



**Twelfth Sunday
After Pentecost
August 15, 2021**

PRELUDE

“Old 113th”

*Strassburger Kirchenamt/
arr. Gilbert Martin*

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 111)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Praise the LORD!

We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole hearts as the gathered congregation!

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God’s work, and God’s righteousness endures forever!

God has gained renown by God’s wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

The works of God’s hands are faithful and just; all God’s precepts are trustworthy.

God sent redemption to his people; God has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is God’s name.

Respect and adoration of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

Come let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (vs. 1, 4-5)

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Oliver Family, Song Leaders

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail Children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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 Merciful Lord, you remind us that your very life will sustain us as we witness to your love. But sometimes we let those reminders slip from our consciousness. We wallow in our difficulty; we allow others to rain on our parade; we make excuses for not living the kind of life that you would have us live; and we treat others in ways which are not healthy or loving. Please forgive us, Lord. Stop us in our tracks and help us to examine the many ways in which we have not served you well and the callous things we have done to others. Cleanse our spirits and our souls from these unrighteous acts and cause us to follow you more closely. Sustain us and encourage us in our service. These things we ask in Jesus' name.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

How have I let other people's negativity impact me instead of focusing on the goodness of God and God's loving acts in the world?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though we turn our backs on God,
God is always ready to forgive and heal our spirits.
God's love never fails.
We can rejoice in the power of that eternal love!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are healed, forgiven, and loved!
Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory To God”

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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.

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**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around 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, draw us into your Holy Word today, to be healed, to listen, to be encouraged in our service to God's world. May your Word help us to place our trust and confidence in you. May your Word be for us the Bread of Life, inspiring us to truly serve you and witness to your love. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12

ANTHEM

“Firework”

Wrangell

Meredith Oliver, Pianist

(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 – Joshua 1:1-5, 9

SERMON

“Rejoicing in the Rain!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

Summer Sermon Song Series on the song “Don’t Rain on My Parade” from the movie *Funny Girl*

***HYMN**

“How Firm a Foundation” (vs. 1-2, 5)

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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

5. “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never no, never, no never forsake.”

*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.)

OFFERTORY

“Pastorale”

Dominico Zipoli

<p>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/</p>

*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 invited us to find joy in life, and to share that joy with others through our faithful giving. May the gifts we offer bring love and joy to others. May the love, joy, and gifts 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

“Come Sing to God” (vs. 1, 4)

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1. Come sing to God, O Living saints; sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain,
yet joy comes with the morning sun, and peace that is not in vain.

4. You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forever more. My life shall sing your praise.

*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

“A Joyous Acclamation”

Lani Smith

(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!

July 18 - September 6 – Summer Sermon Song Series!

9:30am Worship in the Park

10:30 a.m. In-Person and At-Home worship

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

Today's 10:30am 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 10:30am simulcast on KICS 1550AM and 92.7FM.
- on **Channel 181** Tuesday at 1:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am.
- at **Good Samaritan Village**, the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00pm and on Tuesday at 2:00pm.
- 10:30am 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 Sarah in the office at 402-462-5147 or sarah@fpchastings.org.
- **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.

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- ❖ **The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30am service on KICS 1550AM and is given by *JoAnn & Les Seiler*.
- ❖ **Flowers** are given in memory of Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Lainson and Mr. & Mrs. Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.
- ❖ **Ushers August Team #6:** Captain- Jim Harrenstein, Eric Brader

Greeters:

-August 15: Jane Foote and Mary Fisk- Memorial Room; Carolyn & Rich McKenzie-Narthex

-August 22: Jessica Meeske & Todd Pankratz- Memorial Room; Lori & Ted Schroeder-Narthex

The designated Communion Offering for August is:

Our Place After-School Care. "The Mission of Our Place After School Care is to create a caring community that will encourage teenagers with special needs, ages 13-20, to practice academic, social and life skills and enable them to be involved in community service and enriching experiences."



Our Place After School Care Inc.

FPC Prayers for

Family of Arnold Boehler	Family of Jack Stinson	Elaine Schumacher
Lois Hafer	Robin Koozer	Rachael Lay
Rich Portwood	Lanae Hall's mother	Pam & Don Canady
Bev Stein	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Brad Davis	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Carol & Frank Medsker
Shirley Gass	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond	The Tut Ruei family
Greg Howard	Frank Georgiana	Katherine Sachtleben

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.



Proclaiming the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873!



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we have a policy that requires everyone in our building to wear a face mask, even if you are vaccinated. This is one way that we follow the command to “Love your Neighbor as yourself.” Many members of our church family are not yet eligible for the vaccine because they are under the age of 12 or are immunocompromised. One way that we can show those folks love is by wearing a mask to help protect them from the spread of COVID-19. We ask everyone to please wear a mask, even if you are vaccinated.

Thank you for helping us to love God and love our neighbors!

Sunday 8/15	9:30a-10:15a	In-Person Worship, no mask required	Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex
	10:30am	Stay-At -Home & Traditional Worship	FPC/Various
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex
	11:30a-1:30p	International HC Student Picnic	Alexander Park
	2:00p-4:00p	Joyce Harrenstein 100 th Celebration	Fellowship Hall
Monday 8/16	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers	PEACE Center Gym
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee	PEACE NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Center Gym
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 8/17	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers	PEACE Center Gym
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee	PEACE NW Classroom
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study	Zoom/Anderson
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Center Gym
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Meeting	Zoom/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 8/18	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers	PEACE Center Gym
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee	PEACE NW Classroom
	12:00p-1:00p	Noon Bible Study	Zoom
	6:00p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	LL Church
Thursday 8/19	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers	PEACE Gym
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee	PEACE NW Classroom
	5:30p-6:30p	Session Meeting	Anderson
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Center Gym
Friday 8/20	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	LL Church
Saturday 8/21	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest	PEACE Center Gym
Sunday 8/22	9:30a-10:15a	In-Person Worship, no mask required	Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex
	10:30am	Stay-At -Home & Traditional Worship	FPC/Various
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Memorial/Narthex
	12:00p-2:00p	Music Ensemble Worship Planning	Lydia Room



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.



The next **United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry** is Saturday, August 21st. Approximately 80 volunteers are needed at each event, shifts; are between 9:00am-1:00pm. To sign up, go to the United Harvest Facebook page.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
Sunday School &
Wednesday Night Live

Interested in investing in the lives of children and serving God? We have an opportunity for you!

Whether it is once a month or every Sunday, we would love you to be part of our family! Please contact Steph at 402-462-5147 or Stephanie@fpchastings.org



HASTINGS COLLEGE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Every year Hastings College welcomes international and music students to the Hastings community. We are inviting you to be apart of this cultural experience as a host or host family through a partnership in ministry with First Presbyterian Church. As a host, one must be able to offer support and conversation to students navigating their way into the Hastings community. Families will offer meals at designated dates over the course of the Fall 2021 semester and as needed will offer spiritual guidance, help with integration to college life, and in general offer words of mentorship & support, engagement and fellowship. In addition to this, the role of a host or host family requires flexibility as students navigate their college experience and ever changing schedules. We hope your commitment in this ministry will be welcomed.

Join us today 11:30 Alexander Park

Important Dates:

- August 15th - Kick Off
- September-19th
- October -17th
- November - Thanksgiving Meal

*All meals will be held at
First Presbyterian Church
Following 10:30AM Worship
Service*

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Come Sing to God

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(Psalm 30)

1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
 2 In my suc - cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
 3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
 4 You change my grief to joy - filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
 I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
 My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
 In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
 But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
 Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.

yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
 Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

Lyrics

Don't tell me not to live
Just sit and putter
Life's candy and the sun's
A ball of butter
Don't bring around a cloud
To rain on my parade!

Don't tell me not to fly
I've simply got to
If someone takes a spill
It's me and not you
Who told you you're allowed
To rain on my parade!

I'll march my band out
I'll beat my drum
And if I'm fanned out
Your turn at bat, sir
At least I didn't fake it
Hat, sir, I guess I didn't make it!

But whether I'm the rose
Of sheer perfection
Or freckle on the nose
Of life's complexion
The cinder or the shiny apple of its eye
I gotta fly once
I gotta try once
Only can die once, right, sir?
Oh, life is juicy
Juicy, and you see
I gotta have my bite, sir!

Get ready for me, love
Cause I'm a commer
I simply gotta march
My heart's a drummer
Don't bring around a cloud
To rain on my parade!

I'm gonna live and live now
Get what I want
I know how
One roll for the whole show bang
One throw, that bell will go clang
Eye on the target and wham
One shot, one gun shot, and BAM

Hey, Mister Armstein
Here I am!
I'll march my band out
I'll beat my drum
And if I'm fanned out
Your turn at bat, sir
At least I didn't fake it
Hat, sir, I guess I didn't make it
Get ready for me, love
'Cause I'm a commer
I simply gotta march
My heart's a drummer
Nobody, no, nobody
Is gonna rain on my parade!