



*arr. Diane Bish*

*Paul Baloché*

*Come, let us worship God who blesses us all the days of our lives!*

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***Cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

*How can I use prayer to draw closer to God?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103)

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

***God does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.***

As far as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward us.

***As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.***

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

## INTRODUCTION OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Overview and Pledge Update

Introduction of Capital Campaign leadership team

- ***Capital Campaign Co-Chairs:*** John & Cathy Pershing, William & Susan Oliver
- ***Initial Gathering Chairs:*** Curtis & Kathy Reimer, Chuck & Jane Bauer, Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske, George & Colleen Adam
- ***Advanced Gathering Chairs:*** Robin & Ann Koozer, Chuck Shoemaker and Lynne Friedewald
- ***Pastors:*** Greg Allen-Pickett and Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Prayer for the Capital Campaign leadership Team

***Almighty God, look with favor upon these people who commit to follow and serve Jesus Christ. Give each of them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all with our Christian vocation of witness to the world and service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Prayer for the Capital Campaign

***Almighty God, we give thanks to you for opportunities, past and present, to worship, study, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We thank you for the gifts of faith and fellowship that we have experienced during our history.***

***As we come together today to commit ourselves to your direction for our future, we lift our hearts in gratitude to you, O Lord, for all those who helped prepare the way for us—for their worship, devotion, service, and care of this beloved Church and property. For these and all your blessings, we give you thanks.***

***We pray that your Holy Spirit will guide us now as we begin this campaign for the future of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. Trusting in your love, help us to move forward with generous, open, and willing hearts so that we can continue to grow and serve you. Guide us, so that we may continue to meet new opportunities with courage, love, and steadfastness. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Warm our hearts with your love; surprise us with your Holy Word; enlighten us with your Holy Spirit. This morning, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to put your Word into action. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 18:1-15

## ANTHEM

## “I’m Here”

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

This original song is based on Genesis 18:1-15, extending the conversation between God and Sarah.

It is one of the songs from the cantata *Bearers of the Divine*, by Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, which will be presented in its entirety on Sunday, December 10.

Sunshine, where’s your laughter coming from?  
You’re mine, it’s not time to run.  
Come here, forget your fears.  
I’m here, no need to shed a tear.

Just know wherever you go,  
I’m in the wind that blows and swirls around you,  
And nothing’s impossible for you.  
And my dear, whenever you hear  
A songbird’s lullaby or a baby cry  
I’m here, I’m here, I’m here.

Slow down, we need you now.  
Don’t drown inside your fears right now.

Just know wherever you go,  
I am the pull inside your heart that guides you,  
And nothing’s impossible for you.  
And my dear, whenever you hear  
The sound of the thunder crash

Or a raindrop splash,  
I’m here, I’m here, I’m here.

You’ll stay young forever,  
In my eyes you’ll never fall.  
You can climb a mountain,  
Have a babe, do it all.  
You are right where I need you.  
Breathe in the air, and I’ll use you.

Sunshine, where’s your laughter coming from?  
You’re mine, it’s not time to run.  
Just know wherever you go,  
I’m in the sky, the earth, and everything around  
you.

And nothing’s impossible for you.  
And my dear, whenever you hear  
Someone take a breath or another step,  
I’m here, I’m here, I’m here.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 21:1-7

## SERMON

“Laughter, Joy, and the Power of Prayer!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

## \*HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Rev. Bruce Prewer, Uniting Church in Australia)

***We believe in the God of Christ Jesus, the source of abundance, full of grace and truth.***

***We believe in the extravagant God, who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, brings healing with every touch, welcomes all, and calls us to do the same.***

***We believe in the redeeming God who spared no cost, forgave even his brutal crucifiers, and who, on the third day, did a thing so extraordinary that even his friends were overwhelmed with joy.***

***We believe in the God of Jesus Christ, the source of abundance wherever we turn and no matter what we do.***

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/>

First Presbyterian  
Church



Donation QR Code

OFFERTORY "Blessed Be Your Name" *Matt and Beth Redman*

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

#### 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 lives. Help these gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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 "Take My Life" (vs. 1-4, 6) 697

#### \*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 "Trumpet Tune in D Major" *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!

**8:30 a.m. Contemplative Worship in the Chapel**

**9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages**

**10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Children's Choir and Bells**

**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.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family.

**ACOLYTES** Harrison Welsch, Collin Hermes

**USHERS (Team #1)** Captain – Chuck Hastings, LaVern Franzen, Elaine Specht, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker, Dixie & Gale McDonald

**GREETERS** Dixie & Gale McDonald, Rich & Carolyn McKenzie



## Prayer Calls



On Sunday, September 17 from 6:30-8pm, your church leaders and staff will be calling every family in the church. We will be collecting prayer requests, joys, and concerns, so that we can pray for you. So, if your phone rings on Sunday night, please answer it. You will have a chance to talk with a church leader and they will pray for you.

Thank you!





# 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**



## 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
Don Rasmussen	Greg Howard
Audre Zaroban	Ken Fisk
Katharine Davis	Mary Wolf
Carter Johnson	Marie Rasmussen
Scott Johnson	Pamela Lainson & family
Tarah Davis & family	Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Matt Campbell	Jacob Shin
June Nielsen	Jim Boeve
Vernon Groves	family of Peter Duang
family of Jim Hoffman	Brett Epperson and family
Rick Gosda and family	Neil Kerr and family
Brian Johnson	

## In memory of

Peter Duang, who passed  
away on 8/16/2023  
Jim Hoffman, who passed  
away on 8/29/2023



enCourage Advocacy Center is in need of the following items:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Razors
- Chapstick

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

Thank you!



## **CROP Hunger Walk**

Church Women United of the Hastings area is announcing this year's CROP Hunger Walk scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 2 pm, 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!

## *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.

*Get a free "blessed" dog tag for each pet!*



## **BBQ & Blessing of the Pets**



**Join First Presbyterian Church of Hastings for a BBQ and our annual Blessing of the Pets Service**

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm (BBQ); 6pm (Blessing of the Pets)  
in the church parking lot (please bring your own chair)**

**ALL PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!**

**Bring your pet or a photo of your pet for a prayer of blessing with Pastor Greg**

<b>Sunday 9/17</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
<b>Monday 9/18</b>	1pm-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Center quilting room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve meeting	Parlor
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 9/19</b>	10am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 9/20</b>	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7:15pm	WNL PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 9/21</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 9/22</b>	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
<b>Sunday 9/23</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
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### Langenberg Lesson Applications

Langenberg Lesson Applications for Fall 2023 are now available. 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

#### *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