



Fifth Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday May 7, 2023

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

BELL INTROIT

“Fanfare”
Calvin Westminster Bells
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, director

James Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

Who gathers in this place?

The assured doubters. The questioning believers.

Who are they who call this place home?

The timid proclaimers. The brashly meek.

Who belongs in this community?

Grudge-holding peacemakers. Sinning saints.

Who is welcome in the heart of God?

All of us. In our wisdom and in our folly, in our failure and in our success, in our heartache and in our joy, we are welcome in the heart of God.

*OPENING HYMN

“Here in This Place”
Sarah Wolf, song leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our lives do not reflect our beliefs. If we believed fully in peace, we wouldn’t sow seeds of discord. If we believed passionately in forgiveness, we wouldn’t hold grudges. If we believed deeply in generosity, we would not store up treasures for ourselves. Have mercy, O God, for our sometimes, shallow faith. Encourage within us both true faith and true lives. Deal graciously, we pray, for we are stuck on ourselves.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

Question for contemplation: How can your living more fully match your belief?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let not your hearts be troubled.

God forgives. God restores.

Rejoice and be glad.

In God, our sins are forgiven.

*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.)

In this cold and flu season, we are encouraging safety. Instead of shaking hands or hugging, you can 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 sharing some other appropriate sign.

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SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BAPTISM

Jacob Shin

(Son of Sung Bong and Katie Shin)

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this believer will be received into Christ's church, and we all have a role in the development of his faith. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for Jacob? And, do you promise to love and assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying, "We do." ***We do.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Thy word, dear Lord, is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.
We offer you our thanks and praise for all that is shown and
revealed to us. We ask, in this hour, that it might do so yet again.
Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 8:26-40

ANTHEM

“Worthy!”

Mark Burrows

Phil Parker, congas; Caleb Schukei, tambourine

Calvin Westminster Choir

Linda Johnson, director; Mary Plock, accompanist

CONFIRMANDS' STATEMENTS OF FAITH

*HYMN

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

837

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on 1 John 4, written by Greg Allen-Pickett)

I believe in God the creator, who created the whole world and each one of us out of love because God is love. Even though I have never seen God, I have felt God's loving presence in my life.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God revealed to us. I believe that Jesus was sent into the world so that we might learn from his example of love and so that we might live through his ultimate act of self-sacrificial love.

I believe in the Spirit of God, who abides in us. Every time I share an act of kindness or compassion in the world or an act of kindness or compassion is shared with me, that is evidence of the Spirit of God abiding with us because when we love one another, God's Spirit lives in us.

I believe that the church exists to enact God's love in the world. Through the work of the church, we confess that Jesus is the Son of God, we acknowledge that all are beloved children of God, and we seek to perfect God's love in us and the world.

I believe that I am called to live my faith boldly and unafraid because love casts out fear. I believe that because God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another as an outward and visible manifestation of our faith. Amen.

OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the 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/>

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OFFERTORY

"A Future with Hope"

Mark Burrows

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God: We offer you our tithes and gifts, and we offer you our lives. We thank you for these confirmands and the commitment that they are about to make to your church. Accept these gifts and our lives for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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CONFIRMATION

Henry Black

Mentor: Tammie Nowka
Parents: Amy & Joe Black
Date of Birth: 3/10/2009
Baptism Date: 5/10/2009

Ruei Duang

Mentors: Tom Ratzlaff & Sharon Brooks
Parents: Nyareak Deng
Date of Birth: 10/27/2008
Baptism Date: 5/10/2009

Riley Propp

Mentor: Phil Odom
Parents: Wendy & Jon Propp
Date of Birth: 12/30/2008
Baptism Date: 3/29/2009

Maddux Pumroy

Mentor: Duane Huber
Parents: Kaela & BJ Pumroy
Date of Birth: 1/14/2009
Baptism Date: 7/5/2009

Paige Redline

Mentor: Heather Gosda
Parents: Hilarie & Tim Redline
Date of Birth: 10/24/2008
Baptism Date: 4/12/2009

Paxton Rhodes

Mentor: Richard Johnson
Parents: Susan Meeske & Brady Rhodes
Date of Birth: 10/3/2008
Baptism Date: 3/15/2009

Jacob Shin

Mentor: Teresa Canady
Parents: Katie & Sung Bong Shin
Date of Birth: 7/3/2009
Baptism: 5/7/2023

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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

Confirmands: *I do.*

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: *Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER WITH THE CONFIRMANDS

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these confirmands 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.

Congregation: *With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.*

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.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

488

(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Open Table. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

*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 in D Major”

Philip Kreckel

(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 NEXT WEEK AND
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

8:30 AM – CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30 AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

The 10:30 service is also broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM streamed live at:

www.facebook.com/fpchastings

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Edna Perry and Shirley Johnston by family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mabel C. and Frank E. Weyer by family.

ACOLYTES Molly Gosda, Maddie Gosda

May Ushers (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows,
Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

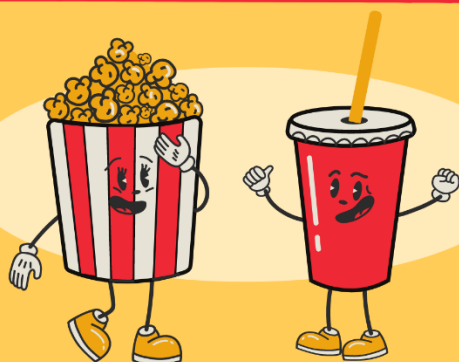
May Greeters

MAY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
7	Daveta & Dick Brader	Lynette & Paul Krieger
14	Kili & Justin Wenburg	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
21	Connie & LaVern Franzen	Ginny & Will Locke
28	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jane & Chuck Bauer

SUNDAY MAY 21, 5-7:30PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUMMER MOVIE CLUB

FOR INCOMING K-5



We will be watching and doing a Bible study related to:

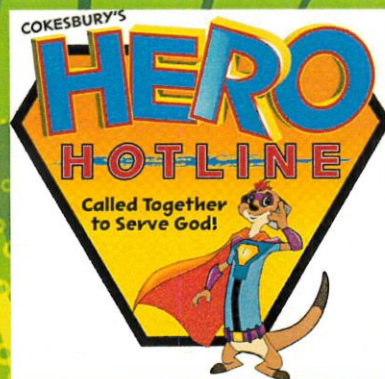
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PIZZA AND POPCORN PROVIDED

BRING A PILLOW AND BLANKET

CONTACT ROSE WITH QUESTIONS 402-462-5147

VBS 2023



DATE: Monday, June 26th - Thursday, June 29th

TIME: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church

621 N Lincoln, Ave

AGES: *Pre-School - 6th grade
(This is the grade they are entering in August 2023)

*Preschoolers must be potty trained; exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis.

Register or sign-up to volunteer:
fpchastings.org/vbs/

or scan this code:



CATHEDRAL BRASS CONCERT

Sunday, May 21
3pm

First Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary



Sunday 5/7		Confirmation Sunday	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School/ Confirmation	Various
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	3-5pm	Hastings College Choir Concert	Sanctuary
	5pm	2023-2024 Confirmand Parent Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
	7:30pm	Hastings High School Concert	Sanctuary
Monday 5/8	1pm-3pm	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE Gum
	1pm-3pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	5:45pm	150 th Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 5/9	10am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5pm-6pm	Joyful Noise	Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Committee	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 5/10	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5pm-7pm	WNL Year End Picnic	Lib's Park
	6:30pm	Woodcarver's Meet	basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir (Tenor/Bass)	Choir Room
Thursday 5/11	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee Meets	As needed
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/12	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
	6pm	Hastings College Baccalaureate	Sanctuary
Sunday 5/14 Mother's Day	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various



Join The Fight Against Cancer

Purchase and personalize a luminary in honor of or in memory of someone who has battled cancer. Luminaries are available for \$10 each in the Memorial Room on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office during the week. Luminaries will be on display in the church in June. Donations may be given online also, at www.RelayForLife.org.

May Communion Offering



Open Table Sack Lunch Program

One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.

Our communion offering for May is the Open Table Sack Lunch Program. This year our congregation will be celebrating twenty years of support for this program. For those of you that are new to our church or community, the Open Table Sack Lunch Program is a community wide program providing free daily sack lunches Monday through Friday that are distributed from the Catholic Social Services Office in downtown Hastings. Every July for the past 19 years, our church has assembled sack lunches each Sunday before and after services. Many years, we have also added hot meals and chef salads. This tradition in our church has been a blessing for the people receiving the lunches; as well as, for the people preparing them. Assembling these lunches has been a joyful gathering opportunity for members of our church and guests. Your donations for this communion offering will stay in our church to use towards purchasing food for the sack lunches we prepare.

Thanks for your generous and enthusiastic support of this ongoing mission.

-Mission Committee

Presbyterian Women Offering

Presbyterian Women collect an offering in honor of and in memory of mothers. The offering this year will be split between "Our Little Angels" and "Threads of Grace." We will be set up in the Memorial Room May 7 and 14.

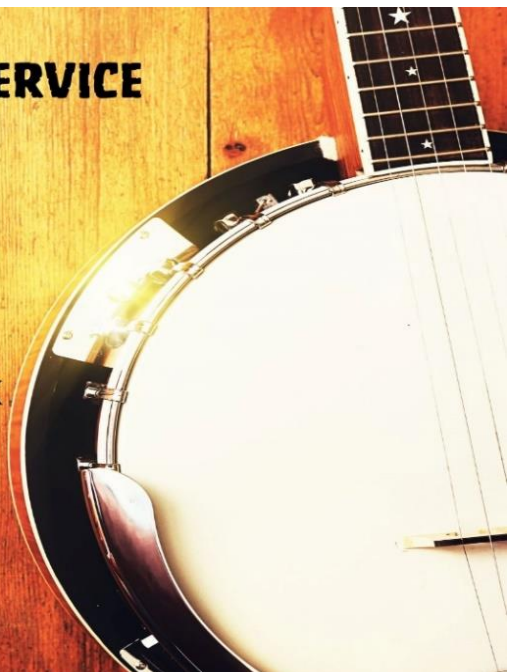
BLUEGRASS WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE PARK

**Pentecost
Sunday**

**SUNDAY, MAY 28
10:30AM
CHAUTAUQUA PARK**



**Barista's Coffee Truck
will be on-site**



Please pray for

Shirley Maul
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Greg Howard
Lisa Unger & family
Jodi Graves & family
Ashley Ibach
Vicki Howard
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Denny Storer and family
Ken Fisk
Family of Jim Hahne

Irina Belikova-Erickson
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Tarah Davis & family
Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Merry Williams
Katharine Davis
Family of Rhonda Sanford



In memory of
Jim Hahne, who passed
away on 4/24/23
Rhonda Sanford, who
passed away on 4/24/23



If you wish to have someone added to or removed from the prayer list,
please call the church office at 402-462-5147



THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING
LONG-SLEEVE WORK
SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.

THESE SHIRTS PROTECT THE WORKERS FROM
THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO AGRICULTURAL
CHEMICALS.

SHIRTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED
BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU.

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Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Brett Epperson
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

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Ministries: Rose Koepp
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Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
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