Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 3, 2023

PRELUDE "On the Wings of a Dove" (Veni Creator) *arr. John G. Barr*
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "Praise to the Lord" *arr. Brant Adams*
Sarah Wolf, Flutist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

We gather together to praise and worship God.
It is God who lifts us from the reeds. It is God who nourishes us.
It is God who guides us. It is God who delivers us.
Let us give thanks to God and speak of God's wonderful deeds.
Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.
May we be drawn up from the reeds and into the heart of God.

*HYMN "Crashing Waters at Creation" 476

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We tend, O God, to leave things be; to assume that we can't do anything about it. We see chaos and presume that we cannot order it. We witness anguish and figure that we cannot tend to it. We observe the world around us, shrug our shoulders, and invoke the magic words which we believe let us off the hook: "It is what it is." Forgive us for our complacency. Remind us of Pharaoh's daughter, who pulled Moses from the waters of chaos. Inspire us with Moses' sister, who arranged for his nurture. Grant that we might find the moments when we can do something.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

Where is God calling you to act in the world?

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" 581

*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)

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SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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 "Up Out of the Water" or "Notice Anything?"

*HYMN "As a Child Rests" 474

*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.

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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/

OFFERTORY "Spirit of the Living Lord" *arr. Robert W. Thygerson*

*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 bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 475

*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 "Take the Name of Jesus with You" *arr. John Innes*

*(*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 150th Celebration Worship Service in the Sanctuary
12 PM 150th Celebration Luncheon in the PEACE Center

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 First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. William A. McCall by family.

USHERS (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, LaVern Franzen, Elaine Specht, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

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

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church
are hosting a blood drive on
Tuesday, September 12, 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.

September
Communion Offering
Hastings Literacy Council

Sunday 9/3	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 9/4		**Labor Day- Church Office Closed**	
Tuesday 9/5	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm-7pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:45pm	150th Committee meeting	Parlor
Wednesday 9/6	11am-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7:15pm	WNL PreK-12th grade	various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 9/7	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 9/8	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	10am	Jim Hoffman Funeral	Sanctuary
	5pm-8pm	Peter Duang viewing	Memorial Room
Saturday 9/9	9am	Peter Duang Funeral	Sanctuary
Sunday 9/10	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	**150th Anniversary Worship Service**	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	12pm	**150th Celebration Luncheon**	PEACE Center Gym

Langenberg Lesson Applications

Langenberg Lesson Applications for Fall 2023 are now available. Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to $250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. Although grants are renewable, parents MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER. Applications are available in the church office or by visiting the church website https://fpchastings.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/08/Langenberg-form-Fall-2023.pdf and are DUE November 1, 2023

LIVING A LEGACY OF LOVE

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

Happening Next Sunday!

Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, September 10, 2023
Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
Luncheon at 12pm in the PEACE Center

A few highlights 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).

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 premering 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
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
family of Jim Hoffman

Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
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
Rita Epperson

In memory of

Norma Vineyard, who passed away on 7/14/2023
Peter Duang, who passed away on 8/16/2023
Jim Hoffman, who passed away on 8/29/2023

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional ushers for the September 17th worship service. Please let Melissa know in the Church Office (402-462-5147 or melissa@fpchastings.org) if you are able to help out. Thank you!

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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