

PENTECOST



SUNDAY

*(Stained glass window from St Aloysius' church in Somers Town, London)*

## **Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE

“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

*arr. Jeffrey Blersch*

*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

*Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!*

***Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!***

*Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds.*

***Let us prepare to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.***

*Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.*

***Make us people who will proclaim God’s good news in all that we do.***

\*HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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*Linda & Richard Johnson, Song Leaders*

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

***We aren't ready, Lord. Like the disciples on Pentecost, sometimes it is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence. But you have challenged us to come alive again with your love and words of healing mercy. Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that you have called us beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim your Good News. Help us be Pentecost people, in Jesus' name we pray.***

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Don't be afraid!*

***God's Holy Spirit brings us comfort and hope.***

*You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways.*

***Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with us always.***

*In the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven and loved as God's own.*

***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.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***O God, open our hearts and minds and souls to hear your word as if for the first time. May your Holy Spirit help us experience anew the surprise and joy that your presence in the word can bring us. Amen.***

### SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 2:1-18

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jane Marsh

### ANTHEM

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

*Combined Presbyterian and Episcopal Choirs*

*(Pre-recorded 5/20/18 from Pentecost Service in Chautauqua Park)*

MESSAGE “El Espiritu de Dios esta aqui/The Spirit of God is here!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

HYMN “On Pentecost They Gathered”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

***We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit***

***Justifies us by grace through faith,  
Sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
And binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the  
Church.***

***The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith  
and life in Christ***

***through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.***

***In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.***

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 online: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Hayes/arr. Wagner

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another and unite as  
the Body of Christ. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others.  
May the love and unity we share bring hope to a world that is in need.  
Amen.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*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

“Festive Voluntary”

Robert Lau

*(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 30 – Worship in the Park**  
**June 6 – Children’s Book Sermon Series begins**  
**June 27 – Go and Serve Sunday!**

**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](http://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*

<b>Head of Church:</b> Jesus Christ	<b>Ministers:</b> Members of the Church
<b>Senior Pastor:</b> Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett	<b>Associate Pastor:</b> Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
<b>Director of Children &amp; Family</b>	<b>Parish Associate:</b> Kili Wenburg
<b>Ministries:</b> Stephanie Brader	<b>Chancel Choir Director:</b> Dr. Robin Koozer
<b>Organist and Music Coordinator:</b> Linda Vollweiler	<b>Chancel Bells &amp; Calvin/Westminster</b>
<b>Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:</b> Linda Johnson	<b>Bells Director:</b> Dr. Byron Jensen
<b>Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:</b> Tim and Teresa Canady	<b>Church Office Administrator:</b> Jean Matheny
<b>Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:</b> Dr. Susan Oliver	<b>Facilities Manager:</b> Tony Calhoun
<b>Accompanist:</b> Mary Plock	<b>Bookkeeper:</b> Deb Hamburger
<b>Scholar in Residence:</b> Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh	<b>Pastor Emeritus:</b> Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878  
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM  
 SM

# 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> 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.

# On Pentecost They Gathered

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they prayed.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

MUSIC: *Neuvenmehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

Text © 1981 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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# 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  
LM

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.



## **May 23, 2021**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service, simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM and is given by Les and Jo Seiler.

**Flowers** are given in memory of Florence and George Root and also, in memory of Jane Kuehn McCollum by family.

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

**June Team #4:** George Howard-Captain, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Ted Schroeder, Lori Schroeder

**Greeters May 23:** Justin & Kili Wenburg and Chuck & Jane Bauer

**May 30:** Rich & Carolyn McKenzie and Dick & Pat Kleiber

**Unstaffed Nursery** is available if needed. The television in the nursery has a live feed to the Sanctuary so you can still participate in the service from there.

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Kathy Reimer at 402-469-6437 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

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

- live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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.
- 10:30 a.m. at College View live on Facebook in the small theatre room, residents and their families are welcome

**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](mailto: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 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***

Neal Riley	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)	Lanae Hall's mother
Lois Hafer	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Rachael Lay
Cindy Pickett	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
Gayle Fandry	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elford	The Tut Ruei family
Bev Stein	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.***

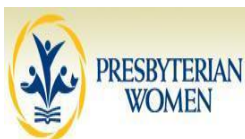
♥ Norris Swan, who passed away 04/12/2021.

♥ Dorothy VanBuskirk, who passed 04/17/2021. Dorothy was Justin Osborne's grandmother.

## This Week at FPC --- May 23, 2021– May 30, 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).*

<b>TODAY 5/23</b>	<b>10:00a-10:30a</b>	<b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b>
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:30a-Noon</b>	<b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b>
<b>Mon, May 24</b>		<b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball Open Gym</b>
	<b>7:00p-7:45p</b>	<b>Chorus of the Plains</b>
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Troop 200 Scouts</b> in Scout Room
<b>Tues, May 25</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> via Zoom/Anderson
	<b>Noon-6:00p</b>	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wed, May 26</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Noonday Bible Study</b> via Zoom
	<b>6:30p-9:00p</b>	<b>Woodcarvers</b> Basement Room
<b>Thurs, May 27</b>	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Class</b> NE Classroom/PEACE Center
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Cub Scouts</b> in Fellowship Hall
<b>Sun, May 30</b>	<b>10:00a-10:30a</b>	<b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b>
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service</b>
	<b>11:30a-Noon</b>	<b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b>
<b>Mon, May 31</b>	<b>8:30a-4:30p</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED-MEMORIAL DAY</b>



**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 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

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](mailto:mmstone52@att.net)).

- **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.



**The June Communion Offering is the** Pentecost offering of which a portion will be donated to CASA. The local portion (40%) will go to CASA as a focus on our efforts to help improve the lives of young people in our community. The remainder of the offering (60%) will support at-risk youth through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



**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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



**Want to help** run the tech booth? Contact Erik Nielsen for information. [kazgratz@gmail.com](mailto:kazgratz@gmail.com)



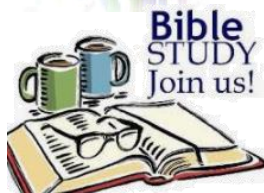
Want to volunteer at **United Harvest**? Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

June 19, 2021		
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

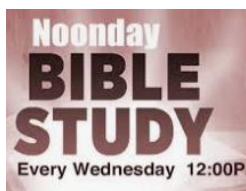


**Forum** Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, has concluded for this semester. Previous Forums can be found on the church YouTube page

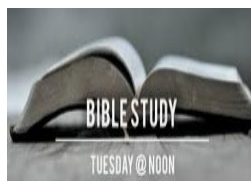
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>



**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 meet in the Anderson room and via Zoom. To join this study, please email Curtis at [teece4@gmail.com](mailto: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 are 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](mailto: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.



**Work Shirts Needed for Proteus** There is a great need for long-sleeved 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-sleeved 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.



## 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](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147 with any questions.



### Presbyterian Camp Scholarships available!

A Presbyterian Camp Scholarship is available for all Presbyterian sponsored camps including youth camps and family camps. An individual camper may receive one scholarship per calendar year that will cover up to 1/2 of the camping fees!

#### Benefits of Christian Camping...

- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) for a scholarship request form or if you have any questions.