

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 04, 2022 10:30am Service

PRELUDE

"The Love of God"

arr. Mark Hayes

Les Garrett

Linda Vollweiler, organ (The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

"This is the Day" Sue Medsker, song leader

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett We gather at the end of a week full of sorrow. Our hearts are broken for one another. We gather at the end of the week full of restlessness. Our lives yearn for something greater or something beyond. We gather at the end of week full of milestones. Our days are illumined by first steps and new beginnings. We gather at the end of week full of contentment. Our hearts rest easy in accomplishments and celebrations. We gather at the start of the week full of hope. May we receive God's blessing and become a blessing to others.

*HYMN

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We love a good line and a solid division. "Good fences," we say, "make for good neighbors." But do they? Maybe. We like to know who's in and who's out; who's with us and who, then, must be against us. We don't see one another as equals because we are so good at drawing distinctions. They don't think the right way. They don't act the right way. They live in the wrong place, say foolish things, and make short-sighted decisions. The list goes on. And all the fences that we erect turn dialogue partners into opponents, differing perspectives into rivals, and neighbors into enemies.

Forgive us, O God, for losing sight of our equality. Have mercy for when we use "sister" and "brother" lightly. Restore our hearts to the knowledge that all are your children.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION What fence is God asking you to pull down?

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
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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)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reveal to us, O God, your nurture. Share with us, dear Lord, your challenge. May our lives receive your word and be changed as a result. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 14:25-33

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Philemon 1:1-21

MESSAGE

"Weights & Measures"

*HYMN	"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"	729
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*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 PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY

"Aria"

Christopher Boodle

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*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.

COMMUNION HYMN "Seed, Scattered and Sown"

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 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

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*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. 531

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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"

G.F. Handel, arr. Drummond Wolfe

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

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: 8:30 am Taizé worship in the Chapel, 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at <u>www.facebook.com/fpchastings</u>

(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.

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THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by members of First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS at the pulpit are given in memory of Dr. & Mrs. William A. McCall by family.

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	Sarah Allen



Welcome, new baby!

Kelley (Junker) and Taylor Swanson welcomed their daughter, Ansley Rae, on August 27, 2022. Ansley weighed in at 8 lbs. and was 21.5 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well. Grandma Chris Junker, Granddad Kevin Junker and Aunt Courtney Junker are all very excited!

Sunday 4		Labor Day Weekend	
		No Sunday School	
		No Early Service	
	10:00-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30-11:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 5		Labor Day - church office closed	
	1:00-3:00pm	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	7:00-9:00pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 6	10:30-11:30am	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00-1:00pm	Bible study with Pastor Greg	Zoom/Anderson Room
	5:30-7:00pm	WAM meeting	Zoom/Anderson Room
	5:30-6:30pm	United Harvest Board meeting	PEACE NW classroom
Wednesday 7	11:00-11:30am	PW CT meeting	Library
	11:45a-1:00pm	PW luncheon/meeting	Fellowship Hall
	12:00-1:00pm	Noonday Book Club	ssbrooks52@gmail.com
	5:00-6:45pm	Preschool- 5th Wednesday Night Live	Fellowship Hall
	6:45-7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30-8:15pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 8	5:00-6:00pm	Personnel Meeting	Anderson Room
	6:00-8:00pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00-8:00pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 9	10:00a-12:00n	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
	5:00-7:00pm	Health Dept Community Meeting	PEACE Center
Saturday 10	9:30a-1:30pm	PW Fall Gathering	Holdrege Presby Church
	11:00a-12:00p	Georgie Evans Memorial Service	Sanctuary
	12:00-3:00pm	Georgie Evans Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 11	8:30-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School/Forum	various
	10:00-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30-11:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12n	HAW Store open	Narthex
	5:00-7:00pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group	Fellowship Hall

Prayers are Requested for the Following People:

Shirley Maul Mary Lewis Barry Thomson Christian Fruehling Stephen Gass Bev Stein Greg Howard Jeni Howard Ramona Shetler Family of Mark Bliss Benjamin Franco & family Irina Belikova-Erickson Rich Portwood Shirley Gass Tarah Davis & family Dave Schawang Lanae Hall & family Elaine Schumacher Melba Trehern Michael Hahne Cheryl Ann Elfond Katie Reynolds & family Brad Davis Reta & Lowell Johnson Jane Tushaus Carl Utley Dick Kleiber Anne Bohlke Raelene (Gerdes) Falcon

In Loving Memory of:

Georgie Evans, who passed away on 8/4/22. Steven Kleiber, son of Pat & Dick Klieber, who passed away on 8/6/22. Mark Bliss, who passed away on 8/25/22.

September Communion Offering

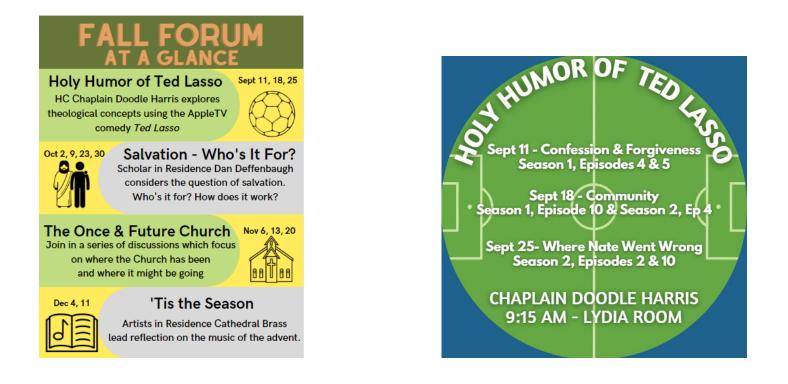


Our Place After School Care Inc. After School care for students with special needs ages 13-20.

Our Mission:

To create a caring community that will encourage teens with special needs, ages 13-20, to practice academic social, and life skills; be involved in community service, and have enriching experiences.





Wednesday Night Live Returns!

Kids preschool through 5th grade, join us starting Wednesday, September 7, for Wednesday Night Live. Food, fun, and fellowship for all, beginning at 5 pm.





The Dallas Brass

The Dallas Brass will present a mini-performance and Q&A session on Monday, September 12, at 6:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, in conjunction with the Hastings Community Music Academy. The concert is free and open to the public.

They will also present a concert on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00pm at the Hastings High School Auditorium. This concert is also free and open to the public. Special guests from Hastings Middle School, Hastings High School and Hastings College will play with the group. The concert is sponsored in part by First Presbyterian Church, The Nebraska Arts Council, the Hastings Public Schools Foundation, and the Hastings College Music Department.

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