



**Nineteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
October 16, 2022
10:30am Service**

PRELUDE

“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”

Paul Manz

Organist Linda Vollweiler

(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection)

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

Reflections on KELVINGROVE
Chancel Bells, director Dr. Byron W. Jensen

arr. Jason W. Krug

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Who shall find a home within the dwelling of God?

The sinner and the saint. The pauper and the person of wealth.

Who shall be welcomed into the halls of God?

The ostracized and the popular. The prodigal and the righteous.

Whose hearts shall rejoice in the presence of God?

The persistent and the lackadaisical. The stoic and the whimsical.

Who shall be welcomed into the heart of God?

All those who seek to live at peace with their neighbors.

***HYMN**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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Mary Fisk, Sue Medsker, Sarah Wolf, song leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We don't always see beyond ourselves. We burrow within our own hearts, and we just can't be bothered with much else. Persistence, O God, is not really where we struggle. It is how our persistence is directed that causes us (and others) some trouble. We'll chase down our own advantage. We'll scheme and plot our way through the world and forget to bring others along. We'll substitute our wants for the needs of the world and not even realize what we are doing. We are often persistent, O God, just not always for the things of your kingdom. Deal graciously, we pray, with us your misdirected servants.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

For what is God calling you to be persistent?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God gives us neither what we have earned nor what we deserve.

God grants us mercy and forgiveness.

Though we often sin, God renews our hearts with love.

Praise be to 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

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and fill in your name so we know you were here.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koeppe

(While the children come down, the congregation will sing “This Little Light of Mine.”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Incline our ears to you, O God. Draw our hearts close to your wisdom. Let your nurture and challenge be revealed to us in your Word this day. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

ANTHEM

“Faithful God”

Celebrate Band

Words and music by Abbie Parker, Colby Wedgeworth, and Matt Hein

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 18:1-8

MESSAGE

“Persistence Directed” or “Justly Unjust”

*HYMN

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

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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 Gratitude Alex Guebert

*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.

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 "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" 728

*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 "Jubilate" Roy Douglas

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

SUNDAY, October 23
8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

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

THE FLOWERS at the pulpit are given in memory of Ruth and Hayes M. Fuhr by friends.

Ushers for October: Team #2, Captain -Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Clyde Sachtleben, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer

Greeters for October

OCTOBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
2	Kathy & Curtis Reimer		Cathy & John Pershing
9	Melissa Davis	Kim Creech	Laurie & Brian Johnson
16	Kili & Justin Wenburg		Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
23	Jan Bolliger		Scott & Willie Kummer
30	Sarah Allen		Marnie & Doug Soderquist

Prayers are Requested for the Following People

Shirley Maul	Reta & Lowell Johnson	
Mary Lewis	Jane Tushaus	In loving memory of
Barry Thomson	Carl Utley	
Christian Fruehling	Dick Kleiber	Mark Bliss, who passed
Stephen Gass	Raelene (Gerdes) Falcon	away on 8/25/22
Bev Stein	Family of Anne Bohlke	
Greg Howard	Abby Pumroy	Anne Bohlke, who passed
Ramona Shetler	Family of Verna Meyer	away on 9/10/22
Benjamin Franco & family	Lanae Hall & family	
Family of Mark Bliss	Elaine Schumacher	Verna Meyer, who passed
Irina Belikova-Erickson	Melba Trehern	away on 9/28/22
Rich Portwood	Michael Hahne	
Shirley Gass	Dave Schawang	
Tarah Davis & family	Katie Reynolds & family	
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Brad Davis	

Sunday 10/16	NO Confirmation/NO Sunday School NO Jr. High or Sr. High Youth Group -Fall Break-		
	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	10:00am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 10/17	1pm-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Center Gym
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE Center
	7pm-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 10/18	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
	8:15pm-9:15pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/19	9:30am-10:30am	PW Circles 1 &2	Parlor
	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	ssbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:15pm-2:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	5pm-6:45pm	Preschool-5 th WNL	Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm-7pm	New Members Class	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bells Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 10/20	5:30pm-7:30pm	Session	Anderson
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/21	10am-12pm	MAHJONG Ladies	Room 111
	5pm-7pm	SHDHD Event	
Sunday 10/23	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5pm-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various



Save *the* Date

LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Sunday, November 6, 2022

5pm- Dinner

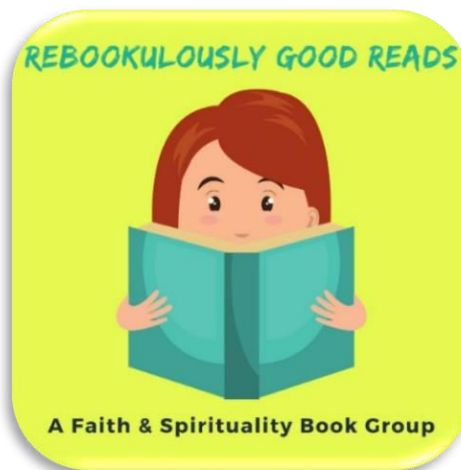
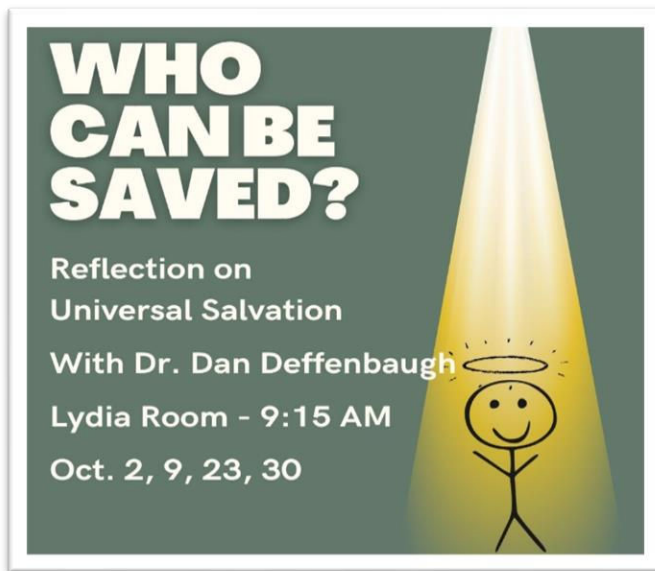
6:15pm- Living History Event

Stay tuned for further details

New Member Class

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church or just want to find out more about us, a new members/inquirers class will be held on October 5, 12, and 19 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

It will include dinner. Call the church office at 402-462-5147 to register for the class.



Rebookulously Good Reads returns to explore the complicated and nuanced world of Gilead, Iowa! Back by popular demand is our Good Reads book club. Beginning in October you are invited to read *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. *Lila* tells the story of the wife of Rev. John Ames (a minister in Gilead, IA) as she "struggles to harmonize the life of her makeshift family and their days of hardship with her husband's gentle Christian worldview, which paradoxically judges those she loves." If that doesn't sound like the set up to some interesting conversations, then I don't know what does.

As in years past our book club will use both pre-recorded and in person conversations. The pre-recorded conversations will feature English professors Constance Malloy and Jenni Welsch as well as Pastor Damen. Those conversations will be available for your listening/viewing pleasure on Oct. 6, 20, & Nov. 3. The in- person conversations will be hosted both at the church and via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 13, 27, & Nov. 10.

There are a few copies of the book available in the church office that are available on a first-come-first-served basis. You can look for more details to reveal themselves in the coming weeks!

ROBIN R. KOOZER

1245 TURNER AVENUE
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA 68901

October 12, 2022
Clerk of the Session
First Presbyterian Church
621 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE 68901

In deepest appreciation...

I shall long remember the morning of September 25, 2022, and revel in the memory of that day's church service for many days to come. Thank you to everyone for their tremendous effort in planning, envisioning, practicing, performing, and executing a glorious and very special tribute in my honor. Special thanks to The Worship, Arts, and Music Committee – Mary Fisk, chair, Revs. Greg and Damen, Linda Johnson, Byron Jensen, Mary Plock, Linda Vollweiler, Mary Olsen, Becky Meyer, and especially, Brett Epperson (who masterfully prepared, rehearsed, and conducted the Chancel Choir and Hastings College Choir for the premier of "Each Day"). To all, I say thank you.

I feel very fortunate to have been afforded the many musical opportunities given me at First Presbyterian Church over the past fifty years. Over the years, I have had the honor of working with wonderful musicians who love their church, who love their music, and who sing and play to glorify God using the abilities and talents He has given them. To those friends, I say thank you.

To the church staff and to my fellow FPC music staff colleagues, past and present, I owe much gratitude. Without their creativity, leadership, interest, support, and day-to-day work and dedication, little "joyful noise" would occur on Sunday morning. If you have not realized it, and you need to...FPC has the best "team" imaginable! To those colleagues, I say thank you.

To a congregation that values quality music as an important element in worship and that has unstintingly supported the ministry of music since the establishment of First Presbyterian Church nearly 150 years ago, I say thank you.

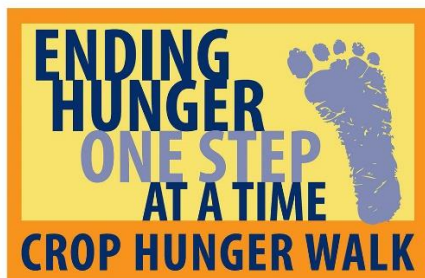
To Ann, Maggie and Catherine, who through their constant love and understanding were willing to walk with me throughout most of the fifty years, I say thank you.

With humble appreciation to all, I say thank you.
Robin

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Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: 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: Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage Tacey



Thank you for your donation towards the Hastings CROP Walk held October 9, 2022.

So far, First Presbyterian Church of Hastings has raised \$1,200 for a combined total from the walk being close to \$6,000.

Frank Medsker celebrated his 97th birthday by participating in this year's CROP Walk.

Money is still being collected. With your donation we are able to make a better contribution to CHURCH WORLD SERVICES, providing food, cleaner water, and help to educate those in need throughout the world. The many devastating tragedies have made us aware of the need and help the Church World Services can provide worldwide with our donations.

25% of our Hastings walk will go to The Salvation Army in Hastings.

Thank you,

Sponsored by Church Women United of Hastings and Juniata area.

