



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Sixth Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday May 5, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. Service

PRELUDE “Hymn to Joy” *arr. Albert L. Travis*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT “Lord, Listen to Your Children” *arr. Jack Schrader*
Calvin/Westminster Choir, director Linda Johnson
Mary Plock, piano

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

Who gathers in this place?

The assured doubters. The questioning believers.

Who are they who call this place home?

The timid proclaimers. The brashly meek.

Who belongs in this community?

Grudge-holding peacemakers. Sinning saints.

Who is welcome in the heart of God?

All of us. In our wisdom and in our folly, in our failure and in our success, in our heartache and in our joy, we are welcome in the heart of God.

SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 8:14-17

BAPTISM Kade Jorgensen
(Son of Jenna Jorgensen)

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized? ***We promise our love, support and care.***

OPENING HYMN “Here in This Place” 401
Verse 1
Linda & Richard Johnson, song leaders

STATEMENTS OF FAITH Collin Hermes, Olivia Canady

OPENING HYMN “Here in This Place” 401
Verse 2

STATEMENTS OF FAITH Caleb Schukei, Kade Jorgensen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our lives do not reflect our beliefs. We believe in peace and sow seeds of discord. We believe in forgiveness and hold grudges. We believe in generosity and store up treasures for ourselves. Have mercy, O God, for our sometimes-shallow faith. Encourage within us both true faith and true lives. Deal graciously, we pray, for we are stuck on ourselves.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

Question for contemplation: How can your living more fully match your belief?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let not your hearts be troubled.

God forgives. God restores.

Rejoice and be glad.

In God, our sins are forgiven.



*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.)

STATEMENTS OF FAITH Peyton Mitchell, Keaton Redline, Harrison Welsch

*CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

And?

And I shall uphold the integrity of this holy community and live, as best as I am able, according to the ways of God.

ANTHEM

“Go Light Your World”
Laura Kate Oliver, soloist

arr. Allen Pote

There is a candle in every soul;
some brightly burning, some dark and cold,
There is a Spirit who brings a fire,
ignites a candle and makes His home.

So carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it,
Take your candle and go light your world.

Frustrated brother, see how he’s tried to
light his own candle some other way.
See how your sister, she’s been robbed and lied
to,
still holds a candle without a flame.

So carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it,

Take your candle and go light your world.

We are a family whose hearts are blazing
so let’s raise our candles and light up the sky!
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus,
make us a beacon in darkest time.

So carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.
Hold out your candle for all to see it,
Take your candle and go light your world.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it,
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle, go light your world

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Esther Allen-Pickett, Lexi Longshore

*HYMN

“Here in This Place”
Verse 3

401

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Charlie Ratzlaff, Lyla Adam

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



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OFFERTORY

“Bell Peal on LASST UNS ERFREUEN”

Linda R. Lamb

Calvin/Westminster Bell Choir

Byron Jensen, director

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God: We offer you our tithes and gifts, and we offer you, our lives. We thank you for these confirmands and the commitment that they are about to make to your church. Accept these gifts and our lives for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world. Amen.

CONFIRMATION

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Confirmands: I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Confirmands: I will, with God's help.

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Confirmands: I will, with God's help.

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these confirmands have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

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

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

*HYMN "Here in This Place" 401
Verse 4

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION 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 "Prelude in F Major" J.S. Bach
Guest Organist: Breann Kelly
(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshippers as they transition out into the world.)

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AS WE CONTINUE THE SEASON OF LENT &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

Sunday, May 12

8:30 a.m. Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with 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 92.7 FM

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Edna Perry and Shirley Johnston by family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mabel C. and Frank E. Weyer by family.

ACOLYTES Lincoln Welsch, Peter Ratzlaff

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

GREETERS

MAY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
5	Daveta & Dick Brader	Lynette & Paul Krieger
12	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie	Melissa Davis
Chautauqua Park 19	Ginny & Will Locke	Volunteers Needed
26	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jane & Chuck Bauer

PW Mother's Day Offering

Every year for Mother's Day, the Presbyterian Women ask for donations for a special group in honor of or in memory of all our mothers. This year we are donating to the Morrison Cancer Center from the Heart Fund. This will be for the Hastings office. It is only used for patients for things like gas, groceries, medication co-pays, utilities, and overnight stays.

We will be at a table in Memorial Room May 5 and May 12, to take your donations. Or, you may send a donation to the church addressed to the Presbyterian Women. Checks should be written to Presbyterian Women.

We thank you in advance for all of your donations.

May Communion Offering
Open Table

Confirmation Class of 2024

Lyla Adam

Mentor: Laura Marvel-Wunderlich
Parents: Stephanie & Tyler Adam
Date of Birth: 05/26/2009
Date of Baptism: 10/18/2009

Esther Allen-Pickett

Mentor: Cathy Pershing
Parents: Jessica & Greg Allen-Pickett
Date of Birth: 12/14/2009
Date of Baptism: 05/01/2010

Olivia Canady

Mentor: Mary Plock
Parents: Teresa & Tim Canady
Birthday: 05/18/2009
Date of Baptism: 05/01/2011

Collin Hermes

Mentor: Curtis Reimer
Parents: Amy & William Hermes
Date of Birth: 04/16/2009
Date of Baptism: 07/19/2009

Kade Jorgensen

Mentor: Byron Jensen
Parents: Jenna Jorgensen
Date of Birth: 03/01/2010
Date of Baptism: 05/05/2024

Lexi Longshore

Mentor: Heather Gosda
Parents: Megan Launchbaugh, Chris Longshore
Date of Birth: 06/09/2010
Date of Baptism: 08/15/2010

Peyton Mitchell

Mentor: Teresa Luther
Parents: Annie & Austin Mitchell
Date of Birth: 09/04/2009
Date of Baptism: 05/09/2010

Charlie Ratzlaff

Mentor: Danny Graves
Parents: Leah & Tom Ratzlaff
Birthday: 11/04/2009
Date of Baptism: 12/24/2009

Keaton Redline

Mentor: Chris Wray
Parents: Hilarie & Tim Redline
Date of Birth: 02/17/2010
Date of Baptism: 08/29/2010

Caleb Schukei

Mentor: Robin Koozer
Parents: Colleen & Chris Schukei
Date of Birth: 01/15/2010
Date of Baptism: 05/30/2010

Harrison Welsch

Mentor: Chris Schukei
Parents: Jenni & Ben Welsch
Date of Birth: 06/22/2009
Date of Baptism: 05/06/2018

Sunday 5/5		Confirmation Sunday	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 5/6	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 5/7	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
Wednesday 5/8	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm	WNL Family Picnic	Libs Park
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday 5/9	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:30pm	Columbarium Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/10	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 5/12	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
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Free Gospel Music Clinic/Workshop

On Saturday 5/18, we are hosting a FREE Gospel Music Clinic/Workshop at First Presbyterian Church with guest clinician Dr. Marques Ruff. This event is open to the public, anyone who has an interest in gospel music is welcome to come, so please share this incredible music opportunity.

The schedule for that will be:

3-5:30PM Clinic/Workshop

5:30-6:30PM Dinner (in church Fellowship Hall provided by FPC Music Committee)

6:30-8:30PM Clinic/Workshop/Rehearsal

Those who attend the clinic/workshop will be invited to sing on Sunday 5/19 at our Pentecost in the Park worship service at the Chautauqua Pavilion at 10:30am.



Register for Vacation Bible School on our website:

www.fpchastings.org

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach
Dave Schawang	Carl Utley
John Northrop	Barry Thomson
Audre Zaroban & family	Greg Howard
Carter Johnson	Ken Fisk
Sarah Snell and family	Marcia Hogan & family
Tarah Davis & family	Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Matt Campbell	Jim Boeve
June Nielsen	Howard Mathews
Vernon Groves	Paul Nuss
Carol Medsker	Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Frances Kamler	Dana Odom
Brent Brooks & family	family of Don Canady
Katharine Davis	Bill Beck
Pam Canady	Kathy Amyot

In memory of

Don Canady, who passed
away on 3/16/24

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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