



## Sixth Sunday After Pentecost July 4, 2021

### PRELUDE

“Joy to the World” *Handel/arr. Ruth Elaine Schram*

“Joy to the World” *Handel/arr. Kenneth D. Varner*

*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 30)

Kili Wenburg

*I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up!*

***O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.***

*Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones*

***Give thanks to his holy name!***

*By your favor, O LORD, you have built us up like a strong mountain;*

***You turn our mourning into dancing! O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever. Come, all ye faithful, let us worship God!***

### \*HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1,3,4)

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*Riky Nielsen, 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 (Psalm 130)

***Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God.***

***We are lost in a world of pain and suffering.***

***When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in worldly things instead of in the hope that you provide us through your Son, Jesus Christ, we struggle and suffer.***

***Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears.***

***Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love.***

### QUESTION FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

How have I failed to appreciate God's sacrifice for me this week?

How have I failed to be inspired by God's love and mercy to live sacrificially for others?

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Fear not, for our creator, the loving maker of all reality,*

***Forgives us and redeems us!***

*God sows the good news in tiny seeds, inviting us to tend the soil of community*

***And marvel as they grow.***

*In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven and loved!*

***Alleluia! Amen!***

\*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!***

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 FOR ILLUMINATION

***Loving God, may your word speak to our hearts.***

***May your word heal our brokenness and restore us to life.***

***May your word provide comfort to our hearts.***

***May your word teach us to be inspired by your sacrifice for us so that we may sacrifice for others and share from our abundance.***

***By your word, transform us into your holy people. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 139:1-5, 13-14

### ANTHEM

“O, Holy Night”

Adolphe Adam

Riky Nielsen, vocalist

*(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)*

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 15:9-13

### SERMON

“Lessons from Peef the Christmas Bear”

Greg Allen-Pickett

Children’s Book Sermon Series on the book *Peef* by Tom Hegg

### \*HYMN

“Joy to the World” (vs. 1,4)

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Brief Statement of Faith)

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

OFFERTORY "Go Tell It on the Mountain" *Spiritual/arr. Carl Simone*

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

\*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.***

\*HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" 136

*(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering for the July Communion Offering going to PHC2 (People Helping Community).)*

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.  
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

POSTLUDE Fanfare and Postlude on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" *arr. Kenneth Varner*  
*(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-July 11 – Children's Book  
Sermon Series!**

**9:30 a.m. Worship in the Park**  
**10:30 a.m. In-Person and Stay-at-**



**Home worship**

**In-Person:** No RSVP just come and join us!

**Stay-at-Home:** Broadcast live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://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.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

*Refrain*

born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!


us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

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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.

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## Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH

CM with repeat

(alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)

# 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 a single sharp (F#) on the treble clef. 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 some words in italics. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line and ends with a double bar 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

## 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain  $\text{♪} = \text{♩} \text{ } \text{♩}$ 

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.

TEXT: African American spiritual; stanzas, John W. Work II, 1940

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. John W. Work III, 1940; harm. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

Music Harm. © 1989 Melva Wilson Costen

GO TELL IT  
7.6.7.6 with refrain



## **July 4, 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 JoAnn Seiler.

**Flowers** are given in memory of Raymond A. and Ruth Watson by the family.

### **Ushers**

**July Team #5:** Ken Stein-Captain, Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, (Sub for Julie on July 4<sup>th</sup> is Scott Shardelow 11<sup>th</sup> is MaryKay LaMaster) and, ???

*Position Open Please let the office know if you are interested.*

### **Greeters**

**July 4:** Don & Marie Rasmussen, Carol Wheeler, Erin Gastmann

**July 11:** Paula Crozier, Anne Bohlke, Dick & Daveta Brader

**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](https://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***

Lois Hafer  
Rich Portwood  
Bev Stein

Family of Don Reynolds  
Family of Gretchen Lainson

Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)  
Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)  
Lanae Hall's mother  
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)  
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)  
Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond

Rachael Lay  
Pam & Don Canady  
Tommy Thomsen  
Frank & Carol Medsker  
The Tut Ruei family

***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

**Gretchen Lainson**, who passed away 06/04/21. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., 07/23/21, at First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Greg presiding.

**Don Reynolds**, who passed away June 4, 2021. Don was the father of Molly Johnsen.

## This Week at FPC --- July 4, 2021— July 11, 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.) Facemasks will be optional for fully vaccinated individuals; masks are expected for unvaccinated individuals, 2.) Social distancing will be relaxed. 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), 3.) Congregational singing will be allowed at outdoor worship only.*

<b>TODAY 07/04</b>	<b>9:30a-10:15a</b>	<b>Worship in Alexander Park</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</b>
	<b>11:30a-Noon</b>	<b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b>
<b>Mon, July 5</b>	<b>8:30a-4:30p</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED for Independence Day</b>
		<b>"Monday Check-in"</b>
		<b>Communication from Greg and Damen</b>
	<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 Choir Room</b>
<b>Tues, July 6</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>NO-Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson</b>
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>United Harvest Board NW Classroom PEACE Center</b>
<b>Wed, July 7</b>	<b>12:00-1:00p</b>	<b>Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing</b>
	<b>6:30p-7:30p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers</b>
<b>Fri, July 9</b>	<b>10:00-Noon</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies in Middle School Youth Room</b>
<b>Sun, July 11</b>	<b>8:45a-9:45a</b>	<b>Open Table Set Up/Assembly</b>
	<b>9:30a-10:15a</b>	<b>Worship in Alexander Park</b>
	<b>10:00a-10:30a</b>	<b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b>
	<b>10:15a-11:15a</b>	<b>Open Table/Assembly</b>
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship</b>
	<b>11:30a-12:30p</b>	<b>Hands Around the World Store OPEN</b>
	<b>11:30a-12:30p</b>	<b>Open Table/Assembly</b>

***The July Communion Offering will go to*** PHC2 (People Helping Community).



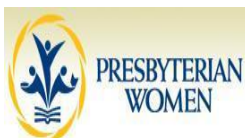
**The Hands Around the World Store** has Café Justo coffee. Stop by the church office during the week to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag.

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



**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.

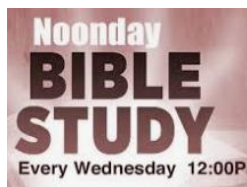


**1<sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball Open Gym** has returned to the PEACE Center every Monday from 1:00-3:00. COVID rules will apply: masks required, 20 or fewer people, with social distancing observed.



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

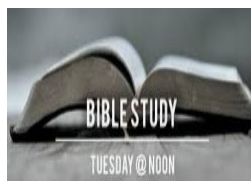
July 17, 2021		
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM



**Join us for Noonday Bible Study** via ZOOM on **Wednesdays** at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader.

We are discussing the 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 at [sbbrooks52@gmail.com](mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com)



**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 to protect them from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. To donate any long-sleeved shirts, please bring them to the Donation Station in Fellowship Hall. Proteus is expecting almost 300 migrant farm workers combining Hastings, Grand Island, and Edgar. These workers will begin their seasonal work for Remington Seed on about July 1st. Contact Denny Storer for details.

*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-Tacev



**FPC at the Sodbuster Game**  
July 18 with tailgate

outing at 5:30 at Harms Park. Tickets are \$5/Household max of \$20. Ticket covers the cost of the tailgate meal and the game.