November 12, 2023
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

PRELUDE "Panis Angelicus" *Cesar Franck/arr. Craig Duncan*
Organist Linda Vollweiler; David Bernard-Stevens, violinist

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "Celtic Farewell" *Linda R. Lamb*
Philippians 1:3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.
Chancel Handbell Choir
Dr. Byron Jensen, Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

Within these walls the saints of God gather.
They gather to laugh and they gather to cry.
They gather to be swept up in the mystery of existence that is beyond their understanding.
They gather to join in the certainty of love, the work of hope, and the welcome of peace.
Throughout time, they gather to be woven into the fellowship of God.
The fellowship of saintly sinners.

*HYMN "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" 730

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, to having wandering hearts and forgetful lives. We gather here. We hear your word. We pledge to cling to you and to your paths. Then we leave. Then we fall back into our selves. We toddle off, following whatever shiny bit of self-aggrandizement that flashes before our eyes. And before long, at least in some small way, we've forgotten who we are and what you call us to be. Return us, O God, to the pathways of saints. Restore us to you and to our neighbors. Call us your children once more.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

Where did you wander from the path of God this week?

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of our ancestors; the God of Abraham, Moses, Elizabeth, and Mary

Is slow to anger and abounds in mercy.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and restored.

Then let us sing with thanksgiving and joy.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory Be to the Father" 581

*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.)

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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us dwell within your word, O God. Let us linger in your nouns. Let us loiter in your verbs. Let us take up residence within your adjectives, prepositions, and participles. And in so doing, let us find ourselves living within your very heart. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 5:1-9

ANTHEM "The King of Love" Irish Melody *arr. Paul J. Christiansen*

Chancel Choir

Dr. Brett Epperson, Director

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Hosea 11:1-11

SERMON "To Stray or Not to Stray? That is Hardly a Question"

HYMN "For You, My God, I Wait" 791

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE
The names of our church members who have died in the past year will be read, and a bell will be rung. Family members or friends who are present can come down and light a candle in their honor. Pastor Damen will light a candle for those who don't have someone present.

First Presbyterian Church

Donation QR Code

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY "Our Hymn of Grateful Praise (DIX)" *arr. Brian Childers*
"For the joys of human love, brother, sister, parent, child...."

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To your glory and in honor of those who've come before us, we bring these gifts to you, O God. May they bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.

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 "For All the Saints" (vs. 1-3, 5) 326

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

*POSTLUDE Fanfare on "Ein Feste Burg" *arr. James Pethel*

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

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

Sunday, November 19
8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
11:30am Hanging of the Greens

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 Dixie and John Kerr by the Kerr family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Randall Fandry, and Richard Fandry by Gayle Fandry and daughter Mickie Day.

USHERS (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher**,** Andrew Barrows**,** Phil Odom**,** Doug Soderquist

ACOLYTES Kade Jorgensen, Caleb Schukei

NURSERY Esther Allen-Pickett

GREETERS

NOVEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
12	Connie & LaVern Franzen	Melissa Davis
19	Melissa Davis	Sue Medsker
26	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Erica & Brent Brooks

Youth Stay and Serve

1. 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 to 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!

2. BLANKET WITH LOVE

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

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

Hearts & Hands Against Hunger

Sign up for a two-hour shift.

Winter Coats Available for Those in Need

First Presbyterian Church
7th and Burlington
Saturday, November 18th at 9am

All Sizes Available for Adults and Children

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

United Harvest

November 18, 2023		
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

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.

COMMEMORATION OF OUR FAITHFUL FRIENDS & FAMILY DEPARTED IN DEATH OCTOBER 29, 2022 - NOVEMBER 10, 2023

Phyllis Waltemath
February 11, 1944 – October 31, 2022

Ken Fike
November 7, 1944 – November 5, 2022

Sharon Harvey
September 8, 1939 – December 7, 2022

Michael Hahne
April 26, 1966 – December 20, 2022

Bernice Rakestraw
March 6, 1936 – January 22, 2023

Ted Van Fossen
November 17, 1952 – March 21, 2023

Jim Hahne
September 22, 1939 – April 24, 2023

Rhonda Sanford
September 1, 1962 – April 24, 2023

Shirley Maul
March 17, 1956 – May 18, 2023

Norma Vineyard
June 6, 1933 – July 14, 2023

Peter Duang
October 12, 1963 – August 16, 2023

Jim Hoffman
November 19, 1931 – August 29, 2023

Julia McDougal
July 5, 1925 – September 27, 2023

Rich Portwood
November 22, 1957 – October 5, 2023

Joyce Mefford
August 31, 1933 – October 8, 2023

Sunday 11/12		**All Saints' Day**	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	12pm-6pm	Hearts and Hands Food Packing Event	PEACE Center
Monday 11/13	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 11/14	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 11/15	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 11/16	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 11/17	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 11/18		United Harvest	
	9am	Coat Drive	Memorial Room
Sunday 11/19	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
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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 premering at FPC Dec. 10

Dates: Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10

Presenter: Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

SUNDAYS @ 9:15 A.M.
LYDIA ROOM

The high school youth Stay & Serve Great Food Challenge project was a huge success! Our goal was to collect 473 pounds of food and after 49 stops in town and a number of donations dropped off at church we collected .... drumroll... 1,208 pounds for the Hastings Food Pantry!
The North Side of town dominated.
Thank you to everyone who donated!

Please pray for

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
family of Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Audre Zaroban
Carter Johnson
Scott Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Neil Kerr and family
Vernon Groves
Carol Medsker
Frances Kamler
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
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Dana Odom
John Carllson
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

November Communion Offering

The Communion Offering for the month of November is designated for the Hastings Public Schools Foundation playground improvement fund. This fund is designed to make the playgrounds safer and more accessible for kids of all ages and physical conditions.

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