May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday Of Easter

PRELUDE "Fantasia" *Sweelinck*
Linda Vollweiler, Organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" *7*
Chancel Choir Men; Brett Epperson, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Live in God's love!
Let that love be poured out for all God's people!
Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.
We are called to be God's witnesses!
Celebrate and rejoice!
Come, let us worship God, who has called us here today and has called us to witness to God's amazing love!

*HYMN "Christ Is Alive!" (vs. 1, 4-5) 246

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives:
- ***when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation;***
- ***when we walk through our lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us;***
- ***when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands.***

Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you—for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When Jesus left the disciples, he gave us a promise:
"I will not leave you orphaned!"
For we, his disciples, live in him and he in us—
The presence of God within and around all.
What a promise! Take courage! Take comfort! In Christ's name, you are forgiven and loved!
Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" 582

*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

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rose Koepp

While the children come forward, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, in you we live and move and have our being! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may we be inspired to live out this profound truth. May your Word make us mindful of the beauty, the hope, and the calling of living in you. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – John 14:15-21

ANTHEM "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *arr. Tom Trenney*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 17:22-29

MESSAGE **"Connecting with others, sharing our faith"** Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" 451

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from Rev. Ruth Innes, Scottish Church)

We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present and future. Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word of grace, and love made flesh, who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the oppressor, to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.
We believe in God's Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again, who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage, who resurrects us to new life.
We believe that the Church is of God, will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a life of love and service.

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 "Come, Ye Disconsolate " *arr. Terre Johnson*

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giver of all gifts, we are grateful for your every blessing and for your presence through all of life— in our joys and fears, and in our hopes and dreads. We pray for those who do not know the consolation of your presence in their lives, asking that you reveal yourself to them through the gifts we have given and through the lives we live.
Reveal yourself, O God, that all your children may find their true home in you. Amen.

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 "Take My Life" (vs. 1-4, 6) 697

*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 "Monkland" *arr. Albert L. Travis*

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 WORSHIP 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 Rogene Wenburg, beloved mother and grandmother, by Justin, Kili, Selah and Carter Wenburg.

THE FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Helen C. Mathews, our amazing mother and grandmother on her 80th birthday today, given by The Oliver Family; and, in memory of Phyllis Glass & Dorothy Christensen.

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

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.

- If you need food, please come at the time indicated based on the first letter of your last name.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.

United Harvest

May 20, 2023		
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

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.

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
Mary Wolf
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
Cheryl Schukei

In memory of

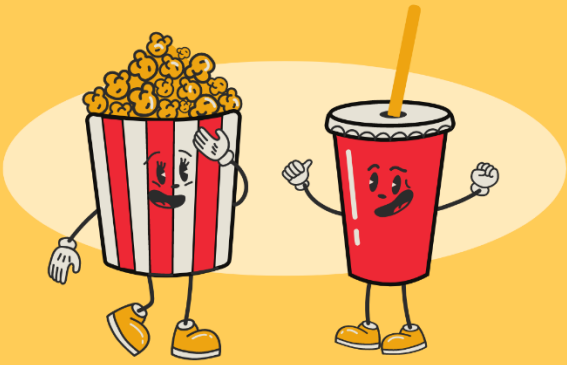
Jim Hahne, who passed away on 4/24/23
Rhonda Sanford, who passed away on 4/24/23

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

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:

ENCANTO

PIZZA AND POPCORN PROVIDED

BRING A PILLOW AND BLANKET

CONTACT ROSE WITH QUESTIONS 402-462-5147

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??

The First Presbyterian Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children.

(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)

Donations accepted now through October at these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,

Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, May 23, from 12pm-6pm.

There is a critical need for donated blood.

Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive.

To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

Sunday 5/14	8:30am-9:15am	Contemplative Worship	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School (last day)	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 5/15	1pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 5/16	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 5/17	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:15pm-2:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thursday 5/18	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/19	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 5/20		United Harvest	
Sunday 5/21	8:30am	Contemplative Worship	Chapel
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	12pm-1pm	Music Planning Meeting	Parlor
	3pm-4pm	Cathedral Brass Concert	Sanctuary
	5-7:30pm	K-5th Grade Movie Club	Fellowship Hall

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

DONATION IN HONOR OF:	GIVEN BY:
Sarah Fruehling	Will & Ginny Locke
Angie Locke	Will & Ginny Locke
Patty Kneale	Curtis & Kathy Reimer
Ann Koozer	Maggie, Mac, C.J., Dan
Carol Kyle	Bee, Meghan & Morgan Kyle
Roberta Lloyd	Jeni & George Howard
Julie McDougal	Robin & Ann Koozer
Mentors in PW	Ira & May Wierenga
Carol Medsker	Sue Medsker & Nan Huey
Renee Miller	Mary Fisk
Vicki Nieves	Mary Fisk
Robyn Nedderman	Calvin Nedderman
Judy Reimer	Curtis & Kathy Reimer
Dana Kay, Leslie, Kim & Melissa	Flossie Sanderson
Madeline Weiland	Max Nedderman

DONATION IN MEMORY OF:	GIVEN BY:
Baby angels	Mary Olsen
Florene Behl	Sharon & John Brooks
Alice Braum	Will & Ginny Locke
Donna Brooks	Sharon & John Brooks
Jeanne Butz	John & Cathy Pershing
Betty Dorrance	Susie Graham
Dorothy Graham	Kenny Graham
Annabelle Hafer	Lois & Charlie Hafer
Billie Johnson	Linda & Richard Johnson
Myrtle Knigge	Katharine Davis
Fran Koozer	Robin & Ann Koozer
Mary Lou Leymaster	Lois & Charlie Hafer
Alice Locke	Will & Ginny Locke
Lucille McHargue	Jan Bollinger
Virginia Metzger	Linda & Richard Johnson
Our mothers	Mary & Jorn Olsen
Eldene Pershing	John & Cathy Pershing
Leona Porter	Phyllis O'Dey
Clara Crawford; Eleanor Grummert	Gary & Carol Grummert; Bert & Lori Wright; Dylan & Dacia Wright

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
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Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
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Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
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