

distractions we chase. Have mercy when we attempt to fill our lives with everything except you.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What is something you are chasing?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In God, our hearts find peace.

In Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Through the Holy Spirit, our lives are offered direction.

In humility, we encounter the grace of God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory Be to the Father”

581

*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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We come back, O God, time and time again to your stories and words. Give us this day a holy wisdom and a divine insight. Teach us the lessons we need to learn and remember. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 22:34-40

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Micah 6:6-8

MESSAGE “**Nothing Comes from Nothing**” or “**The Present of Presence**”

Part of the Children’s Literature Sermon Series

Featuring *The Gift of Nothing* by Patrick McDonnell

Published by Little Brown and Company

*HYMN “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

837

*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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY "Nearer, My God, to Thee" Sarah Flower Adams/
Dr. Brett Epperson, soloist and arr. Tom Trenney
Linda Vollweiler, piano

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To you, O God, we give these gifts and our very selves. May they bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 "I've Got Peace like a River" 623

*CHARGE 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

“Allegro Giocoso” from “Water Music”

George F. Handel

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

August 7, 2022

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Gretchen & Hal Lainsen by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and Overmiller families.

THE FLOWERS at the pulpit are given in memory of Toni and Bob Mays; and also, in memory of Jim McDougal by family and friends.

USHERS for August: Team #6, Captain-Jim Harrenstein

Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

GREETERS for August:

| AUGUST | MEMORIAL ROOM | MEMORIAL ROOM | NARTHEX |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7 | Alice Throckmorton | Jill Kramer | Linda & Richard Johnson |
| 14 | Jane Foote | Julie Thomsen | Carolyn & Rich McKenzie |
| 21 | Lori & Ted Schroeder | | Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske |
| 28 | Mary Kay LaMaster | Jean Barber | Sarah Allen |

USHERS for September: Team #1, Captain-Chuck Hastings

LaVern Franzen, Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz, Elaine Specht

GREETERS for September:

| SEPTEMBER | MEMORIAL ROOM | MEMORIAL ROOM | NARTHEX |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 | Sally Smith | Sue Medsker | Bonnie & Kenton Grams |
| 11 | Jeni & George Howard | | Clyde Sachtleben |
| 18 | Dixie & Gale McDonald | Andrew Barrows | Lois & John Meeske |
| 25 | Amy & Joe Black | Jan Bolliger | Kay Georgiana |



Worship in the Park

EXTENDED TWO MORE WEEKS!!!
DIFFERENT TIME

AUGUST 21, AUGUST 28
@ 8:30AM



The Hastings Food Pantry is in need of the following items:
(There is a drop off bin in Fellowship Hall)

Spaghetti and sauce
Juice

Instant potatoes
Mac & Cheese
Canned tomatoes

Cold cereal
Hamburger Helper
Soup

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| Sunday 7 | 9:00-9:45am | Worship in the Park | Alexander Park |
| <i>Communion</i> | 10:00-10:30am | HAW Store Open | Narthex |
| <i>Sunday</i> | 10:30-11:30am | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio |
| | 11:30am-12:00pm | HAW Store Open | Narthex |
| Monday 8 | 8:30-10:00am | Walkers/Coffee | Heartwell Park |
| | 1:00-3:00pm | 1 st Pres Open Pickleball | PEACE Gym |
| | 7:00-9:00pm | COTP Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| Tuesday 9 | | <i>No staff meeting</i> | |
| | 12:00-1:00pm | Bible Study w/Pastor Damen | Anderson Room |
| | 5:30-6:30pm | Congregational Life Meets | Parlor |
| | 6:00-7:00pm | Trustees Meet | Kessler Room |
| Wednesday 10 | 12:00-1:00pm | Noonday Book Club | sbbrooks@gmail.com |
| | 6:30-9:00pm | Woodcarvers Meet | Lower-Level Church |
| Thursday 11 | 6:00-8:00pm | Mexican Dance Class | PEACE NE Classroom |
| | 7:00-8:00pm | Cub Scouts | Scout Room |
| Friday 12 | 10:00am-12:00pm | Mahjong Ladies | Church Room |
| Sunday 14 | 9:00-9:45am | Worship in the Park | Alexander Park |
| | 10:00-10:30am | HAW Store Open | Narthex |
| | 10:30-11:30am | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio |
| | 11:30am-12:00pm | HAW Store Open | Narthex |
| | 12:00-1:00pm | Music & Worship Planning | Parlor |

*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: Rose Koepf

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: 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 Heitmann

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

PRAY
for these people

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|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Shirley Maul | Benjamin Franco & | Stephen Gass |
| Rich Portwood | family | Lanae Hall & |
| Carl Utley | Irina Belikova- | family |
| Mary Lewis | Erickson & family | Bev Stein |
| Shirley Gass | Katie Reynolds' | Elaine Schumacher |
| Barry Thomson | family | Greg Howard |
| Tarah Davis & | Brad Davis | Melba Trehern |
| family | Jane Tushaus | Chris Wheeler |
| Michael Hahne | Reta & Lowell | Jeni Howard |
| Christian Fruehling | Johnson | Ramona Shetler |
| Dave Schawang | Anne Bohlke | Cheryl Ann Elfond |

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