

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You know how fickle we are, O Lord. We proclaim your presence with us, and then we behave in ways that run counter to your word. We get caught up in our own needs and sometimes find ourselves wrestling with you and what you ask of us. Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your compassionate love. Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Lift us from the deep morass and put us back on track. Give us confidence in your presence and your direction throughout our lives, for we ask these things in Jesus' name.

SILENT CONFESSION

When do I wrestle with God?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Feel the comforting power of God's love and mercy in your lives.

God is with us through all our experiences.

Rejoice! This is the good news for all of us! In Jesus' name, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

582

*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 AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REFLECTION

Nancy Grams

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

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 hear and open hearts as we hear your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 32:1-12

ANTHEM

“Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 32:22-31

SERMON “Jacob wrestles with his past, God still blesses him” Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” 643

*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 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 “Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”
Praise and Alleluia Choir, director Teresa Canady; Mary Plock, piano

*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)

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Go with God”

Isaiah Jones, Jr.

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

arr. Janet Linker

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

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

Wednesday, September 27

5pm-6pm: Barbeque (all are welcome!)

6pm-6:30pm: Blessing of the Pets (bring your pet or a picture of your pet)

Sunday, October 1

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

**10:30 a.m. Hastings College Sunday Worship with the Hastings College
Choir!**

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 Thelma and Lester D. Pedersen by
their family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of William Jensen, Claudina Jensen, Emory
and Emma Holloway from Byron, Deb, Nathan Jensen, and Hannah Jensen-Heitmann.

ACOLYTES Vivian Fong, Raegan Welsch

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

GREETERS Amy & Joe Black, Teresa Luther

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

October 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

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

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

Presbyterian Jazz Weekend featuring

THE THEODICY JAZZ COLLECTIVE

Friday, Oct 6 - 7pm

The Lark

Theodicy Jazz Collective and
Hastings College Students Concert

Saturday, Oct 7 - 7pm

First Presbyterian Church

Theodicy Jazz Collective and
the Chancel Choir Concert

Sunday, Oct 8 - 10:30am

First Presbyterian Church

Jazz service centering around music
and faith featuring Theodicy Jazz
Collective and the Chancel Choir

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."



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 or donate in our church office.

We hope you can join in on the fun!



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!

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!!



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

Sunday 9/24	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
Monday 9/25	1-3pm	1 st 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
Tuesday 9/26	10am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity Board	Parlor
	12pm	Noon Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 9/27	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-6:30pm	BBQ (5-6pm)	Parking Lot
		Blessing of the Pets (6-6:30pm)	
	6:30pm-7pm	WNL Bible Time	various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 9/28	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 9/29	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 10/1	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Hastings College Sunday/ World Communion Service	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

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 27th 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

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
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
family of Jim Hoffman
Rick Gosda and family

Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Mary Wolf
Marie Rasmussen
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Jacob Shin
Jim Boeve
family of Peter Duang
Brett Epperson and family
Neil Kerr and family
Frances Kamler

IN MEMORY OF

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

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 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