



**May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday
Of Easter**

PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

arr. Richard Ellsasser

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Chancel Choir, directed by Robin Koozer (pre-recorded 5/12/19)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)**

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to all!

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre;

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King!

Let the waters and the people clap their hands;

Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD! Come, let us worship God together this morning!

***HYMN**

“Let Us Build a House”

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Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, Song Leader

Due to COVID-19 and the threat of disease transmission through aerosolized particles that are expelled during singing, we will not be singing out loud during our service.

You are invited to hum along if you would like, reflect on the lyrics, and let the music enhance your worship of God this morning.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition.

We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

How have I failed to love others with the love, the same love, that God has for me?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Long ago, Jesus said to his disciples, “You did not choose me, but I chose you!”

Jesus speaks these words to us today.

Jesus chose us, Jesus loves us, and Jesus forgives us.

He invites us to share his great work of love. 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!

In order to reduce the risk of disease transmission, please do not shake hands or hug people outside of your immediate family. Instead, maintain proper social distance, look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest and bowing your head to them, or share some other appropriate sign.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BAPTISM

Julia Margaret Klaassen

Parents: Jessica and Justin Klaassen

(While the family is coming up for the baptism, the hymn leader(s) will sing, “Jesus Loves Me.”)

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

*Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ’s church, and we all have a role in her nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God’s help, to support and pray for this child and her parents? And do you promise to love this child and to assist her in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying, “We do.” **We Do.***

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)

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.

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.

BAPTISM SONG

“God Claims You”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Love, do not let us grow weary of living our lives according to the example of your child, Jesus. As we read your Holy Word today, may it inspire us to remember that loving one another is a high calling. May hearing your Word read and proclaimed remind us that we bear Jesus' love and life within our very being— a powerful gift for our world. Out of this gift, may we bear the fruit of love. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 John 5:1-6

ANTHEM

“Fairest Jesu”

Benjamin Harlan

*(Diptych on Fairest Lord Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring)
Chancel Choir, directed by Robin Koozer (pre-recorded 5/12/19)*

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 15:9-17

SERMON

"Ligaments and Love"

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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

For the health and safety of our members, we will not pass a plate or collect gifts during the offering. You are invited to give by dropping your offering as you leave in the plates at the back of the sanctuary, dropping it in the outside locked tithing box located on the second brick column under the portico, mailing it in, or giving on-line: https://fpchastings.org/give-online/

OFFERTORY

“Glorious Things to Thee are Spoken”

arr. Richard Ellsasser

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use these gifts and our lives to help us share your love and offer your welcome to friends and strangers alike. 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

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

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*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

“Recessional”

Kenneth T. Kosche

(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 16 – Christian Education Volunteer Recognition Sunday

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

May 30 – Worship in the Park with First United Methodist Church

June 6 – Children’s Book Sermon Series begins!

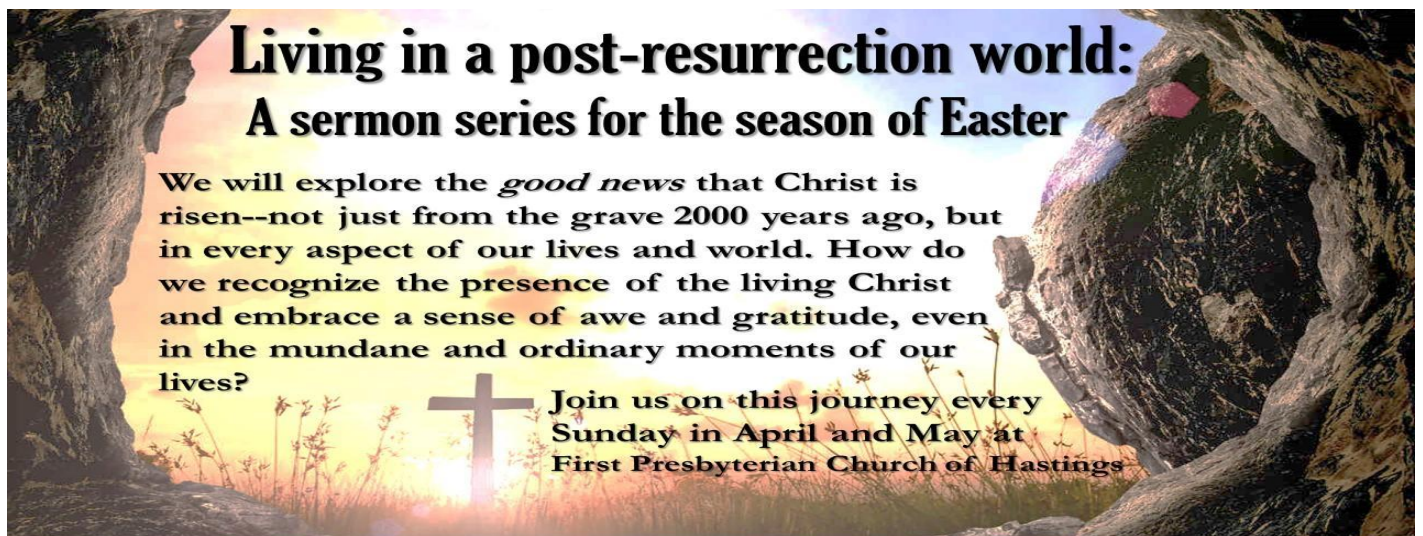
10:30 a.m. In-Person and Stay-at-Home worship

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.



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-Tacey

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b


vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

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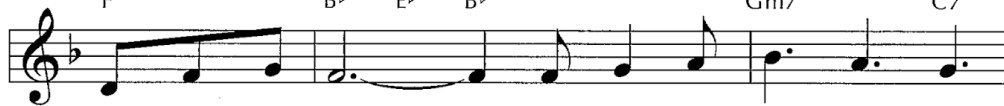
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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



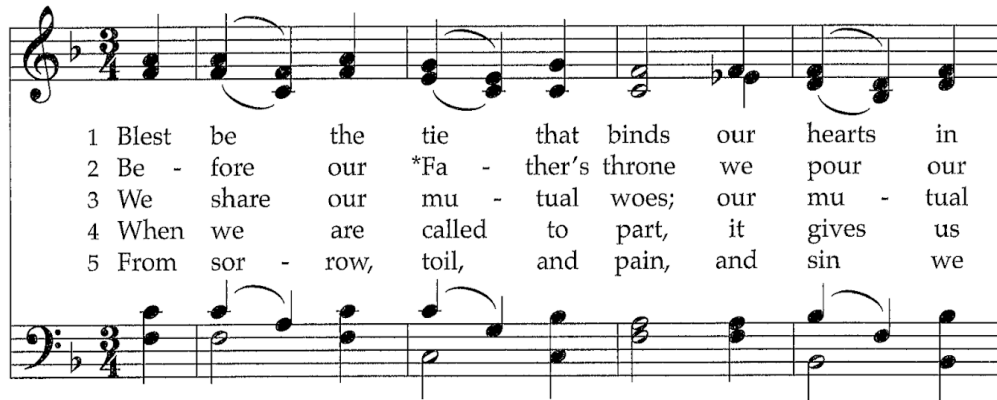
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(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.

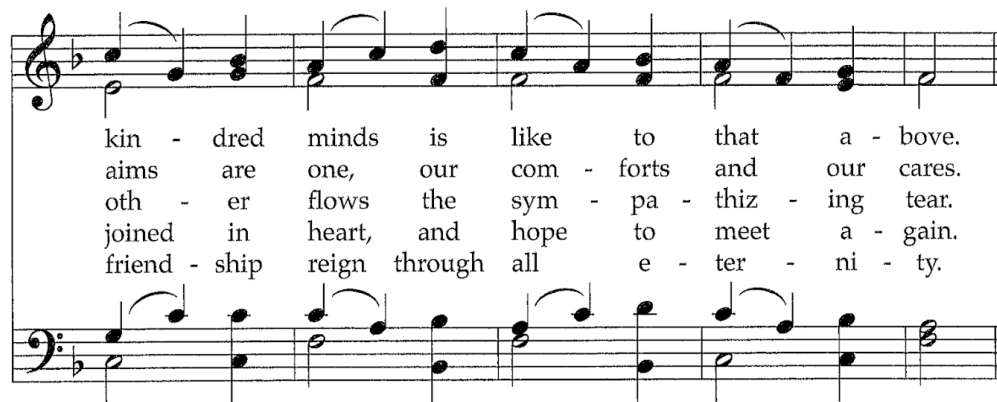
Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, indicated by one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with asterisks marking specific words. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a basso continuo line.

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
LM

488 I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to
 lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-



see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
 I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



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.

May 9, 2021

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 Rogene Wenburg, beloved Mother and Grandmother, by Justin, Kili, Selah, and Carter Wenburg.

Flowers are given in memory of Phyllis Glass and Dorothy Christenson.

Ushers

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

Greeters

May 9: Jan Bolliger, Alice Throckmorton

May 16: Hermann & Kim House, and LaVerne & Connie Franzen

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 www.facebook.com/fpchastings (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: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

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

FPC Prayers for

Lois Hafer
Cindy Pickett
Jeff Howard
Gretchen Lainson
Rich Portwood
Gayle Fandry

Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)
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)
Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond
Family of Dorothy VanBuskirk

Lanae Hall's mother
Rachael Lay
Pam & Don Canady
Tommy Thomsen
Frank & Carol Medsker
The Tut Ruei family
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

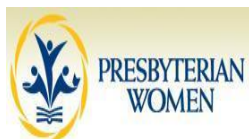
♥ Norris Swan, who passed away 04/12/2021. Services were held at FPC Hastings, April 16, 2021, with Pastor Greg presiding.

♥ 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.

This Week at FPC --- May 9, 2021– May 16, 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 5/9	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 10		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
	1:00p-3:00p	1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	Troop 200 Scouts in Scout Room
Tues, May 11	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom/Anderson
	5:00p-6:00p	Mission via Zoom/Parlor
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees via Zoom/Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Fellowship Hall
Wed, May 12	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers Basement Room
Thurs, May 13	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel via Zoom/Anderson
	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
Sat, May 15	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest
Sun, May 16	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.

The **PW Coordinating Team** will not meet in June or July. The next meeting will be August 4th at 10:00.

The next **PW Gathering** will be May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. COVID rules remain in place.

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.

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.



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



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 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 next 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 www.redcrossblood.org.



1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym 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.



Want to help run the tech booth? Contact Erik Nielsen for information. kazgratz@gmail.com



Want to volunteer at **United Harvest?** Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. 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
A, B	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



Work Shirts Needed for Proteus There is a great need for long sleeve work shirts for migrant workers this summer.

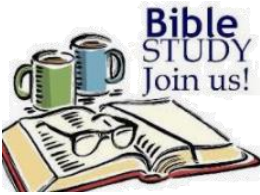
These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. While you are doing your spring cleaning, if you find long sleeve shirts you are no longer using, please bring them and place them in the Donation Station in Fellowship Hall.

To participate in the distribution of the shirts to the workers in early July, please contact Denny Storer for details.

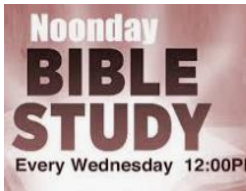


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, has concluded for this semester. Previous Forums can be found on the church YouTube page

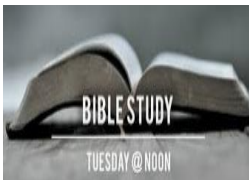
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>



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.



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

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