

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (From the Church of Scotland)

God of all time and space, you were with Your people of old. You are with us now. You have promised to be with us until the end of time. We give You thanks that in Your presence we are not alone. We confess that sometimes we lose faith and trust. We look at our lives and our world and don't like what we see. We are impatient, ungrateful, and angry. There doesn't seem to be a clear plan. Our ideas come unstuck, and we question whether there is any purpose to anything. In this time of worship, remind us of Your promise never to leave us or forsake us. Help us to trust Your promise that You will be with us. Teach us again about the power and folly of Your love. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Greg Allen-Pickett

Jesus said:

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

My friends, experience God's forgiveness and joy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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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

(Please pass the Friendship Pads, and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Esther Allen-Pickett

While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me.”

SPECIAL MUSIC

Harrison and Lincoln Welsh

(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.)

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

Jan Bolliger

On behalf of families of all nations and in the name of all the families that are here represented, we present these Tartans and symbols of families before Almighty God in appreciation of our heritage, and we ask God's blessings upon these, God's humble servants. Bless, we pray, these symbols and the families that they represent—that they may be unto us and unto all people a token of the faith of our ancestors and a sign of our service unto you. In the name of the Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go Beannai Dia Duit, May God's Blessing be on You.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Fisk

May the scriptures being read, the words that are spoken, and the reflections of our hearts, be worthy of your grace, O God, to whom all honor and glory is given now and forever more. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 133

ANTHEM

“Abide with Me”

arr. Moses Hogan

Spiro Spero Singers

(The author of the text of this song, Henry F. Lyte, was Scottish)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

MESSAGE

Unity in Christ across oceans, cultures, time, and space

*HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is love.

We praise God the Father: Who created the universe and keeps it in being.

He has made us his sons and daughters to share his joy, living together in justice and peace, Caring for his world and for each other.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son: Born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became one of us, sharing our life and our death. He made known God's compassion and mercy, giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness to all.

By his death on the cross and by his resurrection He has triumphed over evil. Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.

We trust God the Holy Spirit: Who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church, who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness.

The Spirit guides us in our understanding of the Bible, renews us in the sacraments, and calls us to serve God in the world.

We rejoice in the gift of eternal life: We have sure and certain hope of resurrection through Christ, and we look for his coming again to judge the world. Then all things will be made new.

And creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit, one God, blessed forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

First Presbyterian
Church



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

“Old Rustic Bridge”

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kay Georgiana

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world.

As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. 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

“We All Are One in Mission”

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends”
Joe Fuch, Bagpipes and *Spiro Spero* Singers
(a setting of Scottish Folk Tune *O Waly, Waly*)

Mack Wilberg

*RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

“Highland Cathedral”

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

10:30 AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Anna and Milferd Swedlund by family.

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

GREETERS

AUGUST	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
13	Julie Thomsen	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
20	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske
27	Mary Kay LaMaster	Jean Barber



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.

August 19, 2023

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



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

Free Will Donation to help support

Our Place





Hastings Food Pantry

The Pantry had just finished one of the busiest months since we began serving the community.

We are restocking our shelves and are in dire need of canned fruit, Ramen noodles, instant potatoes, and cereal (cold and hot).

Also, we have been asked if the Pantry accepts financial donations in lieu of food items. The answer is “Yes”. For those making this type of donation we will do the shopping for you. Thank you for your past and continued support.



LIVING A LEGACY OF LOVE



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

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.

Sunday 8/13	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Scottish Heritage Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 8/14	1pm-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Center quilting room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 8/15	10-11 am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Noon Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 8/16	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarver's	Basement
Thursday 8/17	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout room
Friday 8/18	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Saturday 8/19		United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sunday 8/20	9:15am	Children/Youth Volunteer Training	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex



Have you moved?
 Got a new phone number?
 Had an email address change?

Please notify the church office (402-462-5147 or melissa@fpchastings.org) so we can update your information. Thank you!

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



Please pray for



Pam Canady
 Ashley Ibach
 Vicki Howard
 Reta & Lowell Johnson
 Carl Utley
 Barry Thomson
 Stephen Gass
 Rich Reimer & family
 Greg Howard
 Ken Fisk
 Mary Wolf
 Marie Rasmussen
 Pamela Lainson & family
 Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
 Jacob Shin
 Matt Campbell

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
 Go & Serve participants
 Linda Vollweiler



In memory of

Norma Vineyard, who passed
 away on 7/14/2023

HELLO!

★ ★ ★ YOU'RE INVITED TO ★ ★ ★

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

★ ★ ★ @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ★ ★ ★

AUGUST 27

TIME: 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

WHO: ALL STUDENTS AGE 3 - 12TH GRADE

LOCATION: THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHAT TO EXPECT: REVIEW PROCEDURES, EXPECTATIONS, AND SCHEDULES. MEET TEACHERS. ACOLYTE TRAINING. BIBLE PRESENTATION



February 3, 2024

1:30pm

Lied Center

Lincoln

Adults \$69 each

Children (age 18 and under) \$34.50 each

The Congregational Life Committee would like to see if there would be an interest in attending "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Lied Center in February of 2024. If you are interested please scan the QR code or visit the website listed below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hwKWFqqtYnrtxyNZ4q2UDF2LBHQbA_yERrWrs0YKxxs/edit



“Jesus Christ Superstar” QR code



HOSPITAL REMINDER –Due to privacy regulations in place at the hospital, if you would like the church to know that either you or a family member will be hospitalized or have been admitted, please take a moment and call the church office at 402-462-5147.