

Fifth Sunday Of Easter Confirmation Sunday May 2, 2021

PRELUDE

"To God Be the Glory" Linda Vollweiler, organ

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT "Sing to the Lord a Joyful Song" Hal H. Hopson Calvin and Westminster Choir, directed by Linda Johnson (Pre-recorded 10/21/18)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather this morning; we shall study the Word. **Together we shall read, hear, and seek to understand.** Come, let us join in prayer; we shall break the bread.

Together we shall pray and eat and be satisfied.

Come, let us welcome new members in our family of faith; we shall praise our God. **Together we shall celebrate and be united. Come, let us worship God together!**

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Susan Medsker, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, and responding to people's needs. We can dance with joy on Easter Sunday, but the days and weeks that follow cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, and voices for sharing your love and praising you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. Our call is to love and forgive our friends and to seek Christ's love and forgiveness.

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

*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

CHORAL ANTHEM "Sing to the Lord a New Song" Sonja Poorman Calvin and Westminster Choir, directed by Linda Johnson (Pre-recorded 10/21/18)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 John 4:7-21

SERMON Greg Allen-Pickett A brief reflection on the 1 John passage followed by the Confirmands' Statements of Faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on 1 John 4, written by Greg Allen-Pickett)

I believe in God the creator, who created the whole world and each one of us out of love because God is love. Even though I have never seen God, I have felt God's loving presence in my life.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God revealed to us. I believe that Jesus was sent into the world so that we might learn from his example of love and so that we might live through his ultimate act of self-sacrificial love.

I believe in the Spirit of God who abides in us. Every time I share an act of love in the world, or an act of love is shared with me, that is evidence of the Spirit of God abiding with us because when we love one another, God's Spirit lives in us.

I believe that the church exists to enact God's love in the world. Through the work of the church, we confess that Jesus is the Son of God, we acknowledge that all are beloved children of God, and we seek to perfect God's love in us and the world.

I believe that I am called to live my faith boldly and unafraid because love casts out fear. I believe that because God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another as an outward and visible manifestation of our faith. Amen.

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY "O Jesus I Have Promised" Arthur H. Mann/arr. John Innes

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God: We offer you our tithes and gifts, and we offer you our lives. We thank you for these confirmands and the commitment that they are about to make to your church. Accept these gifts and our lives for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world. Amen.

CONFIRMATION



Keira Anastasya Erickson

Confirmation Mentor: Deb Jensen Parents: Brett & Irina Erickson Baptism Date: 6/12/08

Addyson Elizabeth Hermes

Confirmation Mentor: Lindsey Stout Parents: William & Amy Hermes Baptism Date: 10/29/06

Laura Kathleen Oliver

Confirmation Mentor: Kathy Reimer Parents: William & Susan Oliver Baptism Date: 4/15/07

Kinnick John Pumroy

Confirmation Mentor: Matt Fong Parents: BJ & Kaela Pumroy Baptism Date: 5/6/07

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Stephanie Brader, Greg Allen-Pickett, Damen Jensen-Heitmann Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Confirmands: I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **Confirmands: I will, with God's help.**

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Confirmands: I will, with God's help.

Congregation, you have been witnesses to these youths' lives in this congregation. Will you support them by reaffirming your commitment as faithful members of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? **Congregation: We will, with God's help!**

Madalynn Laura Redline

Confirmation Mentor: Tarah Davis Parents: Tim & Hilarie Redline Baptism Date: 4/15/07

Moses Rhodes

Confirmation Mentor: Brian Johnson Parents: Brady Rhodes & Susan Meeske Baptism Date: 3/25/2007

Seth Arthur Schwarz

Confirmation Mentor: Richard Johnson Parents: Chris & Kristen Schwarz Baptism Date: 8/19/06

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER WITH THE CONFIRMANDS

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these confirmands have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

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(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit **Open Table**. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

*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 "Grazioso" Georg Philip Telemann/arr. S. Drummond Wolff Linda Vollweiler, Organ (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 IN THE COMING WEEKS & **INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!**

May 9 - Baptism of Julia Margaret Klaassen May 16 - Christian Education Volunteer Recognition Sunday May 23 – Pentecost Sunday May 30 - Worship in the Park with First United Methodist Church

10:30 a.m. In-Person and Stay-at-Home worship **In-Person:** No RSVP for the month of May, just come and join us!

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.) The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM.



We will explore the good news that Christ is risen--not just from the grave 2000 years ago, but in every aspect of our lives and world. How do we recognize the presence of the living Christ and embrace a sense of awe and gratitude, even in the mundane and ordinary moments of our lives?

Join us on this journey every Sunday in April and May at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

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 Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny 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 Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacev



compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it. TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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BAPTISM 488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry D G G 1 "I was there to hear your cry; I'll be there when born - ing 2 "When you heard the won - der the Word, I was there of to 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no G D Em7 G 7. old. I re - joiced the day you you are were bap-tized to You were raised to praise the cheer you on. liv - ing Lord to lon - ger young, I'11 be there to guide you through the night, com-С D7 G Em C see your life un - fold. Ι was there when you were but whom you now be - long. If you find some-one to share your plete what I've When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es be - gun. G Am D G С 0 with a faith child to suit you well; blaze in а of time and you join your hearts I'll be there as one, to in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as Bm7 Em A7 D light you wan - dered off find where de - mons to dwell." make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun." Ι have al - ways been with just one more sur prise." G D G D G 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old. G Em7 G С D7 G I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

<u>May 2, 2021</u>

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service, simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM, and is given in memory of Edna Perry and Shirley Johnston by the family.

Flowers are given in memory of Mabel C. and Frank E. Weyer by family.

Ushers

May Team #3: Dave Fisher-Captain, Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

Greeters

May 2: Curtis & Kathy Reimer, Barb Harrington May 9: Jan Bolliger, Paul & Lynette Krieger

Unstaffed Nursery is available if needed. The television has a live feed to the Sanctuary so you can still watch the service.

Today's 10:30 "In-Person" Worship Service will be broadcast

- > live on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/fpchastings</u> (You don't need an account.)
- > on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. simulcast on KICS 1550AM and 92.7FM
- > 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 In-Person and 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 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: <u>https://fpchastings.org/give-online/</u>

The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

Gayle Fandry	FPC Prayers for	Lanae Hall's mother		
Lois Hafer	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)	Karen Doerr and family		
Cindy Pickett	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Rachael Lay		
Jeff Howard	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's mom)	Pam & Don Canady		
Gretchen Lainson	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen		
Rich Portwood	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Frank & Carol Medsker		
	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond	The Tut Ruei family		
	Family of Dorothy VanBuskirk	Family of Norris Swan		
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

- Norris Swan, who passed away 04/12/2021. Services were held at FPC Hastings, April 16, 2021, with Pastor Greg presiding.
- ♥ Dorothy VanBuskirk, who passed 04/17/2021. Services were held at FPC Hastings, April 21, 2021, with Pastor Greg presiding. Dorothy was Justin Osborne's grandmother.

**Rev. Will Ratcliff, the pastor at First Presbyterian Church of North Platte,

has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Though his prognosis is hopeful, he has a lengthy journey in front of him. As of May 1, Will's only income will be his disability coverage. Will, his wife, Bonnie, and their 8-month-old son, Thomas, have additional expenses related to Will's treatments, including frequent trips to Omaha and overnight stays.

Our church has been invited to help support Will and his family. Here are the ways we can do that:

1. Pray for them

2. Send cards of encouragement to **Rev. Will & Bonnie Ratcliff, 2601 Ann** Avenue, North Platte, NE 69101

3. If you would like to include a gift card when you send cards of encouragement, that would be welcomed. Walmart, Amazon, and gas gift cards are most appreciated.

4. First Presbyterian Church of Hastings did a special offering during our worship service on 4/25/21. Whatever funds are collected will be matched by funds from our 2020 church budget surplus to double the impact.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Rev. Will Ratcliff and his family.



It's a surprise!!! Surprise party and card shower for Pastor Ron Holmes, who will be retiring after 33 years serving Presbyterian Churches in Hastings, Denver and Waco, TX. He was our beloved Pastor at FPC Hastings from 1988-1993. His last day in the pulpit will be 5/16/2021.

Ron's wife, Kim, and their three children, Megan, Lindsay and Jay, and families are having a SURPRISE party for him and would love to shower him with cards and memories from his previous churches. Let's make his day! *Cards may be sent to*: Ron Holmes, C/O Lindsay Holmes, 10305 Nelson Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126



Notes for your Information:

The 2021 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Office; stop in and pick one up!
 The 2021 April/May/June These Days Devotions have arrived, both large print and regular print.



The *May Communion Offering will go to Open Table*. The Open Table Sack Lunch project, created in 2004, is supported by donations. Lunches are given weekdays, at Catholic Social Services. No question asked.



The Hands Around the World Store has ordered more Café Justo coffee. Stop by the church office during the week to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag. The store is open every Sunday morning for 30 min. at 10:00 & 11:30.



The <u>next</u> **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **May 25**, **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 <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u>.

This Week at FPC --- May 2, 2021– May 9, 2021

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must use the following guidelines for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 20 or fewer in attendance, 2.) No time limit, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6-ft. seating. All boards and committees 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).

TODAY 5/2	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN		
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service		
	11:30a-Noon	Hands Around the World Store OPEN		
Mon, May 3		"Monday Check-in" Communication		
		from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen		
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym		
	5:30p-6:30P	Foundation Board Anderson		
	7:00p-8:00p	Troop 200 Scouts in Scout Room		
Tues, May 4	10:30a-11:30a			
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom/Anderson		
	5:30p-6:30p	WAM via Zoom/Fellowship Hall		
	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Board PEACE Center NW room		
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Fellowship Hall		
Wed, May 5	10:00a-11:00a	0 1		
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom		
	5:30p-7:30p	Children & Youth Sunday School & WNL		
		Year-End Picnic at Lib's Park		
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers Basement Room		
Thurs, May 6	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed (Youth) via Zoom/Fellowship Hall		
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class NE Classroom/PEACE Center		
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall		
	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center		
Sun, May 9	9:15a-10:15a	Adult Ed Heirs Apparent Zoom/Anderson		
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN		
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service		
	11:30a-Noon	Hands Around the World Store OPEN		



Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.

PW collects a Mother's Day Offering every year to help women in need. This year we are collecting for The Bridge here in Hastings. The Bridge, Inc., is a therapeutic community for women who are recovering from alcohol and drug addiction and has implemented an educational model for living skills appropriate to recovering women.

Our Mother's Day Offering will help these women with personal hygiene products, pillows, and bedding for when they are ready to leave the services of The Bridge. Many women and their children arrive without anything and don't have the funds to purchase items they need. To donate, bring or send your donation to the church. Please make sure checks are written to PW with an indication it is for the Mother's Day Offering. Thank you for your support!

Church Women United May Friendship Day is May 7 at 1:30 on at the United Methodist Church. We will be honoring Jessica Allen-Pickett as our Outstanding Young Woman. Tickets are available in the Church Office for \$5.00. Questions? Contact Susan Graham at 402-469-2638.

The PW sponsored Native American Book Study is launching its next book study. Please register your plans to attend with Marilyn Stone (mmstone52@att.net).

May 10, May 24, and June 7-Standing in the Light: A Lakota Way of Seeing Two 1-hour sessions will be held on each date at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM discussing sections of the book.



Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, has concluded for this semester. Previous Forums can be found on the church YouTube page

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z- -uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. The current study began on 02/21/2021 using the book *Visioneering* by Andy Stanley, which is based on the book of Nehemiah in the Old Testament. We will meet in the Anderson room and via Zoom. To join this study, please email Curtis at

teece4@gmail.com 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 **on Wednesdays** 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.



Sponsored by: First United Methodist Church First Presbyterian Church

Interested in volunteering at United Harvest? Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

	May 15, 2021		
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM	
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM	
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM	
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM	
А, В	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM	
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM	
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM	
i, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM	



1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym The 1st Pres Pickleball has returned to the PEACE Center every Monday from 1:00-3:00. COVID rules will apply: masks required, 20 or fewer people, with social distancing observed.

Are you interested in helping to run the camera, sound board, T.V. on Sunday mornings? Erik Nielsen will be training new volunteers. Let him know vou want to help. Email Erik at kazgratz@gmail.com



2021 VBS Children & Volunteer Registration

We'd love for you to join us for VBS 2021! First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church are coming together to host a 3-day, outdoor VBS. At Discovery of Adventure Island VBS children will explore the ways God's great light shines in the world, and shows everyone how they can reflect that light in their own lives.

DATE: Tuesday, June 1 through Thursday, June 3 TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (volunteers will be needed 8:45am - 12:15pm) WHERE: Masonic Temple grass lot at the corner of 6th Street and Hastings Avenue (will be outside) COVID PRECAUTION: At this time, masks will be required

CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS: Please register SOON via the First Presbyterian Church website https://fpchastings.org/2021-vbs/ or by direct link:

- Children: <u>http://bit.ly/HastingsVBS</u>
- Volunteers: <u>http://bit.ly/HastingsVBSVolunteer</u>

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions.

FPC CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WNL

YEAR-END PICNIC

Wednesday, May 5

Libs Park—16th St. & Baltimore Ave

5:30-6:30pm fellowship & free-play

6:30-7:30pm meal*

Families with children & youth 12th grade and younger are welcome!

*So that we can accurately plan for the meal, please RSVP via our website at <u>https://fpchastings.org/children/</u> or call the church office at 402-462-5147.

