



**Tenth Sunday
After Pentecost
August 6, 2023
10:30am Service**

PRELUDE

“Wonderful Words of Life”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Darrell Archer

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 33)

Rose Koepp

All you who are righteous, come together to joyfully praise the Lord!

It's right for those who do right to praise God.

Give thanks to the Lord with music!

Let us joyfully sing to the Lord a new song today!

Because the Lord's word is right, God's every act is done in good faith.

The Lord's faithful and steadfast love fills the whole earth and our lives. Come, let us joyfully worship our glorious God!

*HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Sue Medsker, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people who are suffering or in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. When we falter and slide off the path of hope you place before us, you “pick us up and dust us off” and put us again on that path, confident of your faithful presence with us. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of peace with faith and hope like a child. We pray this in Christ's name.

SILENT CONFESSION

When have I given in to fear over hope? When have I given up, thinking that a problem was impossible to solve instead of having faith like a child?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Feel God's healing love pouring over you and into your lives.

May we know that God delights in each one of us and gives us faith and hope to persevere.

This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus' Name, 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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we hear your Holy Word today, eager to be filled with hope, we come seeking nourishments for our souls. We hunger and thirst for the word of hope and truth. May we hear and receive that word today. May it give us peace, change our lives, and inspire us to be change-makers in the world. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 18:1-5

ANTHEM

“La Cathédrale Engloutie”

Debussy

Laura Kate Oliver

(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 – Isaiah 58:10-12

SERMON

“Childlike Faith, Hope, and Love”

Greg Allen-Pickett

Children's Book Sermon Series-*Change Sings*-by Amanda Gorman

*HYMN

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” (vs. 1, 4-5)

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

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/>

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Donation QR Code

OFFERTORY “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *arr. Cheryl Albrecht*

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With great joy, we present these tithes and gifts for the ministry of this church. Be with each of us as we, too, commit ourselves to lives of joyful, thankful service. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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

(We will take communion this morning by intinction. Come down the aisle, receive a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup. If you would prefer not to dip the bread in the cup, you can pick up a cup on the communion table. Ushers will bring communion around to those with limited mobility and the sound crew)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

***BENEDICTION 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

“March in C”

Henry Purcell

*(*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 a.m. Scottish Heritage Worship 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 in memory of Hal Lainson by the Hermes,
Olsen, Bliss and Overmiller families.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Toni and Bob Mays; and in memory of Jim
McDougal by family and friends.

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

GREETERS

AUGUST	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
6	Linda & Richard Johnson		Melissa Davis
13	Jane Foote	Julie Thomsen	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
20	Lori & Ted Schroeder		Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske
27	Mary Kay LaMaster		Jean Barber

Sunday 8/6	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 8/7	1-3pm	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:45pm	150 th Anniversary Committee	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 8/8	10am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
Wednesday 8/9	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thursday 8/10	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee	As needed
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 8/11	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Saturday 8/12	5pm-7pm	K-5th grade Summer Movie Club	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 8/13	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Scottish Heritage Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

August Communion Offering



The designated Communion Offering for August is Our Place After-School Care. "The Mission of Our Place After School Care is to create a caring community that will encourage teenagers with special needs, ages 13-20, to practice academic, social and life skills and enable them to be involved in community service and enriching experiences."

HELLO!

★ ★ ★ YOU'RE INVITED TO ★ ★ ★

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

★ ★ ★ @ FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ★ ★ ★

AUGUST
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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

SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 5-7:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUMMER MOVIE CLUB

FOR INCOMING K-5



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

THE LION KING

PIZZA AND POPCORN PROVIDED

BRING A PILLOW AND BLANKET

CONTACT ROSE WITH QUESTIONS 402-462-5147

Please pray for

Pam Canady	Brad Davis
Ashley Ibach	Elaine Schumacher
Vicki Howard	Dave Schawang
Reta & Lowell Johnson	Renee Miller
Carl Utley	Rich Portwood
Barry Thomson	Shirley Gass
Stephen Gass	Don Rasmussen
Rich Reimer & family	Audre Zaroban
Greg Howard	Katharine Davis
Ken Fisk	Carter Johnson
Mary Wolf	Scott Johnson
Marie Rasmussen	Tarah Davis & family
Pamela Lainson & family	family of Lisa Moser
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)	family of Norma Vineyard
family of Shirley Maul	Go & Serve participants
Matt Campbell	

In memory of
Norma Vineyard, who passed
away on 7/14/2023



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.



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!



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**SAVE
THE
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Scottish Heritage
Worship
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**AUG
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150th Anniversary
Worship & Lunch
Sanctuary & PEACE Center



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Head of Church: Jesus Christ
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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
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