

# Trinity Sunday May 30, 2021

**PRELUDE** 

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" Mark Hayes/arr. Douglas Wagner 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 29)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

Worship the LORD this morning in this holy splendor!

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the voice of the LORD is powerful;

The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

And in God's glorious creation this morning, all say, "Glory!"

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Come, let us worship our creator God, the redeeming Christ, and the winsome Holy Spirit, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

\*HYMN

"Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (verses 1 & 4)
Riky Nielsen, Song Leader

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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 claim to know much about earthly things, yet there is still so much to learn. And then there are those heavenly things that baffle us, and we don't often commit the time and energy we should to try to understand them and to come before you. We stand in your presence, O God, but often fail to see your holy presence and work in our midst.

We do not often hear your voice, frequently spoken through the voices of others around us, because we fail to listen and are too distracted by the things of this world. Forgive us and open our lives to your mystery, power, and glory. Open our lives to you, O Holy One. Amen.

# QUESTION FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

When have I allowed myself to become distracted by the things of this world and failed to see God's presence and love in the beauty of creation and in those around me?

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Today we will hear of heavenly things

## That can transform our lives forever.

We will hear of God's miraculous presence, love, and grace

## That is with us and among us and for us every day.

In the name of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved, this day and every day!

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

## PRAYER OF COMMISSIONIG FOR VBS VOLUNTEERS AND GO AND SERVE TEAM

Loving God, you have entrusted these volunteers with the message of your power, grace, justice, and love. We ask for you to guide them, that they may all have servant's hearts. Believing that you are present here with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit, we set apart those who would serve in our Vacation Bible School and on the Go and Serve Trip in this service of commissioning. May they seek to serve others with righteousness, compassion, and humility. Bless each one of these volunteers, enabling them to be channels of your grace. Bless our Vacation Bible School this year that it may help us to shine your love and light into the lives of all who are present, both our volunteers and our children. Bless our Go and Serve Team as they travel to Biloxi to help others in your name. Keep everyone safe and help them all to have a fun and joyful time. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

	Go &	Serve Team		Go & Serve Sponsors
Shannon Canady	Abigail Kerr	Daisy Kanode	Hannah Hafer	Jennifer Boeve
Avery Essink	Chudier Duang	Jackson Graves	s Eric Brader	Damen Jensen-Heitmann
		VBS V	olunteers	
Amy Hoff	Coleen Ada	am	Laurie Zimmerman	Michelle Johnson
Angela Hewitt	Courtney J	unker	Leah Ratzlaff	Nancy Grams
Barb Colvin	Dawn Eber	rle	Lois Hafer	Olivia Canady
Ben Welsch	Dejanique	Turnquest	Mary Ann Wright	Prestyn Long
Betty Liehr	Eric Brade	r	Jessica Allen-Pickett	Reese Lavene
Brooke Aspen	Esther Alle	en-Pickett	Jessica Menke	Roger Schukei
Celeste Hawley	Grace Brac	ler	Jessie Nguyen	Shelby Laqueux
Cheryl Lockwood	Harrison V	Velsch	Katharine Davis	Teresa Canady
Cheryl Schukei	Jami Long		Keithen Krings	Tiffany Shorey
Chudier Duang	Jane Mars	h	Kili Wenburg	

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sovereign of the universe, touch us with your splendid presence through your Holy Word today. Reveal yourself to us, O mystery that beckons. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, draw us into your hopeful plans, for us and for all. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING - Romans 8:12-17

2ND SCRIPTURE READING - John 3:1-17

SERMON "Noxious, Naïve, or Noble Nicodemus?" Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" 435

In life and in death, we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

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: <a href="https://fpchastings.org/give-online/">https://fpchastings.org/give-online/</a>

**OFFERTORY** 

"O Sing to the Lord" Brazilian folk tune/arr. Jeffery Biersch

\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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<sup>\*</sup>AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Brief Statement of Faith)

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you have given us the task of loving one another and uniting 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 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.

\*HYMN

"God We Love This Congregation"

Insert

\*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** 

"Rondeau No. 2 in D Major"

David Lasky

(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!

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 (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.



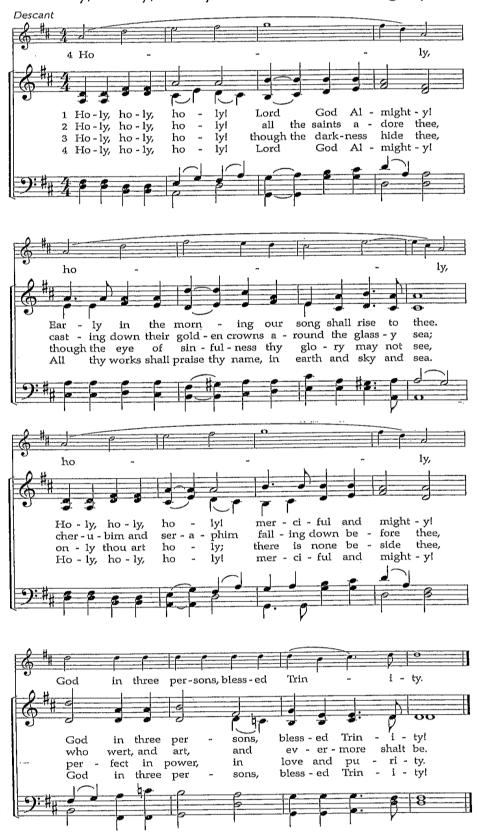
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Head of Church: Jesus Christ Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Director of Children & Family Ministries: Stephanie Brader Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

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 Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacev

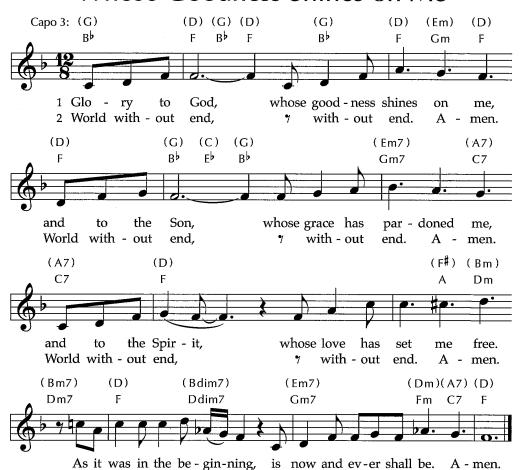
# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

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# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy God's mer - cy, 1 There's a wide - ness in like the wide - ness 2 For broad - er the love of God is than the mea-sures the sea. There's a of kind - ness God's jus - tice, in the of mind. And the heart of the ter - nal more than lib - er - ty. There is which is no place where earth's most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more felt than up in heaven. There is sor - rows are more we would glad - ly trust God's Word, our lives refaith - ful, and where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. thanks-giv - ing the good - ness for our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

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# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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

\*Or "God"

OLD HUNDREDTH

# God, We Love This Congregation!

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2021 Hymn to Joy Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt. Edward Hodges con-gre - ga - tion! On this day, we're glad to see 1. God, we love this tri - als, there are things that we have missed. 2. In this year with all its friends and neigh-bors, ga-thered, pray-ing, as a church com - mu - ni - ty. Still, in Christ, you've walked be - side us; by your Spi - rit, we've been blessed. Young and old, we join in wor-ship—some in - per-son, some line. Love's our his-tory, love's our vi-sion, Love's the work we're called do. We are drawn by faith and friend-ship to this bles-sed place and time. **Bless** us our con-gre-ga-tion moves to - ge-ther, serv-ing you.

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## May 30, 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 by Les and Jo Seiler.

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 30: Rich & Carolyn McKenzie and Dick & Pat Kleiber

June 6: Georgie Evans and Jim & Kathy Duval

**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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings">www.facebook.com/fpchastings</a> (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 <a href="mailto:jean@fpchastings.org">jean@fpchastings.org</a>.

**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: <a href="https://fpchastings.org/give-online/">https://fpchastings.org/give-online/</a>

The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus. Thank

you for your continued support and provision in this time.

Go & Serve Team	FPC Prayers for	
Neal Riley	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)	VBS
Lois Hafer	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Rachael Lay
Cindy Pickett	Lanae Hall's mother	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 Elfond	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 30, 2021 – June 6, 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 5/30</b>	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 31 8:30a-4:30p		OFFICE CLOSED-MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
		"Monday Check-in"
		Communication from Greg and Damen
	7:00p-7:45p	<b>Chorus of the Plains</b> Fellowship Hall
Tues, June 1	9:00a-Noon	VBS at Masonic Temple lawn
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson
	5:30p-7:30p	WAM Zoom/Fellowship
Wed, June 2	9:00a-Noon	VBS at Masonic Temple lawn
	12:00 1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:30p-7:30p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, June 3	9:00a-Noon	VBS at Masonic Temple lawn
Fri, June 4 10:00a-Noon		Church Women United in Fellowship Hall
		Go & Serve Trip June 4-13
	10:00-Noon	Mahjong Ladies in Middle School Youth Room
Sat, June 5		Go & Serve Trip June 4-13
Sun, June 6		Go & Serve Trip June 4-13
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent Adult S.S. via Zoom
		Conferencing
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship
		Service
	11:30a-12:30p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN

→ Please Note: There will be NO Activities in the PEACE CENTER June 1-June 18 as the floors in the hallways are being re-finished.



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.



**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 **PW Father's Day Offering** this year will go to *The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World.* Please send your checks to the church made out to Presbyterian Women.

More than half of Guatemala's population lives below the poverty level, with nearly a quarter living on less than \$2/day. Many people lack a source of safe drinking water, which has a multiplying impact on poverty. Currently, there are over 210 Living Waters for the World filtration systems installed across Guatemala, providing each of the surrounding communities with an opportunity to live longer, more healthful lives because they are finally free of waterborne illness and disease.

The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World helps to support teams that go to Guatemala to install waters systems and provides ongoing support to those systems through local in-country staff. Pastor Greg served on the US board of Living Waters for the World for six years. He currently serves on the Guatemala Board of Living Waters for the World.

Donations should be designated to PW and be sent to the church. There will be a table in the Memorial Room June 13 and 20.

The PW sponsored Native American Book Study is launching its next book study. Please register your plans to attend with Marilyn Stone (<a href="mailto:mmstone52@att.net">mmstone52@att.net</a>).

• 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 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, September 14, 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. <a href="mailto:kazgratz@gmail.com">kazgratz@gmail.com</a>



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.

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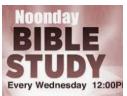
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**Forum** Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, has concluded for the summer. Previous Forums can be found on the church YouTube page

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

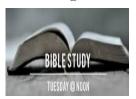
**Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School,** with Curtis Reimer leading, has concluded for the summer.



Join us for Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM on Wednesdays at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. Beginning on June 9th, we will begin a discussion of a book by John Dominic Crossan that wrestles with seemingly opposite visions: one of a loving God, and one of a vengeful God. Crossan explains how Christians can better understand these passages in a way that

enriches their faith. The intriguing title? "How to Read the Bible and Still be a Christian." All are welcome. Invite friends!

Please contact Sharon Brooks for more information about connecting online and about obtaining a book at <a href="mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com">sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>



## **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: <a href="http://bit.ly/HastingsVBSVolunteer">http://bit.ly/HastingsVBSVolunteer</a>

Please contact Stephanie at <a href="mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org">stephanie@fpchastings.org</a> or 402-462-5147 with any questions.



Presbyterian Camp Scholarships available!

A Presbyterian Camp Scholarship is available for all

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 ½ 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 for a scholarship request form or if you have any questions.