



Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost November 5, 2023 10:30am Service

PRELUDE

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 33)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

All you who are righteous, come together to joyfully praise the Lord!

It's right for those who do right to praise God.

Give thanks to the Lord with music!

Let us joyfully sing to the Lord a new song today!

Because the Lord's word is right, God's every act is done in good faith.

The Lord's faithful and steadfast love fills the whole earth and our lives. Come, let us joyfully worship our glorious God!

*HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy and hope, we come before you with fear. We know that we have fallen short of being the kind of disciples that you have called us to be. We have turned our backs on people who are suffering or in need; we have closed our ears to the cries of the voiceless. Remind us again that you are merciful and your love transforms and changes our lives. Forgive us our weakness. Strengthen us and give us courage; help us to be bearers of your good news of grace and peace. We pray this in Christ's name.

SILENT CONFESSION

When have I given in to fear over hope? When have I given up, thinking that a problem was impossible to solve instead of having faith like a child?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Feel God's healing love pouring over you and into your lives.

May we know that God delights in each one of us and gives us faith and hope to persevere.

This is indeed the Good News of the Gospel.

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.)



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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(At the end of the announcements, the children will be invited down to witness the baptism. While the children and baptism family come down we will sing "Jesus Loves Me")

BAPTISM

Hal Hatcher Overmiller
Parents Matt and Lauren Overmiller

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church and we all have a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying, "We do." ***We Do.***

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

BAPTISM SONG

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your holy word, all that we know has come into existence: our universe, our world, our lives, our loved ones, and all that we have and hold so dear. By your holy word, you have called us together to be a church of love and service in the world. By your holy word, we know that we live in grace and hope. As we hear your word read and proclaimed today, write it upon our hearts so that we may be your people of loving service and generosity. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Chronicles 29:6-18

ANTHEM

“Creation Will Be at Peace”
Chancel Choir
Director Dr. Robin Koozer

*Anna Laura Page
J. Paul Williams*

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 4:8-11

SERMON “Celebrating Generosity: Building God’s Kingdom through Love and Giving”
Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Lord of All Good”

711

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

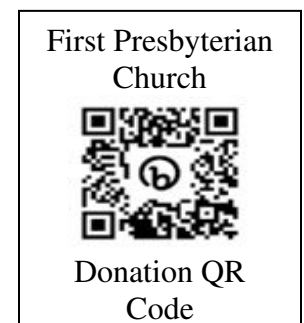
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE



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

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

Almighty and Everlasting God, we give you thanks this day as we gather the pledges of support for the Capital Campaign and for our church's annual budget in the coming year. We bring them before you with eager anticipation and hope. ***Hear us, O Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving as we give you our thanks and praise.***

May these pledges and the giving they represent enable the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ to move forward through this church.

*HYMN “Take My Life” (vs. 1-4) 697

***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!***

*(*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 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion

9:15 Sunday School for all ages

**10:30 a.m. All Saints Day Worship in the Sanctuary with Chancel Choir,
Handbells, and Violin**

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 Herb and Alice Braum and Rev.
Kenneth and Alice Locke by Ginny and Will Locke.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Herb and Alice Braum and Rev. Kenneth
and Alice Locke by Ginny and Will Locke.

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

ACOLYTES Vivian Fong, Collin Hermes

NURSERY Peyton Mitchell

GREETERS

NOVEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
5	May & Ira Wierenga	Linda & John Carllson
12	Connie & LaVern Franzen	Melissa Davis
19	Melissa Davis	Sue Medsker
26	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Erica & Brent Brooks



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

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
 Vernon Groves
 Carol Medsker
 Frances Kamler
 Neil Kerr and family

Pam Canady
 Ashley Ibach
 Reta & Lowell Johnson
 Carl Utlej
 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

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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

Hangings of The Greens

Sunday, November 19
11:30am

All are welcome



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

Sunday 11/5		Commitment Sunday	
		Daylight Savings Time Ends	
	8:30am-9:15am	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
Monday 11/6	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 11/7	10:15am	NO Staff Meeting	
	12pm	NO Tuesday Noon Bible Study	
	5:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 11/8	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	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 11/9	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5pm	Personnel Committee	As needed
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 11/10	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
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

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
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