



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 27, 2023 10:30am Service

PRELUDE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

Jacob Shin

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Isaiah 51)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

Look to Shiphrah and Puah who sustained you in Egypt and kept your sons from the river; for their courage I blessed them and gave them families.

Look to Pharaoh’s daughter who lifted Moses from the Nile; for she took pity and saw not an enemy but a child.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

My salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

*HYMN

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”
Dana Miller, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are clever, O God; you made us to be so. The trouble is that our cleverness is often misdirected. We've an endless supply of creative insults and putdowns. We've not yet run out of ways to neglect others and the earth itself. We're ingenious, really, when it comes to crafting excuses not to love our neighbor or to live solely for ourselves. Often, Great Creator, we use our inventiveness not in service of love but in service of fear. Forgive us. Redirect us. Show us the clever ways that we can follow you.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

To what clever act of love might God be calling you?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is near to all who call, who call from their hearts.

The desires of those who fear God are fulfilled; their cries are heard;
they are saved.

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

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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

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Greg Allen-Pickett, Rose Koepp, and Parents

(While the children and their families come down, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me.”)

Parents: Child’s Name, you are my child, and I am very proud of you. You are a creation of God, and you have been wonderfully made. God has a special plan for your life, a plan for hope and a future. May this book be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. May it teach you, correct you, and train you to be the very person God longs for you to be. We love you and present to you your very own Bible.

Rose: May each of your baptism journeys continue as you receive the Word of God this morning. Together with your parents and your church family, we are here to help you learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. Just like the promises made at your baptism, scripture reminds us that we belong to one another. And now as the people of God, the congregation will join together in one voice and offer this prayer of blessing for you:



We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your parents, and all of us as we support and encourage you. May you use this Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. Together we will learn and grow in our love for God's Word as you continue in your baptismal journey and we continue to keep our promises to you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In the telling of these stories let us find what you intend. Shape our hearts and change our minds, until we're one with you again. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 1:8-2:10

MESSAGE “Clever Love”

*HYMN “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” 291

*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.)

First Presbyterian
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Donation QR Code

You can give this morning by putting your offering in the offering plates that will be passed through the pews during the offertory, or you can scan the QR code or give online:

<https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY “Take My Life” Malan
Dana Miller, Vocalist; Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, Pianist

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Into your hands, O God, we entrust these gifts and our very selves. May they be used cleverly and well. May they bring about the growth of your love in the world. 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

"Loving Spirit"
(Verses 1,2,3,5)

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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.
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 C"

Douglas E. Wagner

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

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

10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Stay-at-Home Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings

(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 92.7FM.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by Jo and Les Seiler.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Phyllis and John Lainson by family and friends.

USHERS August (Team #6) Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

GREETERS

AUGUST	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
27	Mary Kay LaMaster, Jill Kramer	Jean Barber

September Ushers (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, LaVern Franzen, Elaine Specht

September Greeters

SEPTEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
3	Sally Smith	Sue Medsker	Bonnie & Kenton Grams
10	Jeni & George Howard		Clyde Sachtleben
17	Dixie & Gale McDonald		Lois & John Meeske
24	Amy & Joe Black		Jan Bolliger

Ushers- We are in need for volunteers to serve as ushers during the month of September. Please let Melissa know in the Church office (melissa@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147) if you are able to help out. Thank you in advance!



Sunday, August 27th
Immediately following
10:30 am service

Free Will Donation to help support

Our Place



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"150TH CELEBRATION"

Luncheon
September 10, 2023
12pm- PEACE Center

THE DETAILS

- A catered meal will be provided.
- Free will donation to be collected at luncheon.

Tickets are free and are available on Sunday mornings in the Memorial Room or in the Church Office during the week.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF HASTINGS**
LIVING A LEGACY OF LOVE

Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, September 10, 2023
Worship at 10:30am

A few highlights of the worship service include the following:

- Our Chancel Choir and Youth Choir joyfully leading our singing and Chancel Bells ringing out for joy, along with Cathedral Brass and our amazing organist Linda Vollweiler rounding out the music.
- Five former pastors/friends of the church will be back to help lead worship including Rev. Duane Queen, Rev. John Curtiss, Rev. Cheryl Ann Elfond, Rev. Ron Holmes, and Rev. Stan Kessler.
- The President of Hastings College, Dr. Rich Lloyd, will be there to celebrate the partnership between the church and the college.
- The Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Rev. Lance Clay, will be there to celebrate the partnership between our two churches.
- Executive Presbyter Rev. Polly Deppen-Williams will be there to represent the Presbytery of Central Nebraska
- A representative of the City of Hastings will be there to read a proclamation that celebrates our 150th Anniversary and reflects on the impact that our church has had on the community of Hastings.

Following the service, there will be a luncheon in the PEACE Center (across the street from the church). The luncheon is free, and all are welcome to attend; however, we do need a headcount to order the food. So please RSVP by Thursday, August 31, by calling the church office at (402)462-5147.

We hope to see you there!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL FORUM

A LEGACY OF LOVE HONORING OUR 150TH

Topics: Pastoral Memories, Music Ministry,
Continued History, HC Connection

Dates: Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct. 1

Presenters: Past Staff, Dr. Brett Epperson,
Dr. Laura Marvel-Wunderlich, Dr. Rich Lloyd

THEODOCY JAZZ

Topic: Theology meets Jazz!

Dates: Oct. 8

Presenter: Anne Phelps

HOW ISRAEL WAS BUILT

Topic: Exploring the ancient and
modern history of Israel

Dates: Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12

Presenter: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

BEARERS OF THE DIVINE

Topic: Learn all about the original
cantata premiering at FPC Dec. 10

Dates: Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10

Presenter: Hannah Jensen-Heitmann



SUNDAYS @ 9:15 A.M.
LYDIA ROOM



Please pray for

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Katharine Davis
Carter Johnson
Scott Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
family of Lisa Moser
family of Norma Vineyard
Matt Campbell
Heather Gosda
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves

Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Vicki Howard
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Curtis Reimer and family
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Mary Wolf
Marie Rasmussen
Pamela Lainson & family
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Jacob Shin
Jim Boeve
family of Peter Duang



In memory of

Norma Vineyard, who passed
away on 7/14/2023
Peter Duang, who passed
away on 8/16/2023



Chancel Handbell Choir



Practice begins
Wednesday, August 30
7:30pm
Bell Room

All are welcome to join us!
We are always looking for new members!

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

AUGUST 27, 2023

Kindergarten

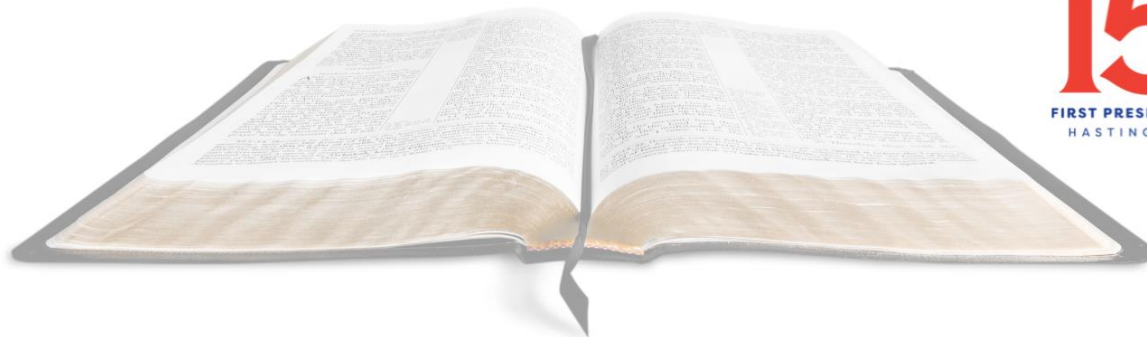
Fiona Eckhardt
Jade Guiai-Lou
Madelyn Koepp
Wilson Welsch

3rd Grade

Dalton Adam
Sam Boyd
Julia Boyd
Harper Launchbaugh
Charlie Stout

8th Grade

Lyla Adam	Peyton Mitchell
Esther Allen-Pickett	Charlie Ratzlaff
Olivia Canady	Keaton Redline
Collin Hermes	Caleb Schukei
Alexis Longshore	Vivienne Turner
Harrison Welsch	



Sunday 8/27	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School Kick-Off	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	11:30am	Ice Cream Social	Fellowship Hall
Monday 8/28	1pm-3pm	First Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 8/29	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 8/30	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers meet	basement
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 8/31	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 9/1	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Lydia Room
Sunday 9/3	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

Chancel Choir

Begins Wednesday, August 30

6:45pm-7:30pm

Choir Room

All who are interested in singing are welcome!



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
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. 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

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Director of Children & Family
Ministries: Rose Koepf
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey