



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 25, 2021

PRELUDE “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” *arr. Dale Wood*
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 145)

*All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.
This morning, we shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power.*

We shall make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

The LORD calls us to humility, recognizing God’s greatness, and to kindness, emulating God’s love. Come, let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” 687
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, Song Leader

Due to COVID-19 and the threat of disease transmission through aerosolized particles that are expelled during singing, we will not be singing out loud during our service. You are invited to hum along if you would like, reflect on the lyrics, and let the music enhance your worship of God this morning.

1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know how we are, Lord. We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you for feeding and nurture, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our times, and then we often reject what you give us. You call us to lives of humility and kindness, and often we choose pride and selfishness instead. Forgive us when we boldly disobey your word. Remind us that the world abounds with your miracles of love and hope, and that you call us to be people of love and hope. Heal and restore us to your everlasting love.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

When have I not followed God's call to humility and kindness in my life?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love is lavished upon us!

It is always there for us, offering healing and hope, and calling us to humility and kindness.

Rest in God's love and forgiveness, for God promises mercy and grace!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. Amen

2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. 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

God, may your holy Word surround us with a strong faith. May your Word inspire humility and kindness in us and heal our wounded spirits. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, draw us into your hopeful plans, for us and for all. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Micah 6:6-8

ANTHEM

“Truth Be Told”
Hannah Hafer

Matthew West

(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.)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON

“Called to Humility and Kindness”

Greg Allen-Pickett

Summer Sermon Song Series on the song “Humble and Kind” by Lori McKenna and Tim McGraw

*HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

4 Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others’ feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

*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

“Prelude”

William Boyce/arr. Drummond Wolff

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*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

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, and now I see.

4 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

*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”

Jean Joseph Mouret/*arr. Drummond Wolff*

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

July 18 - September 6 – Summer Sermon Song 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

(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 92.7 FM.

July 25, 2021

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service, simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7 FM, and is given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling. **Flowers** are given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling, and also, by Mr. and Mrs. George Payne and Hubert Payne.

Ushers

July Team #5: Ken Stein-Captain, Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Kim Creech

Greeters

July 25: **Memorial Room:** Jan Ham, Kim Creech
 Narthex: Alice Throckmorton

August 1: **Memorial Room:** Eleanor Jorgensen, Flossie Sanderson
 Narthex: Jim & Carol Harrenstein

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. on KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM
- 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

Katherine Sachtleben	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Carol & Frank Medsker
Lois Hafer	Lanae Hall's mother	Pam & Don Canady
Rich Portwood	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Bev Stein	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Elaine Schumacher
Family of Arnold Boehler	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond	The Tut Ruei family
Family of Gretchen Lainson	Shirley Gass	Rachel Lay
Family of Jack Stinson	Neil Riley	Brad Davis

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

Jack Stinson, who passed away 7/10/2021. Jack was the father of Julie Thomsen.
Arnold Boehler, who passed away on 7/10/21 (LaJeanne Boehler).



The rose on the pulpit celebrates the birth of **Rosie Lainson Overmiller**. Rosie is the daughter of Lauren (Bliss) Overmiller and Matt Overmiller, granddaughter of Stephanie and Mark Bliss, and the great-granddaughter of Margaret and Charles Hermes.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

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Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanist: Mary Plock

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Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

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Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

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This Week at FPC --- July 25, 2021– August 1, 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.) Face masks 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 25	8:45a-9:45a	Open Table Set Up/Assembly
	9:30a-10:15a	Worship in Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	10:15a-11:15a	Open Table/Assembly
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship
	11:30a-12:30p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	11:30a-12:30p	Open Table/Assembly
Mon, July 26		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Greg and Damen
	1:00p-3:00p	1ST Pres Pickleball Open Gym
	5:30p-6:30p	Foundation Board Meeting Anderson
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Choir Room
Tues, July 27	10:30a-11:30a	NO-Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson
Wed, July 28	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, July 29	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class PEACE Center NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class PEACE Center NE Classroom
Fri, July 30	10:00-Noon	Mahjong Ladies Middle School Youth Room
Sun, August 1	9:30a-10:15a	Worship in Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship
	11:30a-12:30p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN

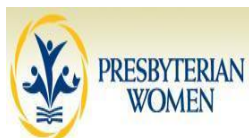
The July Communion Offering will go to PHC2 (People Helping Community).



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.



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.

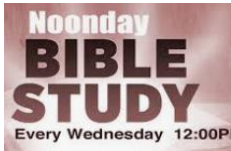


1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym has returned to the PEACE Center every Monday from 1:00-3:00. COVID rules will apply: masks required, 20 or fewer people, with social distancing observed.



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.

2021/2022 Youth & Adult Programs
please join us
Kick-Off Celebration
Sunday, August 29

<p><u>Families with Children</u></p> <p>9:00am-10:20am: Bouncy House & Slide (supervision provided) in the playground area for children age 3 to 5th Grade. The staffed Nursery will be open for children 3 and under. Parents/Guardians drop your children off in the playground or nursery, and then gather in the Fellowship Hall for the information meeting.</p> <p>9:15am-10:15am: Parents/Guardians will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live registration and parent information meeting followed by the adult activities/classes information meeting.</p> <p><u>Families/Others without Children</u></p> <p>9:45am-10:15am: Meet in the Fellowship Hall to hear about all of the Fall 2021 adult enrichment opportunities.</p>	<p>Wednesday Night Live activities will begin on September 8.</p> <p>Sunday School (Children & Adult classes) will begin on September 12.</p>
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687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b 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^b E^b B^b 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.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be - as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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