



**July 18th, 2021
Eighth Sunday
After Pentecost**

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” Mark Hayes/arr. Douglas Wagner
Linda Vollweiler, Organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Don Canady

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come before God as equal in God’s sight.

God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

None of us is perfect and without blemish.

Yet God has called us children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

We are called to joyful obedience in God’s realm.

Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours abundant love on us. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” 363
Lauren Canady, 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

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we can admit to you the fullness of our lives--that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

“How can you open your heart more fully to God?”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not lose heart. Those who humbly admit their sins find favor with God. For God answers prayer, and forgives transgression. Believe this good news: We are forgiven and freed to newness of life.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** “Glory Be to the Father” 581

***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

God of nurture and challenge, we pray this morning that we might come into contact once more with your very presence. As the scriptures are opened and as the word is proclaimed, we ask that you might meet us where we are and move us in your direction. Amen.

ANTHEM

“The Milky Way”

Faber

Harrison Welsch

“The Rainbow”

Reagan Welsch

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“Come See the Parade”

Faber

Lincoln Welsch

(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.)

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 18:9-14

MESSAGE

“Mr. Simon”

Don Canady

Mr. Simon

By Ken Medema

Well there's a man I really like for you to know
Mr. Simon is his name folks like him so
He's got friends in all the nicest parts of town
His name is known all around

Every Sunday morning when the bells begin to ring

Mr. Simon's at the church where he does his thing

He loves to join the lovelies who come to praise the Lord

And he loves to hear the people singing all in one accord

When Mr. Simon prays in church he's always heard

You'll note his every elegantly spoken word

Every time he gets the chance he prays out loud
He loves the church he loves the crowds

Every Sunday morning when the bells begin to ring

Mr. Simon's at the church where he does his thing

He loves to join the lovelies who come to praise the Lord

And he loves to hear the people singing all in one accord

While Mr. Simon's uttering his pious prayer
There's one who sits in back and seems quite unaware

You'll see him kneeling and you hear him softly cry

“Lord, I'm not good at all, Lord have mercy on me

Lord, I have sinned against you, Lord have mercy on me”

Say Simon did you see that man in church today
Kneeling weeping in the most peculiar way

Well yes I hear his reputation is not so fine
I'm glad his reputation isn't mine

Every Sunday morning when the bells begin to ring

Mr. Simon's at the church where he does his thing

He loves to join the lovelies who come to praise the Lord

And he loves to hear the people singing all in one accord

Two men walked into the church upon that Sunday morn

One left slightly wrinkled the other left reborn,
reborn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We come to you, God, as those who search for ways to love more wisely, more genuinely, more steadily. We seek to base our lives on the love of Christ, that from day to day we may be passionate and patient, faithful and forgiving, in loving one another and this world of many peoples. Through God’s Spirit, we build our church into a living temple, a sign of Christ’s presence on earth. We affirm our faith in You through Jesus Christ as our foundation.

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

“Andante”

Alessandro Scarlatti

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, as you have given us daily the bread of life, let us give in return our humble gifts. 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

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

761

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

*POSTLUDE

“Finale”

Gilbert Martin

(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!

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

(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.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

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Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody in the treble staff begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody with a quarter note on D5, a half note on E5, and a quarter note on F5. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system features a quarter note on G5, a half note on A5, and a quarter note on Bb5. The bass staff continues with accompaniment.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes with a quarter note on C6, a half note on Bb5, and a quarter note on A5. The bass staff ends with a final chord and a fermata. The system concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The music consists of three systems of two staves each.

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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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

July 18, 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 Bob and Toni Mays by family and friends. **Flowers** are given in memory of our parents by Marnie and Doug Soderquist.

Ushers

July Team #5: Ken Stein-Captain, Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen and, ???

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

Greeters

July 18: Carol Wheeler, Jill Kramer, Steve & Lesa Croyley

July 25: Jan Ham, Julie Thomsen, Roger & Karen Doerr

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 (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 the office at 402-462-5147 or sarah@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	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Katherine Sachtleben
Rich Portwood	Lanae Hall's mother	Pam & Don Canady
Bev Stein	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Family of Don Reynolds	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Frank & Carol Medsker
Julie Thomsen	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elford	The Tut Rueil family
Rachael Lay	Family of Gretchen Lainson	

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 06/04/2021. Don was the father of Molly Johnsen.

Jack Stinson, who passed away 7/10/2021. Jack was the father of Julie Thomsen.

Arnold Boehler, who passed away on 7/10/21.

This Week at FPC --- July 18, 2021– July 25, 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.

TODAY, July 18	8:45a-9:45a 9:30a-10:15a 10:00a-10:30a 10:15a-11:15a 10:30a 11:30a-12:30p 11:30a-12:30p 5:30p	Open Table Set Up/Assembly Worship in Alexander Park Hands Around the World Store OPEN Open Table/Assembly Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Hands Around the World Store OPEN Open Table/Assembly Sodbuster Tailgate Party and Game
Mon, July 19	1:00p-3:00p 7:00p-7:45p	“Monday Check-in” Communication from Greg and Damen 1ST Pres Pickleball Open Gym Chorus of the Plains Choir Room
Tues, July 20	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p	NO-Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson
Wed, July 21	12:00 1:00p 6:30p-9:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing Wood Carvers
Thurs, July 22	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class-PEACE Center NE Classroom
Fri, July 23	10:00-Noon	Mahjong Ladies in Middle School Youth Room
Sun, July 25	8:45a-9:45a 9:30a-10:15a 10:00a-10:30a 10:15a-11:15a 10:30a 11:30a-12:30p 11:30a-12:30p	Open Table Set Up/Assembly Worship in Alexander Park Hands Around the World Store OPEN Open Table/Assembly Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Hands Around the World Store OPEN Open Table/Assembly

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.



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.



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.



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.

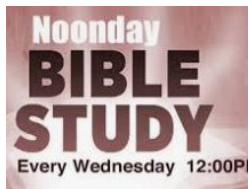


1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym has returned to the PEACE Center every Monday from 1:00-3:00. COVID rules will apply: masks required, 20 or fewer people, with social distancing observed.



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

August 21, 2021		
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
S, T, U	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



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.

PHC2 – People Helping Communities by Providing Hope and Compassion



PHC2 (formerly Project Homeless Connect) provides both a one-day event focused on creating one-stop accessibility to a wide variety of community services and resources and year-round support to help meet emergency needs and fill in service gaps. Due to challenges presented by COVID-19, PHC2 wasn't able to hold a full event in 2020 or 2021, but has continued to

serve the community in creative and small (but valuable) ways. The full event will return in 2022! For this year, PHC2 is offering a “Free 2 All” clothing and bicycle giveaway event, including school supply sign ups, Saturday 7/24, 10 am – 2 pm in the 1st St Paul church parking lot. A further school-supply related event may be held in August. Volunteers welcome to help with set up, clean up, or assist during the 7/24 event. Donations also welcome! Visit the website phchastings.org, contact phc2volunteers@gmail.com, or call (402)303-2333 for more information. Thank you!

Personnel Transition

Pastor Greg and the Personnel Committee have worked diligently to find a person to fill the position of Church Office Administrator, that opened when Jean Matheny moved into a new job opportunity. We are excited to announce that Sarah Allen has started in this position on July 12, 2021. If you have not had a chance, stop by the office, introduce yourself and give her a blessed welcome.

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 & 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 Wemburg

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Church Office Administrator: Sarah Allen

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacy