



PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in A Minor”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

Let us worship together, the young and the old.

The good news is proclaimed in God’s words and also with crayons, silly songs, and snacks. God’s love is shared in the joy of teaching and learning.

Let us worship together, every generation.

We come together with different abilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

All are welcome in the arms of Christ, who proclaimed, “Let the children come!”

Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

*HYMN

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” (vs. 1-4)
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and mercy, be with us this day. We have faltered in our service to you. We create divisions; we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make any attempt to understand. We confess that we have often turned away from you. It is fear and anger that too often surround us. In this busy back-to-school season, slow us down, Lord. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus, who loved and healed others. Remind us that we are called to be strong voices of hope in the world; we are called to show hospitality to strangers. Forgive us when we have forgotten these things. In Jesus' name, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ calls each of us into lives of service and hope.

He equips us for these ministries and places us on the pathways of peace.

Rejoice! For in 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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord of hope, we come to you this day. May your holy word enter our hearts this day. May it inspire us to teach and learn to bring peace and joy to the world. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 12:2-8 (NIV)

ANTHEM

Wilson, Reagan, and Truman Welsch

(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.)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 12:9-18 (NIV)

MESSAGE

“Building a Beloved Community”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle’s Creed Study Catechism, Questions 7, 31, 54, 87*

What do we believe when we confess our faith in “God the Father Almighty”?
That God is a God of love and that God’s love is powerful beyond measure.

What do we affirm when we confess our faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord”?
That having been raised from the dead, he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith, and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.

What do we believe when we confess our faith in the Holy Spirit?
The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ’s service.

What do we affirm when we speak of “the life everlasting”?
In Christ we were chosen before the foundation of the world. To Christ we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through Christ we are raised from death to new life. For Christ we shall live to all eternity.

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

“It is Well with My Soul”
Kendall Greene, Saxophone

arr. Brent Olstad

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord of all mercy and compassion, bless these gifts lovingly offered and all the people here. Help us to use these gifts for ministries of hope through our church and into our community, nation, and 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**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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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**

"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"

arr. Tom Doran

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

10:30 AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Stacye Hunter by the Hunter family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Lainson and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

THE ROSE is given in honor of Dara and Gary Richter's 50th wedding anniversary.

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

GREETERS

AUGUST	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
20	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske
27	Mary Kay LaMaster, Jill Kramer	Jean Barber



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.



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
 Jim Boeve
 family of Peter Duang

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

In memory of

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





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



Hastings Food Pantry



The Pantry has 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.



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
Monday 8/21	12pm	Memorial Committee	Anderson Room
	1pm-3pm	First Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 8/22	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity Board	Parlor
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 8/23	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 8/24	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 8/25	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Lydia Room
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

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 Koepp

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

Chancel Choir

Begins Wednesday, August 30

6:45pm-7:30pm

Choir Room

All who are interested in singing are welcome!



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!