



## Hastings College Sunday at First Presbyterian Church October 1, 2023

PRELUDE

“Laudamus”

*arr. Jerry Van Der Pol*

A Sequence of Hymns in Praise of God  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*arr. Fritz Mountford*

Hastings College Choir, Brett Epperson, director

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25)

Dr. Rich Lloyd

To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls.

***O my God, in you I trust;***

Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.

***Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.***

Make us mindful of your mercy, O LORD,

***Remind us of your steadfast love.***

God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches us about God’s way.

***Come let us worship our merciful, loving, teaching God!***

\*HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Sometimes we are quick to say yes to you, O Lord, and then we turn around and forget our bold words of commitment. We really want to serve, but we are very weak and are easily drawn away by cares and fears. Other times we ignore your pleas to serve you and find ourselves pulled this way and that by other demands on our time and energy. Forgive us, O Lord, when we so quickly drop or deny our commitments to following you. Heal our spirits and give us the bold courage to truly be your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name.***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows our hearts and our spirits.

***God sees our struggles and forgives our weakness.***

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and loved!

***Alleluia! Amen!***

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Asante”

*Sylvester Otieno*

*Please sing the refrain as you are invited*

## \*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

## GREETING FROM HASTINGS COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. RICH LLOYD

## PRAY FOR ILLUMINATION

***Lord, your blessings abound in our lives, and you offer us the abundance of your love and wisdom through your Holy Word. Give us ears to listen and open hearts as we hear your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.***

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 4:1-6

## ANTHEM

“O Filii et Filiae”

*Ivo Antognini*

Translation:

*Ye sons and daughters of the Lord: the King of heaven, King of glory, from death arose this day. Alleluia.*

*On this feast-day most holy, let us give praise and jubilation: let us bless the Lord. Alleluia*

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 3:1-12

SERMON “Responding to God’s Call – Connecting Faith, Education, & Vocation”  
Dr. Jessica Meeske and Greg Allen-Pickett

*Dr. Jessica Meeske, Hastings College Class of 1991, was named the 2023 Pediatric Dentist of the Year by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Meeske works to ensure all children have affordable access to dental care.*

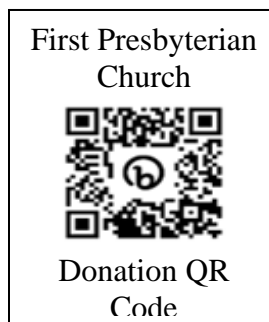
\*HYMN

“Here I Am Lord”

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OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to 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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*arr. Fritz Mountford*

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Lord, we present these tokens of the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Make us people who are unafraid to believe in your abundance and reflect that in our giving and our living. Help these gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. 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 "For Everyone Born" (vs. 1-3, 5) 769

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless You" Brett Epperson

POSTLUDE "Toccata Brevis" Daniel Gawthrop  
Organist Sarah Sutton

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

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

<p>Presbyterian Jazz Weekend FEATURING <b>THE THEODICY JAZZ COLLECTIVE</b></p>	<p>Fri, Oct 6 – 7pm, Concert at The Lark, Downtown Hastings Sat, Oct 7 – 7pm, Concert at First Presbyterian Church Sun, Oct 8 – 10:30am, Worship at First Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Free &amp; open to the public – All are welcome!</p>
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**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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.



## Invitation to Capital Campaign Advanced Gift Gathering

If you'd like to learn more about the Capital Campaign, you are invited to join us for one of these gatherings:

- Wednesday, October 11, 7pm: At the home of Chuck Shoemaker and Lynne Friedewald
- Thursday, October 12, 7pm: At the Barrett Alumni Center hosted by Robin and Ann Koozer

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to the church office: 402-462-5147



**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given by Jo and Les Seiler.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Dr. Robert Smith by family.

**USHERS (Team #2)** Captain– Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

**ACOLYTES** Esther Allen-Pickett, Peyton Mitchell

**NURSERY** Laura Kate Oliver

**GREETERS**

OCTOBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
1	Kili & Justin Wenberg		Melissa Davis
8	Kathy Utter	Kim Creech	Laurie & Brian Johnson
15	Kathy & Curtis Reimer		Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
22	Jan Bolliger		Scott & Willie Kummer
29	Marnie & Doug Soderquist		Bev Rader



## CROP Hunger Walk

Church Women United of the Hastings area is announcing this years CROP Hunger Walk scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 2pm, at Lake Hastings (new location.) The walk will raise funds to help stop hunger both locally and globally.



Twenty-five percent of the proceeds collected from the walk will come back to us and serve the Hastings High School and Hastings Middle School food pantries.



To register, start a team, join a team, and/or donate online go to [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) or donate in our church office.

We hope you can join in on the fun!



**October Communion Offering**  
**Rite Care Clinic of Hastings**

## CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church  
would love to receive your gently used  
winter coats for our coat drive that  
will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for  
Men, Women and Children.

(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at  
these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church,  
Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!



enCourage Advocacy Center is in  
need of the following items:

- Shampoo
  - Conditioner
  - Lotion
  - Toothpaste
  - Women's Razors
  - Chapstick
- (both travel and full-size of the  
above items are needed.)
- Children's Tylenol  
(chewable & liquid)
  - Children's Motrin  
(chewable & liquid)

Donations can be dropped off in the  
designated bin in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!

## Artist Needed!

*Are you talented with  
paint and large-scale art?*

We are looking to bring some color and whimsy to  
our Youth Group space!

We would like to add a mural to the wall on the  
landing going down to the basement youth room.

Please reach out to Rose Koepp for more  
information.

[rose@fpchastings.org](mailto:rose@fpchastings.org)





## **Presbyterian Jazz Weekend**

FEATURING

# **THE THEODICY JAZZ COLLECTIVE**

**Friday, Oct 6 - 7pm**

### **The Lark**

A concert featuring members of the Theodicy Jazz Collective and Hastings College Vocal Jazz

**Saturday, Oct 7 - 7pm**

### **First Presbyterian Church**

Concert featuring the Theodicy Jazz Collective, First Presbyterian Chancel Choir, and the Hastings College Choir

**Sunday, Oct 8 - 10:30am**

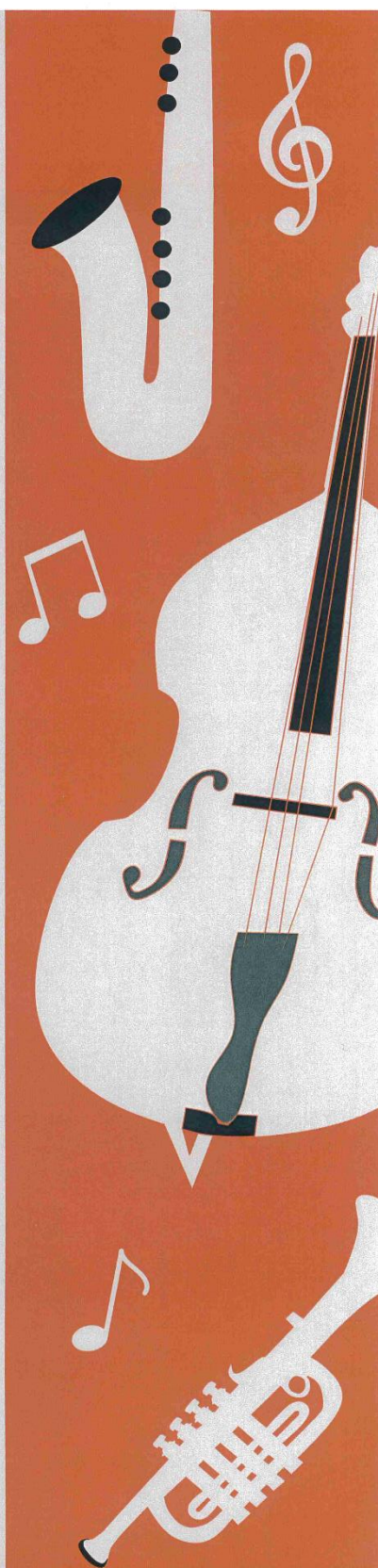
### **First Presbyterian Church**

Jazz Worship Service featuring the Theodicy Jazz Collective, First Presbyterian Chancel Choir, and Ann Phelps

**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**All are welcome!**

The Theodicy Jazz Collective: Expanding tradition without abandoning tradition. The ensemble incorporates sounds from jazz and gospel music traditions and rhythms from Latin America and Africa. Theodicy describes their music as "a constant prayer, sometimes a shout of joy, sometimes a call to action, sometimes a cry for hope."



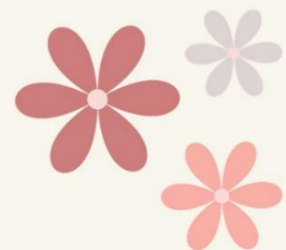
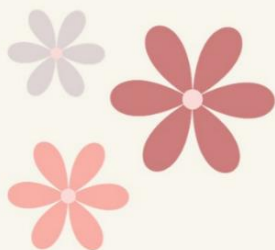
  
**LANGENBERG**  
CONCERT SERIES



<b>Sunday 10/1</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	<b>Hastings College Sunday/ World Communion Service</b>	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
<b>Monday 10/2</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 10/3</b>	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm-7pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 10/4</b>	11am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am	PW Program & Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7:15pm	WNL PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Various
	5:30pm-7pm	New Member Class	Confirmation Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 10/5</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Youth Christian Ed Committee	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 10/6</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	7pm	Theodicy Jazz Concert	The Lark
<b>Saturday 10/7</b>	7pm	Theodicy Jazz Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 10/8</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	<b>Jazz Sunday Worship Service</b>	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

## New Member Class

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church or just want to find out more about us, a new members/inquirers class will be held on October 4, 11, and 18 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. It will include dinner. Call the church office at 402-462-5147 to register for the class.







# 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**

### **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 and are **DUE November 1, 2023.**

### **Please pray for**

Brad Davis	Pam Canady
Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach
Dave Schawang	Reta & Lowell Johnson
Renee Miller	Carl Utley
Rich Portwood	Barry Thomson
Shirley Gass	Stephen Gass
Marie & Don Rasmussen	Greg Howard
Audre Zaroban	Ken Fisk
Katharine Davis	Mary Wolf
Carter Johnson	family of Julie McDougal
Scott Johnson	Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Tarah Davis & family	Jacob Shin
Matt Campbell	Jim Boeve
June Nielsen	family of Peter Duang
Vernon Groves	Brett Epperson and family
family of Jim Hoffman	Neil Kerr and family
Rick Gosda and family	Frances Kamler
Dana Odom	

### **In memory of**

Peter Duang, who passed

away on 8/16/2023

Jim Hoffman, who passed

away on 8/29/2023

Julie McDougal, who passed

away on 9/27/23

### ***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