

# November 1, 2020 First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

**PRELUDE** 

"For All the Saints" Vaughan Williams/arr. Hopson, Cassler Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

We will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in our mouths!

Come, let us magnify the LORD! Let us exalt his name together!

When we seek the LORD, the LORD answers us, and God delivers us from all our fears.

O taste and see that the LORD is good: happy are those who take refuge

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; all who take refuge in him will be saved! Come, let us worship the LORD who is always with us, who answers us, delivers us, and redeems us and promises us steadfast presence and salvation! Come, let us worship God!

\*HYMN

"Blessed Assurance" Erika Nielson, Song Leader

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lead us home, O God, when we wander lost in wildernesses of our own making. Like errant children, we stray from the safety of our heavenly parent. We hear your voice calling but go our own way. We remember your teachings but instead follow the foolish desires and whims of our hearts. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us home. Like the good shepherd you are, lead us home.

# QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

When have I strayed from the paths that God wants me on? How can I follow the voice of my good shepherd?

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is our deliverance!

# God is our redeemer and our guide!

God's love sustains and empowers us on life's journey. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

# Praise be to God, who guides us like a good shepherd! 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

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Compassionate God, through these scriptures that we read today, remind us that we are loved by you, and we are called to love one another. Teach us again that you have prepared a home for us in your kingdom and that we are also called to proclaim and build that kingdom here and now. May your word inspire us to love this day and every day. Amen.

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Revelation 7:9-17

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

"Living between the 'Now' and the 'Not Yet'" Greg Allen-Pickett

## RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

The names of our church members who have died in the past year will be read and a bell will be rung. Family members who are present will come down and light a candle in their honor. Pastor Damen will light a candle for those who do not have a family member present.

\*HYMN

"For All the Saints"

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### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERING** 

**OFFERTORY** 

"Litany for All Saints"

Franz Schubert/arr. Herbek

\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you call us to love you and love one another. May these offerings be a tangible example of that love. May these offerings help us and this church to share your love to the world. Amen.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### 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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to love you and love one another for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*HYMN

"Blest are They"

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During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Crossroads Shelter in Hastings.

# \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

#### \*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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

arr. Evert Amos

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** <u>www.facebook.com/fpchastings</u> and on KICS 1550 AM (*Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.*)



# IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL FRIENDS & FAMILY DEPARTED IN DEATH

NOVEMBER 1, 2019 TO OCTOBER 31, 2020

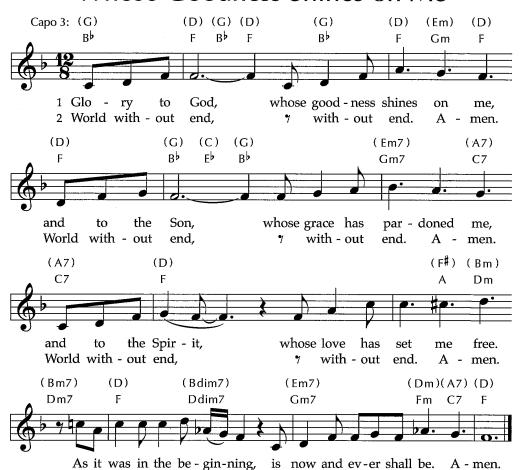
- November 14, 2019 Franklin D. Reis June 4, 1938 Darrel W. Lloyd **December 14, 1933** - November 28, 2019 Zelma A. Fobben February 23, 1928 - December 24, 2019 Virginia M. Malouf - December 28, 2019 November 3, 1919 Richard J. Viglicky **September 21, 1923** - January 10, 2020 October 14, 1954 Tracy N. Pettit - January 15, 2020 Celia A. Ganow August 22, 1937 - February 28, 2020 **Margaret O. Koontz** December 27, 1921 March 1, 2020 Judy N. Brown November 20, 1939 - April 18, 2020 Georga J. Ochsner September 7, 1934 - April 17, 2020 Ben F. Ore - April 2102020 October 11, 1935 **Mary Jane Horton** May 24, 1946 - May 22, 2020 Thomas C. Johnson **April 6, 1955** - August 13, 2020 Irene Lindau March 21, 1925 - August 24, 2020 **December 28, 1931** - September 5, 2020 James P. Cooke Vernon E. Kooy May 8, 1943 - October 23, 2020

# 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



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# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



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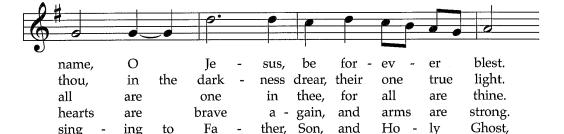
# For All the Saints



- all who from their la - bors who 1 For the saints rest,
- their for-tress, and their might; 2 Thou wast their rock,
- blest com mu nion, fel low-ship di vine!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
- 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through



faith the world con-fessed, thy thee by be fore Lord, their well-fought fight; cap - tain in the thou, glo - ry We fee - bly strug - gle; they in shine; yet dis - tant tri - umph song, and the ear the steals the count - less gates of pearl streams in





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The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

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# 606

# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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

\*Or "God"

OLD HUNDREDTH



This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

# **November 1, 2020**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Herb & Alice Braum and Rev. Kenneth & Alice Locke by Ginny & Will Locke.

**Flowers** are given in memory of Herb & Alice Braum and Rev. Kenneth & Alice Locke by Ginny & Will Locke.

# 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	Barry Thomson
Family of Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Carol Medsker
Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Tommy Thomsen
Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Darlene Payne and family
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Family of Vern Kooy
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Jim Cooke
Cindy Pickett	Craig and JoAnn Williams
_	Family of 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)

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: <a href="https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html">https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html</a> The Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering: <a href="http://bit.ly/PresbyPeace">http://bit.ly/PresbyPeace</a> Best Friends Animal Society: <a href="https://bestfriends.org/">https://bestfriends.org/</a>
- ♥ Vern Kooy, who passed away 10/23/2020. Memorials may be given in his name to the American Civil Liberties Union, <a href="www.aclu-il.org">www.aclu-il.org</a>, or First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.
- ▼ Kristine Cook, who passed away 10/28/2020 in Tennessee. Kristine is Katharine Davis' sister. There will be no services at this time.

# November Communion Offering will go to Crossroads.

**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 --- November 2 - November 8, 2020

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines 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, Nov 2	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center	
Mon, Nov 2	7:00p-8:00p	Troop 200 Scouts in FPC Scout Room	
	7.00p-8.00p	"Monday Check-in" Communication	
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Tues, Nov 3	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center	
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing	
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing/Anderson	
	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Board in NW Classrm./PEACE Center	
	5:30p-6:30p	<b>WAM</b> via ZOOM/Fellowship Hall	
Wed, Nov 4	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center	
, <u>-</u>	12:00 1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing	
	_	NO-Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Memorial Room	
		NO-Choir Small Ensemble Rehearsal in Fellowship	
	7:00p-8:00p	Middle School Youth Group in Youth Rm	
	7:00p-8:00p	High School Youth Group in PEACE Center	
Thurs, Nov 5	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center	
	6:00p-7:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in NE Room/PEACE Center	
	7:00p-8:00p	<b>Cub Scouts</b> in Fellowship Hall	
Fri, Nov 6	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center	
Sun, Nov 8	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	



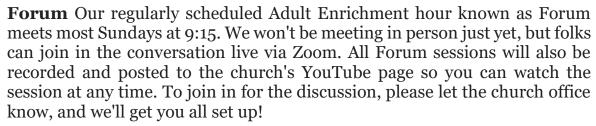
**The next Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Monday, January 4, 2021** from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at 402-469-9285 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



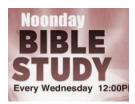
**Presbyterian Women** PW will NOT meet through the end of 2020. This means there will be NO Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons until further notice. Members will receive monthly packets.



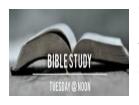




**Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School,** with Curtis Reimer leading, has begun meeting via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. They are studying an Adam Hamilton book entitled *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White* that reflects on religion, morality, and politics. If you would like to join this study, please email or call the church office to get the Zoom link.



**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 <a href="mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com">sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>. 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-5<sup>th</sup> 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/

<u>6th-8th Grades</u> 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.

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 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, from **8:30a-9:30a** Monday through Thursday. Afterwards, we have fabulous Café Justo and good conversation. 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.



Those interested in volunteering at United Harvest can either register on Facebook or show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer

First Presbyterian Church	available to a different maps. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.	distribution and check in at the volunteer
sign-in ta	able. Volunt	eer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

	November 21, 2020	
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



The Hands Around the World Store has ordered more coffee. Stop by the church office to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag.

PLUS, the store will be OPEN on Sunday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Dec 6 from 1:00 – 2:00p. We will follow COVID rules of no more than 15 people at a time and masks required.



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!!

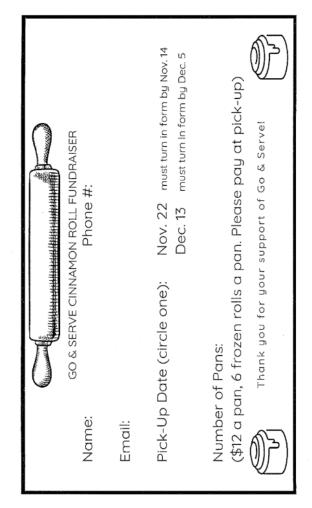
- Judy Hoch will gladly and beautifully wrap your Christmas gifts in exchange for a free will donation to United Harvest.
- Simply call Judy at 402-460-0832 to set up a drop off day/time (I will take them anytime up to December 10th!).
- Deliver your gifts to Judy with TO/FROM sticky notes on each. She 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. place an order, please complete the form and return it to the church office. The cinnamon rolls **will be frozen** so you can bake them easily at home! 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!

# 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 Bells Choir Director: Im 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

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacev

# Lowing 4 Sharing for such a time as this

# 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

We officially concluded our Stewardship Campaign last week; however, we are still taking the pledge cards and "Time and Talent" sheets. If you need a new copy of either of these, please reach out to the church and we can send you an electronic copy.

We are in the process of creating our church budget for 2021, and it is vital that we receive the pledge cards so we know how to build a faithful budget.

For those of you who have already sent in your pledge cards, THANK YOU! If you haven't done so already, I hope you can sit down with your family today and prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the work of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings in 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. We hope that the stewardship campaign this year gave you a chance to reflect on all the ways that God has been at work through the church over the last year. May our pledges be a symbol of faith and hope that God is still at work in our church, even in these challenging times.