



**Twenty-Second Sunday
After Pentecost
October 29, 2023
10:30am Service**

PRELUDE "Trumpet Voluntary" *William Boyce*
Organist Linda Vollweiler; Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "God Welcomes All" *John L. Bell*
Calvin/Westminster Choir
Linda Johnson, Director; Mary Plock, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90) Sue Medsker
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.
Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands
O prosper the work of our hands! Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" 263
Linda & Richard Johnson, Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we get so caught up in our own lives and needs that we fail to see others for whom we might provide some help and relief. You challenge us to feed those who are hungry and to quench the thirst of those who are parched. You ask us to clothe those in need and to visit people who are sick, alone, alienated, who are so imprisoned either in cells with bars or in conditions of hopelessness and poverty that they see no way out; to welcome the stranger and reach out to those who are marginalized; to always bring your words of healing and redeeming love. We have failed in these tasks. You lavish your blessings upon us that we might use them for the betterment of your realm, and we treat them as inconveniences. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness. Help and inspire us to be your hands and feet.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I overcome apathy, greed, and selfishness and put my faith into action?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us,

We are forgiven, healed, and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God's world.

Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, 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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

Rose Koeppe



Scan to sign-in and let
us know you were here.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amazing God, you teach us through your Holy Word and through the example of your Living Word. Starting with your incarnation in Christ to the lessons about caring and compassion that Jesus teaches us; from the encounters with hostile people to the cries of those in need and to his crucifixion and resurrection, you teach us. This morning we ask you to bring us your wisdom, through the Word read and proclaimed, and put it into our hearts. Flood our senses with your Word of hope, so that our lives and ministries may glow with delight at serving you by serving others. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Micah 6:6-8

ANTHEM

“Walk in the Light”

Williams and Shackley

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

“When Did We See”

Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, Co-Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

*HYMN

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

757

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpts of the Presbyterian Church Confession of 1967)

We believe: The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God’s reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

We believe: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission:

- ***His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.***
- ***His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.***
- ***His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need...***

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

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



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OFFERTORY "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" *arr. Kathleen Wissinger*
Calvin/Westminster Bell Choir
Dr. Byron Jensen, Director

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

How shall we thank God for the many blessings God has given to us? Shall we give of our abundance? Shall we again pledge our loyalty to God through lives of service and compassion? Yes, in all these things we shall offer our praise and our gratitude to God. May these gifts help to facilitate peace and hope in a broken world. May our lives be a living song of praise and a love song of service. 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 "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" 766

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Worthy!" *Mark Burrows*

POSTLUDE "March" J.S. Bach/arr. Wolff

(*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 with Communion

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

**10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion
and The Chancel 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 by First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Kurt Unger by Lisa Unger.

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

ACOLYTES Lincoln Welsch

GREETERS

| OCTOBER | MEMORIAL ROOM | NARTHEX |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 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 and are **DUE** November 1, 2023.

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Hearts & Hands for Maui

Volunteer to pack
70,000 life-saving meals

The deadly wildfires in Maui have left a path of destruction and devastation. Join forces with Hearts & Hands Against Hunger and Thrivent to help those in need. We will take 80 volunteers each shift, 240 volunteers are needed.

Reserve your spot

Help us reach our goal of packing all 70,000 meals donated by the Thrivent Member Network. To register, scan the QR code or visit <https://HeartsHandsForMaui.eventbrite.com>

Questions? Call 402-249-1104 or email NebraskaTMN@thrivent.com.



Support disaster response

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023
12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

PEACE Center,
Hearts & Hands Against
Hunger of Hastings
622 N. Lincoln Ave.,
Hastings, NE 68901



Sign up for a two-hour shift.

No products will be sold. Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings and the Orphan Grain Train are not affiliated with or endorsed by Thrivent.

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First Presbyterian Church

Hanging of The Greens

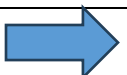
Sunday, November 19

11:30am

All are welcome



Happening Today!



SOUPER DELICIOUS POTLUCK

Sunday, October 29

Following the 10:30am service

Soup and crackers will be provided!

**Congregation is asked to bring something that
goes with soup
(breads, relishes, desserts, etc.)**

All are welcome!

November Ushers- (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Doug Soderquist

November Greeters

| NOVEMBER | MEMORIAL ROOM | NARTHEX |
|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5 | Kili & Justin Wenburg | Linda & John Carlison |
| 12 | Connie & LaVern Franzen | Melissa Davis |
| 19 | May & Ira Wierenga | Sue Medsker |
| 26 | Jane & Chuck Bauer | Erica & Brent Brooks |



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL FORUM

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



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, January 7, 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.

JOIN US!

Christmas Craft Make-and-Take Event!

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS CRAFT THAT THEY CAN GIVE AS A GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!
ENJOY A HOT CHOCOLATE BAR WHILE OUR VOLUNTEERS HELP YOUR CHILDREN CRAFT!

2 DEC. / 10 A.M.- 1 P.M.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
621 N LINCOLN AVE,
HASTINGS, NE

CRAFTS ARE TAILORED TOWARDS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS, BUT FUN FOR ALL AGES!

FREE WILL DONATION

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
Agreed to Differ Resolved to Love United to Serve



WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 2023

LIVING A LEGACY OF LOVE: DOING GOD'S WORK



QUILT OF VALOR
Speaker: Sharon Selley

Friday, November 3 10 AM
First Congregational UCC
2810 W. 7th Street
Soup Luncheon to Follow
Free Will Offering

Sponsored by Hastings / Juniata
Church Women United

Please pray for

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
family of Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Marie & Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Carter Johnson
Scott Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
Carol Medsker
Frances Kamler
Neil Kerr and family

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

Paul Nuss
Dana Odom
Mary Giesler

In memory of

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

Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from the prayer list by
calling the church office at 402-462-5147.

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| Sunday 10/29 | 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 | Potluck | Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:30am | HAW Store Open | Narthex |
| | 2pm-6pm | Youth Stay & Serve Food Drive | |
| Monday 10/30 | 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 | Choir Room |
| Tuesday 10/31 | 10:15am | Staff Meeting | In-person |
| | 12pm | Bible Study | Anderson Room |
| | 7-8pm | CCC Dog Obedience | PEACE NE Classroom |
| Wednesday 11/1 | Langenberg Lesson Applications Due | | |
| | 11-11:45am | PW Coord Team | Library |
| | 11:45am-1:30pm | PW Fellowship and Program | Fellowship Hall |
| | 12pm-1pm | Noonday Book Club | Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link |
| | 1:30pm | Quilters | PEACE Quilting Room |
| | 5-7:15pm | PreK-12 th Grade WNL | Various |
| | 6:30pm | Woodcarvers | Basement |
| | 6:45pm | Chancel Choir | Choir Room |
| | 7:30pm | Chancel Bells | Bell Room |
| Thursday 11/2 | 12:30pm | Dulcimer | Lydia Room |
| | 6-8pm | Mexican Folkloric Dance | PEACE NE Classroom |
| | 7-8pm | Cub Scouts | Scout Room |
| Friday 11/3 | 10am-12pm | Mahjong | Basement Youth Room |
| Sunday 11/5 | | Commitment Sunday | |
| | | Daylight Savings Time Ends | |
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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
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Director of Children & Family
Ministries: Rose Koepp
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