I, J, K, L | May park and get number starting | 11:00 AM |
| M, N, O | May park and get number starting | 11:15 AM |
| P, Q, R | May park and get number starting | 11:30 AM |

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.



****FRAUDULENT EMAIL ALERT SCAM AGAIN!****

Someone has created a fake email address and is posing as Pastor Greg. Please do NOT reply to this email. If you get an email that looks like it is from Pastor Greg, make sure you look at the email address itself. You can see this one was sent from:

greg.fpchastiings@gmail.com That's not Pastor Greg's email address.

We have alerted Gmail and law enforcement about this scam.



Want some help wrapping your Christmas gifts? Want to support the United Harvest ministry? Here's a way to accomplish both at the same time!!


- Judy Hoch will gladly and beautifully wrap your Christmas gifts in exchange for a free will donation to United Harvest.
- Simply call Judy at 402-460-0832 to set up a drop off day/time (MUST BE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 10!).
- Deliver your gifts to Judy with TO/FROM sticky notes on each. She will provide the box, wrapping, and beautiful bows. You then pick them up and write a (tax-deductible) check to United Harvest. No set fee per box; all free-will proceeds will support the great work of United Harvest!



Go & Serve Cinnamon Roll Sales

The greatest of all seasons is nearly here: chili season, so make sure you've some cinnamon rolls to go with it!

Luckily, Go & Serve has you covered, as we once again be embarking on our cinnamon roll fundraiser. Let your hearts and taste buds rejoice! To place an order, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. All of the cinnamon rolls **will be frozen** so you can bake them easily at home for your enjoyment! We'll be doing two pick-up Sundays. Please indicate on the form when you'd like to pick-up your rolls. To have your rolls by **Nov. 22**, turn in the form by **Nov. 14**. To have your rolls by **Dec 13**, turn the form by **Dec. 5**. The cost of the rolls is \$12 per pan (please pay at pick-up) and come 6 rolls to a pan. Included is a bag of frosting. With your support, Go & Serve continues to play a vital role in the faith formation of our senior high students. Thank you for all you do on behalf of our youth!

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|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  GO & SERVE CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER | Phone #: | |
| | Name: | |
| Email: | | |
| Pick-Up Date (circle one): | Nov. 22 must turn in form by Nov. 14 | Dec. 13 must turn in form by Dec. 5 |
| Number of Pans: (\$12 a pan, 6 frozen rolls a pan. Please pay at pick-up) | | |
| Thank you for your support of Go & Serve! | | |

*Loving & Sharing
for such a time as this*

2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

You should have received a letter in the mail describing our annual stewardship campaign. Included in the letter is a pledge card and a “Time and Talent” sheet. You should also have received an email follow-up for those of you who receive emails from the church.

I hope you can sit down with your family over the next few weeks and prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the work of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings in 2021.

We ask that you return the pledge cards and the Time and Talent sheets to the church by Sunday, October 25. That will be the last Sunday of our stewardship campaign, and we will say a prayer of blessing over the pledges as we prepare the budget for 2021.

It is vitally important that we do receive your pledge cards so that we can build our church’s budget for the coming year.

Thank you for your steadfast support of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. May the stewardship campaign this year give you a chance to reflect on all the ways that God has been at work through the church over the last year, and may our pledges be a symbol of faith and hope that God is still at work in our church, even in these challenging times.