Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 15, 2023
10:30am Service

PRELUDE "Intermezzo Sinfonico" *Pietro Mascagni*
Cathedral Brass Quintet *arr. Roundtree*
Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn; Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "Cathedral Acclamation" *Nolan Schmit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

We come to this place to know
To know what it is to love and to be loved
To know what it is to forgive and be forgiven
To know what it is to find and to be found
To know what it is to give and to be given
We gather to dedicate ourselves to God and to one another

*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" 32
Organist Linda Vollweiler

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we don't see others the way that you see them. It really is as simple as that. Where you see full human beings worthy of love and respect we see objects, impediments, caricatures, and enemies. And so we hold ourselves back. We prevent ourselves from embracing, from welcoming, from being true reflections of your love in the world. Insistent God, call us back. Call us back to you. Call us back to one another. Call us back to the world around us. Eternal God, have mercy. Forgive us our sins.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION
Who or what might God be calling you to embrace?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Family, breathe easy.
Our hearts are content.
Family, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to a loving God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" 583
Sung twice through

*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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Nancy Grams
While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Let us, O God, find ourselves in these stories. Let us hear our own worries, our own doubts, our own questions and ponderings. Let us discover our own assurances, our own joys, our own contentments and convictions. Let us encounter your holy word once more. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 2:42-47

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Ruth 1:1-18

ANTHEM "Where You Go"

Chancel Choir, director Dr. Brett Epperson
written by Hannah Jensen-Heitmann
Part of the cantata *Bearers of the Divine*

I know that you feel lost,
You feel like you've exhausted every option.
You feel that there is no one to give a thought to who you are,
To what you want.
You think you'll never be caught again.
But my friend, there is hope
Because in the end;
Where you go, you'll know where to find me.
Where you go, I'll be there.
Where you go, I'm marching beside you.
Where you go, the load we will share.

I know that you'd be fine.
I know that you are strong in your faith and heart, in your body and mind.
But we were not made to walk alone.
We lend a hand, we help our own.
There's no use fighting it.
No I was not put on this earth to leave you.
I hope you heard;
That where you go, you'll know where to find me.
Where you go, I'll be there.
Where you go, I'm marching beside you.
Where you go, the load we will share.

No we were not made to walk alone.
We make a home in each other's homeland.
And when our story ends, it's comforting to know
That we walked hand in hand.

So where you go, you'll know where to find me.
Where you go, I'll be there.
Where you go, I'm marching beside you.
Where you go, the load we will share.

And I'll be there.
Yes I'll be there yes, I'll be there.

MESSAGE "Dedicated"

*HYMN "What Is the World Like" 771

*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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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN C.L. Wimer

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

OFFERTORY "Lege deine Sorgen Nieder" *Sefora Nelson*
arr. Woods

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give ourselves to you, to one another, and to these we don't know. We choose to live outwardly as bearers of your holy love. 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 "Sometimes a Light Surprises" 800

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless You" *Brett Epperson*

POSTLUDE "Go Down, Moses" *arr. Woods*

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

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

<u>Sunday, October 22</u>
8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

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 Ruth and Hayes M. Fuhr by friends.

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

NURSERY Lexi Longshore

GREETERS

OCTOBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
15	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
22	Jan Bolliger	Scott & Willie Kummer
29	Marnie & Doug Soderquist	Bev Rader

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.

- If you need food, please come at the time indicated based on the first letter of your last name.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.

October 21, 2023		
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

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
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
family of Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Marie & Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Katharine Davis
Carter Johnson
Scott Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
family of Jim Hoffman
Carol Medsker
Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Mary Wolf
family of Julie McDougal
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Jacob Shin
Jim Boeve
family of Peter Duang
Brett Epperson and family
family of Joyce Mefford
Neil Kerr and family
Frances Kamler
Mary Giesler
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 9/27/2023
Rich Portwood, who passed away on 10/5/2023
Joyce Mefford, who passed away on 10/8/2023

enCourage ADVOCACY CENTER

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!!

Youth Stay and Serve

1. **The Great Food Collection Challenge is On!** Costumed FPC high schoolers will be collecting non-perishable food items from you at your doorstep on October 29 between 2-6 pm. Sign up to donate food between church services or call or email the church office. This challenge has two parts: (1) Their goal is to collect at least 473 pounds of food and (2) North, South, East or West - which section of town will donate the MOST pounds and be the pride of FPC?

2. **ELF HELP**
   Need some Elf Help? High school youth will bring your holiday decorations from the basement or the attic for you on November 19th in the afternoon. These same elves will cart your boxes back where they came from on the afternoon of January 7th. Sign up to have a visit from these handy elves with the church office. You can have them visit November 19, January7, or both!

3. **BLANKET WITH LOVE**
   The youth plan to make fleece tie blankets with at least one memory care unit in January or February.

CROP Walk

The weather for this year's CROP Walk was perfect, and the walkers were all energetic and enthusiastic. A big Thank You to all of you, who shared by giving, or walking.

Because of your gifts kids in Junior and Senior High will have food to take home for the weekend. For many kids the cupboards at home are bare, and your donations will keep them from going hungry over the weekend.

We still have a challenge! We have not yet met our goals, but it's not too late. If you haven't given, or want to increase your gift, please send your donation to First Presbyterian Church, noting that it is for the CROP Walk.

Sunday 10/15	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		NO Sunday School	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 10/16	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30-6:30pm	Go & Serve Meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 10/17	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/18	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Bible Study	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7:15p	PreK-12th grade WNL	various
	5:30pm	New Member Class	Confirmation Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 10/19	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/20	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 10/21		United Harvest	PEACE Center
	9am	Coat Drive	Memorial Room
Sunday 10/22	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, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

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

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Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
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