



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" *arr. Diane Bish*  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" *arr. Tom Trenney*  
Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright  
morning of this world. Creator, source of every  
breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of  
patience hold me close, so that in faith I root  
and grow, until I flow'r, until I know.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering  
me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of  
love, your very body for my peace.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rose Koepp  
Christ was raised!  
***And so we lift up our hearts with joy, for death has been defeated.***  
Christ was raised!  
***And so we lift up our eyes to see the promise that all may live in him.***  
Christ was raised!  
***And so we lift up our voices in thanks and praise for God's victory.***  
***Come let us worship the risen Christ!***

\*HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!" 232

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***You have given us so many witnesses, living God, and we are  
grateful for all who have shared your good news with us. You  
always draw the welcome circle wider, until it includes even us.***

***We confess that sometimes we have left people out, choosing to forget their part and focusing instead on the ones we easily understand and agree with.***

***Forgive us when we have ignored other people and their needs and focused instead on those we know and are comfortable with.***

***Give us faith to be Christ's resurrection people, to embody the love, hope, and grace that comes with believing. We ask for this in the name of the One who has overcome the power of death forevermore.***

#### SILENT CONFESSION

How have I failed to proclaim resurrection hope with my words and my deeds? How can I do better?

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ hears our confessions and forgives our sins.

***Christ, teach us once again to love God and love others.***

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

***Let us forgive and love others! 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.)



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

#### SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

#### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of community, we are grateful for the people you have placed in our lives, the people who have taught us your Word and showed us your way, who have lived your good news every day and been an example for us. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may it enter our hearts and minds and change the way we live our lives so that we can be living examples of your good news and love.***

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 18:1-4, 8-11

## ANTHEM

“Jesus Loves Me”  
Dylan Shaw, alto saxophone

*arr. Michael Hassell*

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he who died Heaven's gates to open wide! he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes,

Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way; if I love him when I die, he will take me home on high. Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes! Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

## SERMON

“God's grace is not in vain...”

Greg Allen-Pickett

## \*HYMN

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (vs. 1-3, 5)

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## JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS

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

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? *New Members: **I do***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?  
*New Members: **I will, with God's help.***

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? *New Members: **I will, with God's help.***

Congregation, will you support these new members by reaffirming your commitment as faithful members of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? *Congregation: **We will, with God's help!***

## PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS

***Gracious God, by water and the Spirit, you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in us and in these new members the covenant you made in our baptisms. Continue the good work you have begun in us. Daily increase in these new members your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the***

***spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Send us all forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

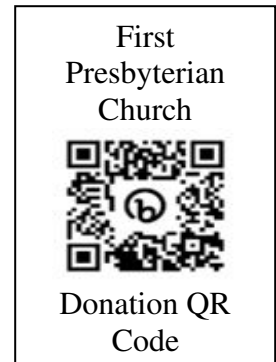
## WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these New Members 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.

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

## OFFERING

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



## OFFERTORY

““My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

*arr. Mack Wilberg*

Maggie deFreese, oboe; Sarah Wolf, flute

My Shepherd will supply my need  
Jehovah is his name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,  
beside the living stream.

My cup with blessings overflows,  
thine oil anoints my head

He brings my wand’ring spirit back,  
when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me for His mercy's sake  
In paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God  
attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode  
And all my work be praise!

When I walk through the shades of death,  
thy presence is my stay  
One word of thy supporting breath  
drives all my fears away

There would I find a settled rest  
while others go and come,  
no more a stranger, nor a guest  
but like a child at home.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,  
doth still my table spread;

No more a stranger, nor a guest,  
but like a child at home.  
But like a child at home.  
No more a stranger, nor a guest  
But like a child at home

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. May our gifts and our lives demonstrate our love for you, O God, and our love for our neighbors. Amen.***

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

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (vs. 1-2, 4)

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\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You”

*Brett Epperson*

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, the Lord protect you and guide you in all that you do, our prayer for you: Amen

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace”

*Paul Manz*

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

JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT WEEK!  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

**Pentecost in the Park!**

**One worship service at 10:30am in Chautauqua Park with a Gospel Choir!**

**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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 Rogene Wenburg, beloved mother and grandmother, by Justin, Kili, Selah, and Carter Wenburg.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Helen C. Mathews by the Oliver family; and in memory of Phyllis Glass & Dorothy Christensen.

**NURSERY** Raegan Welsch

**ACOLYTES** Student Volunteers

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

**GREETERS** Carolyn & Rich McKenzie; Melissa Davis

<b>Sunday 5/12</b>	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
	11:30am	HAW Store open	Library
<b>Monday 5/13</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Tuesday 5/14</b>	10:15am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30p	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 5/15</b>	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 5/16</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 5/17</b>	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
	6pm	Hastings College Baccalaureate	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday 5/18</b>		United Harvest	
	<b>Gospel Clinic Workshop</b> 3-5:30pm Clinic/Worshop 5:30-6:30pm Dinner (provided by FPC Music Committee) 6:30-8:30pm Clinic/Workshop/Rehearsal		
<b>Sunday 5/19</b>	10:30am	Pentecost in the Park	Chautauqua Park

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### Go & Serve Parent and Student Meeting

There will be a Go & Serve parent and student meeting on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m.

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# Welcome to Our New Members!



Jessica & Patrick Moore



Jody Stutzman



Damen & LaRaesha Kugel



Mike & Carol Kleppinger



Susan Cole

## May Communion Offering

### Open Table 2024

### Sack Lunch Program

**One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.**

Join our congregation in fellowship and service as we celebrate our 21st year of support for the Open Table Sack Lunch Program. For those of you that are new to our church or community, the Open Table Sack Lunch Program is a community-wide program providing free daily sack lunches Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Beginning Sunday, July 7th, we will be assembling 1,000 lunches during the four Sundays of July in Fellowship Hall preceding or immediately following the Sunday worship services. This tradition in our church has been a blessing for the people receiving the lunches, and the people preparing them. We have continuously supported this community-wide program since its inception. The Open Table Communion Offering this month will stay in our church to assist in paying for the sandwiches and other food items for the sacks we prepare.

## 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	Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Carol Medsker	Dana Odom
Frances Kamler	family of Don Canady
Brent Brooks & family	Bill Beck
Katharine Davis	Kathy Amyot
Pam Canady	family of Shirley Gass

## In memory of

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

Shirley Gass, who passed  
away on 5/7/24

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## **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 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 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!

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### **PW MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING**

#### **GIVEN BY**

Ira & May Wierenga  
Mike, Becky, Lydia, & Nina Meyer  
Cathy & John Pershing  
Lisa Unger  
Mary & Erica Olsen  
Chuck & Jane Bauer  
Jeni Howard  
Doug & Marnie Soderquist  
Bob & Nancy Grams  
Kenton & Bonnie Grams  
Phyllis O'Dey  
Chuck & Jeanne Hastings  
Charlie & Lois Hafer

#### **GIVEN BY**

Mary Fisk  
Bob Amyot  
Kathy Amyot  
Nan Huey & Sue Medsker  
Flossie Sanderson  
Ed & Cheryl Lockwood  
Susie & Kenny Graham  
Hannah Hafer  
Bonnie & Kenton Grams  
The Essinks  
Ginny & Will Locke  
Sue Medsker

Mary Olsen

#### **IN MEMORY OF**

Anna Wieranga & Edna Lewis  
Verna Meyer & Shirley Sheppard Reed  
Eldene Pershing & Jeanne Butz Bennett  
Melba Trehern & Billy Unger  
Gretchen Lainson & Margaret Blair  
Jeannine Bauer & Dorothy Etmund  
Robertta Lloyd  
Julia Soderquist  
Susie Grams & Isabel Perris  
Luella Grams & Joan Knowlton  
Leona Porter  
Our Mothers  
Annabelle Hafer & Mary Lou Leymaster

#### **IN HONOR OF**

Victoria Nieves and Renee Miller  
Louise Amyot  
Lorraine Coyle  
Carol Medsker  
Dana Kay, Leslie, Kim, and Melissa  
Our Mothers  
New mother of twins, Mahala Scott  
Lois Hafer  
Kendra Grams & Aaltje Baumgart  
Grandma Gail, Kathy, and Pam  
Sarah Locke Fruehling & Angie Kittrell Locke  
Madeline Weiland, Robyn Nedderman & Carol Kyle  
Margaret Hermes, Stephanie Bliss,  
Lauren Overmiller, Amy Hermes, and  
Pamela Lainson

## 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 (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.

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.

### May 18, 2024

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

### *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