



Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 19, 2023 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” *arr. John Innes*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARING Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT “It is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord” *Lynn Shaw Bailey*
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 90) Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
And you have provided us this building where we come to be your church in this time and place.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.
And yet for the past 150 years, you have invited us to be your co-workers in living a legacy of love of Hastings.
So teach us to make the most of our days that we may gain a wise heart and share your light and love.
Come, let us worship our God, who has faithfully guided us in the past, is with us today, and will continue to help us grow in hope and love into the future!

*HYMN “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” 4
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You work hard among us, O God, clearing away what hinders your purpose, planting seeds and nurturing growth, pruning and tending to bear more fruit, watching and protecting from harm... so that we, your people, may live abundantly, creating good fruit that builds your community of hope and justice and love on earth.

We confess that we are indeed hard work. We sometimes resist your pruning, unwilling to let go of things that sap our energy even when they don't produce a harvest. We often hide behind the walls and try to protect ourselves from having to mingle with others because we don't like what the cross-pollination of new ideas might ask of us. Forgive us, O God, when we rest on our assumptions rather than on your word. Forgive us for thinking we can fool you while we serve ourselves instead of your kingdom.

Renew us in your love, Lord, and draw us ever closer to you that we may at last align with your purpose. We ask in the name of the One on whom your Spirit rests.

SILENT CONFESSION

How have I resisted God's attempts to help me grow in my faith?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God sees well beyond what our human senses can perceive and knows the full truth.

And knowing that full truth, still God chose to call us, come among us, and reconcile us to the divine heart.

Know that God's justice and forgiveness make the impossible possible, and live in the freedom and forgiveness that God offers us, proclaiming the hope of God's kingdom coming among us, even now.

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May your word speak to us, Lord, and bring new life out of the roots. Show us a green shoot, a sliver of hope, even a possibility that seems outrageous. For we are longing for peace founded on justice. We are longing for a new community of respect and compassion across old boundaries. May your word inspire this vision in us. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 5:1-7

ANTHEM

“Harvest Hymn”

arr. Michael Larkin

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 11:1-5

SERMON

“From Desolation to Restoration!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Gerardo Overmann, World Council of Churches)

I believe in the God that rises from the dead to become part of life.

I believe in the God that accompanies me along every step of my path on this earth, many times walking behind me, watching me, and suffering with my mistakes, other times walking beside me, talking to me and teaching me, and other times walking ahead of me, guiding and marking my pace.

I believe in the God of flesh and blood, Jesus Christ, the God who walked in my ways and knows of lights and shadows. The God who ate and starved, who had a home and suffered loneliness, who was praised and condemned, the God who laughed and cried.

I believe in the God who is attentive today, who looks at the world and sees the hatred that segregates, divides, sets people aside, hurts and kills... I believe in God who sees all this... and keeps on crying.

But I also believe in God who sees two children playing - a seed growing, who sees a flower blooming out of the debris - a new beginning, who sees the sun rising every morning - a time of opportunities.

I believe in God who sees all this... and laughs, because, in spite of it all, there is hope.

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE

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

OFFERTORY “Let us Break Bread Together” *arr. Kathleen Wissinger*
Calvin/Westminster Youth Handbell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***May our gifts and our very selves go from this place
to be a sign of God’s new life sprouting forth in even
the most hopeless of places. May these gifts and our
lives bring forth more love, light, compassion, peace,
and justice in this world —for in this is the root of
God’s kingdom. 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 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” 353

*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 “Rondeau No. 2 in D Major” *David Lasky*

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

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

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

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

(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 Willard and Della Stein by the Stein family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Libby and Elmer Glenn by family.

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

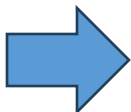
ACOLYTES Charlie Stout, Lincoln Welsch

NURSERY Rachel Guiai, Lexi Longshore

GREETERS

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

Happening Today!!!



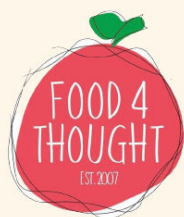
FEAST & TRIVIA

A fundraiser aimed at aiding individuals in need of sustenance.

DECEMBER 1ST

6:00-8:00 P.M.

Meal / Trivia / Community



\$20 Adults / \$10 Students

1st Presbyterian Church
621 N Lincoln Ave, Hastings, NE



**To sign up or to reserve a table
please email Doodle Harris at:
doodle.harris@hastings.edu**

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. For more information, please visit the following website:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rO5YuvO3OTrbGmI-ueMhf9ACo6RyK9o/view?usp=sharing>

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

The church office
will be closed
Thursday, November 23
and
Friday, November 24
for
Thanksgiving.



Sunday 11/19	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	Hanging of the Greens	
	Afternoon	Stay & Serve Elf Help	
Monday 11/20	12pm	Memorial Committee	Anderson Room
	1pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve Committee	Parlor
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 11/21	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 11/22	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
		NO WNL	
		NO Choir Practice	
		NO Handbell Choir Practice	
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	basement
Thursday 11/23		Church Office Closed-Happy Thanksgiving	
Friday 11/24		Church Office Closed	
Sunday 11/26	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		NO Sunday School/Confirmation	
	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
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