



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## Trinity Sunday May 26, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Scherzo”

*John Cheetham*

Cathedral Brass Quintet

Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn;  
Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

We come today to worship the Triune God, even as we have our questions and our doubts.

***Holy Trinity, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.***

We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular, greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

***Holy Trinity, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community to individualism.***

We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

***Holy Trinity, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.***

We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

***God, immerse us in the life of the Holy Trinity that we might go and welcome others into the dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.***

***Come, let us worship God!***

\*HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Organist Linda Vollweiler

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CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Gracious God, we confess our sin, which separates us from you. We know how people who belong to you should live, but we fail to live that way. At times, we have forgotten that we bear your image and have done evil. At times, we have forgotten to live in response to your sacrifice for us and have acted selfishly. At times, we have ignored the voice of your spirit speaking to our conscience, and we have followed the desires of our own heart. As a result, we have lived for self rather than for you or our neighbor, our lives have been diminished, our witness has been stifled, and your image within us has been tarnished. Forgive us, good Lord, through Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, guide us to live as people who know and love you.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

How have I failed to praise God, live like Christ, and acknowledge the power of the Holy Spirit in my life?

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord, who saves you, says: I am the God who forgives your sins; I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. Let us praise the triune God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins and leads us to love:  
***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, 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

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepf

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Loving Creator, we thank you for embedding your image within us at our formation and teaching us about your love through your holy word.***

***Gracious Redeemer, we thank you for welcoming us home when we have strayed from your intended path for us and that your word shines a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our path as we return to you.***



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

***Empowering Spirit, we thank you for awakening faith in our hearts as we hear your word read and proclaimed. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 28:16-20

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 14:15-27

SERMON

“The Tricky Trinity”

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Moravian Book of Worship, Liturgy for the Trinity)

***We know God as the creator: of the universe and each one of us. God seeks loving relationships with all whom God has created. God nurtures us all our days and is near in time of trouble.***

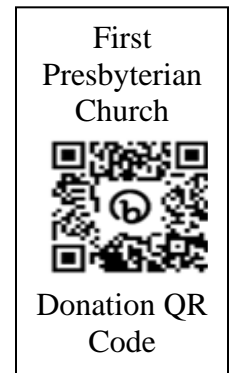
***We know God as Jesus Christ: the Word who became a human being and lived among us, full of grace and truth. No one had ever seen God. The only Son, who is one with God and is at the Father’s side, he has made God known to us. Jesus was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death, even death on a cross.***

***We know God as the Holy Spirit: who reveals the truth about God. The Holy Spirit is our advocate, helper, and guide who stays with us forever. Like a mighty wind, like a blazing fire, the Holy Spirit comes upon us and fills us with power, making us witnesses for Christ, to the neighborhood, to the nation, and to the ends of the earth.***

***And now may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forever. Amen.***

OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

*J.S. Bach arr. Hickman*

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***Holy God, Three in One, you are our eternal hope, our companion in life, and our liberating power. Bless these gifts and our lives that they may glorify you and lead us in your mission, teaching in your blessed name, so that all may worship you to the end of the age. 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**

**"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

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**\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL 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**

**"Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

***William Steffe  
arr. Sadler***

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

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK!  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!**

**One worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

**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 by Jo and Les Seiler.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Florence and George Root, in memory of Jane Kuehn McCollum by family, and also in memory of Robert Smith by Sally Smith.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan

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

**GREETERS** Dixie & Gale McDonald; Jane & Chuck Bauer

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### **June Ushers and Greeters**

**June (Team #4)** Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald

<b>JUNE GREETERS</b>	<b>MEMORIAL ROOM</b>	<b>NARTHEX</b>
<b>2</b>	Connie & Richard McClenahan	Melissa Davis
<b>9</b>	May & Ira Wierenga	Kim Hermann
<b>16</b>	Brent & Erica Brooks	John & Linda Carllson
<b>23</b>	Andrew Barrows	Karen & Roger Doerr
<b>30</b>	Carol & Jim Harrenstein	Vonda Essex, Melissa Davis

The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

### **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. in Fellowship Hall.

<b>Sunday 5/26</b>	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	11:30am	Cake Reception for Dr. Jessica Allen-Pickett	Sanctuary
<b>Monday 5/27</b>		Church Offices Closed Memorial Day	
<b>Tuesday 5/28</b>	10:15am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	PEACE NW Classroom
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 5/29</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 5/30</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 5/31</b>	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday 6/1</b>	11am	Sharon Chapel Memorial Service	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 6/2</b>	9am	Go and Serve Parent & Student Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	5pm-7pm	Elementary Movie Club	Fellowship Hall





## Presbyterian Women Father's Day Offering

Presbyterian Women will be collecting a Father's Day Offering. We will be set up in the Memorial Room on Sundays, May 26, June 2, June 9, and June 16 to take donations. You may donate in honor of a father or in memory of a

father. Proceeds will go to Living Waters for the World.

Living Waters for the World (LWW) **trains volunteers** to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to **implement and operate** sustainable water purification systems and health education programs.

[LWW Networks](#) come alongside water teams and partners throughout every phase of a water project. They provide essential support for **sustainable** water systems that produce **clean water for a generation**.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Living Waters for the World. Unlike organizations that rely on paid staff to initiate and execute water projects, Living Waters for the World relies on volunteer teams trained by volunteer instructors working within volunteer-led networks. LWW's small staff of 3 full-time and 3 part-time employees exists to facilitate the activity and long-term impact of this volunteer force.

Over 2,000 individuals have trained at [Clean Water U](#), and they have engaged an estimated 10,000+ volunteers as members of LWW water teams. Volunteers have also guided the establishment of international networks, the development of Clean Water U's curriculum, and much more!

Volunteers have made LWW what it is today and will play an integral role in ensuring clean water for generation in the communities LWW serves.

### FPC PRESENTS **ELEMENTARY MOVIE CLUB**

**5-7PM**

In-coming Kindergarteners - 5th graders are invited to join us for a monthly movie showing and related Bible lesson.



**FREE  
EVENT**

**JUNE 2**

**JULY 7**

**AUG 4**

**PIZZA AND POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED**

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (402) 462-5147

## JOIN US THIS SUMMER: CAMP FIRELIGHT VBS!

Join us this June for a summer camp experience right in our back yard! Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School is based on Psalm 56:3: "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you" which reminds us that we can trust God no matter what challenges we face! At Camp Firelight campers will learn and grow through a variety of traditional camp activities. We can't wait to meet you around the campfire!

Register Today!

**June 24-27,  
2024**

**8:30-11:30am**



# Christian Ed Summer Events

**JUNE - JULY**  
**THURSDAYS**  
3 PM - 5 PM  
*Youth Group*  
Game time @ FPC

**JUNE**  
**2**  
5 PM - 7 PM  
*Movie Club*  
@ FPC

**JUNE**  
**24-27**  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
*Camp Firelight*  
VBS

**JUNE**  
**28**  
7 PM - 9 PM  
*FPC Waterpark*  
Night

**JULY**  
**7**  
5 PM - 7 PM  
*Movie Club*  
@ FPC

**JULY AUG**  
**27 - 3**  
*Sr High*  
Go & Serve

**AUG**  
**4**  
5 PM - 7 PM  
*Movie Club*  
@ FPC

**AUG**  
**9**  
8 AM - 6 PM  
*Jr High Zoo Trip*

**AUG**  
**25**  
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM  
*Sunday School*  
Kickoff





## Relay For Life

Relay for Life has been a way for our church family to remember loved ones we have lost to cancer and to honor those who have survived. At the same time we support the American Cancer Society.

Luminaries can be purchased by filling out a form and submitting it with your donation (\$10 each) to our First Presbyterian Church team through our church office or to our team captain, Susie Graham. (402) 469-2638. Please make checks payable to American Cancer Society.

Luminaries will be displayed in our Sanctuary in early June and at the Relay for Life in Kearney at Harmon Park on June 7. Thank you.

American Cancer Society  
Relay for Life of Central Nebraska

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_ luminaries at \$10 each.

Name of Individual being honored or remembered	In Honor	In Memory	Donation
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## Please pray for

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

## In memory of

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

### *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