

*First Presbyterian  
Church Hastings*



**Sunday, October 31, 2021**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:30 am Worship**

PRELUDE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” *arr. Diane Bish*  
*Linda Vollweiler, Organist*  
*(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)*

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT “Sing Praise to the Lord”  
*Haydn/arr. Thallander and Wilkin*  
*The Chancel Choir/Robin Koozer, director*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146) *Damen Jensen-Heitmann*  
*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!*  
***We will praise the LORD at all times and in all places!***  
*Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD their God,*  
***Who made heaven and earth, who keeps faith forever,***  
*Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.*  
***The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD gives hope to the***  
***hopeless!***  
*The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.*  
***Come, let us praise the Lord who promises us a future with hope!***

\*OPENING HYMN “How Great Thou Art” 625

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***To love God and love our neighbors seems pretty simple, but it sure isn't easy. How often have we ignored the cries of those in need or turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times, we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.***

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION

*How have I rejected the love and hope that God shares with me? When have I failed to share it with others?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*In the midst of our darkness,*

***The bright light of God's love and hope shines through!***

*Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day.*

***Therefore, let us live as people of love and hope! Alleluia! Amen!***

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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## \*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.

## BAPTISMS

Connor Allan Franco, parents Allison Kern and Raul Franco

Rosie Lainson Overmiller, parents Lauren and Matt Overmiller

## BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, these children will be received into Christ's church, and we all have a role in their nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for these children and their parents? And do you promise to love these children and to assist them in becoming faithful followers of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying, “We do.” ***We Do.***

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen***

## BAPTISM SONG

Connor and Rosalie, God claims you, God helps you protects you, and loves you, too.  
We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be.

Connor and Rosalie, God claims you, God helps you protects you, and loves you, too.  
Your church family loves you so; we vow to help your faith to grow.

Connor and Rosalie, God claims you, God helps you protects you, and loves you, too.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As we prepare to hear your Holy Word read and proclaimed, open our eyes so that we may see and our ears that we may hear:  
Open us to learning and understanding,  
Open us to love and compassion,  
Open us to your promise of hope found in these words. Amen.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Deuteronomy 6:1-9

ANTHEM

“God Is Our Refuge and Strength”

*Anna Laura Page*

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 12:28-34

MESSAGE “**Hope in love, hope in dialogue, hope for the future!**”

Greg Allen-Pickett

## JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? *New Members: **I do***

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? *New Members: **I do***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? *New Members: **I will, with God's help.***

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? *New Members: **I will, with God's help.***

Congregation, will you support these new members by reaffirming your commitment as faithful members of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? *Congregation: **We will, with God's help!***

## PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS

***Gracious God, by water and the Spirit, you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in us and in these new members the covenant you made in our baptisms. Continue the good work you have begun in us. Daily increase in these new members your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Send us all forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these New Members have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church. ***With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him!***

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

“Rondeau”

*Dandrieu/arr. Wolff*

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS AND PLEDGE CARDS

***O God, inspire in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and move us to share our time, talent, and treasure. Lead us to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully—that our common ministry may continue to bear witness to your unfailing grace. Accept and bless these gifts and pledges offered for the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. Give us courage, insight, and grace to use these gifts to build a future with hope! 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

“Live into Hope” (vs. 1,4)

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\*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

“Recessional”

*Matthew H. Corl*

*(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)*

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30 am: Informal Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary and broadcast live on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

*(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)*

10:30 am service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

**October 31, 2021**

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given by Anne Bohlke in memory of Ardyce and Jon Bohlke.

**GREETERS 10/31/21:** Kim & Gaylon Hermann-Memorial Room; Marnie & Doug Soderquist-Narthex

**GREETERS 11/07/21:** Kili & Justin Wenburg-Memorial Room

**USHERS FOR OCTOBER: Team #2 Duane Huber (Captain)**

Steve Illingworth Clyde Sachtleben Daveta Brader Lois Hafer

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: Team #3 Dave Fisher (Captain)**

Andrew Barrows Phil Odom Rich Portwood Doug Soderquist

**ACOLYTES 10/31/21:** Collin Hermes

**ACOLYTES 11/07/21:** Alexis Longshore and Peyton Mitchell

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER 10/31/21:** *VOLUNTEER NEEDED*

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER 11/07/21:** Rachel Guiai

*First Presbyterian Church of Hastings  
Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873*

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

**Director of Children & Family**

**Ministries:** Rose Koepp

**Organist and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler

**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson

**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Teresa & Tim Canady

**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver

**Accompanists:** Mary Plock

**Scholar in Residence:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

**Parish Associate:** Kili Wenburg

**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger

**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer

**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**

**Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen

**Church Office Administrator:** Sarah Allen

**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

*Our prayers are  
with you*

Carl Utley

Shirley Gass

Lanae Hall's Mother

Elaine Schumacher

Melba Trehern

Chris Wheeler

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond

Pam & Don Canady

Family of Tut Ruei

Brad Davis

Family of Alana DeBellis

Carol and Frank Medsker

Lois Hafer

Katherine Sachtleben

Bev Stein

Greg Howard

Rachael Lay

Frank Georgiana

Tommy Thomsen

Family of Martha Stuckey

Rich Portwood

Family of Carol Wheeler

*In Memory of Ms. Carol Sue Wheeler who passed away on 10/24/2021*



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Pledge cards were mailed out on Wednesday, October 20. If you did not receive one, please check with Sarah Allen in the office to make sure we have your mailing address correct. If you would like to make your pledge online, please use this link:

<https://bit.ly/2022PledgeFPCH>



Hastings Area Church Women celebrate  
**WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**

Friday, November 5, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary  
10:00am-11:00am

**Guest Speaker Aida Olivas**

When newcomers move to Hastings, whether from Mexico, Afghanistan or another country, they often have trouble finding out how to arrange for things such as trash services, doctors or how to enroll their children in school. Aida is hoping to establish a welcome center here in town (possibly at the library) where newcomers can come and get such information in one stop.

SUN 10/31	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School	Various Locations
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Various Options
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
MON 11/01	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee ( <i>Mon-Thurs</i> )	PEACE Gym/PEACE NW Classroom
	12:00p-1:00p	Memorial Committee Meeting	Kessler Room
	1:00p-3:00p	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
TUE 11/02	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson/Zoom
	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	8:15p-9:15p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
WED 11/03	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan Deffenbaugh	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	PW Coordinating Team	Church Library
	1:00p-2:00p	PW Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:45p	Wednesday Night Live 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Mealtime	Fellowship Hall
	6:20p-6:50p	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:50p-7:30p	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	7:30p-8:30p	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Youth Group	Youth Group Room
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
THUR 11/04	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Education (Youth) Meeting	Parlor
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
FRI 11/05	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Youth Group Room
	10:00a-11:00a	World Community Day	Sanctuary
SUN 11/07	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary
<i>Communion</i>	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School	Various Locations
<i>Sunday</i>	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	2:00p-4:00p	Hearts & Hands Shredding Fundraiser	PEACE Parking Lot