

# 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

**Greg Allen-Pickett** 

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

WELCOME

#### \*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

CALL TO CONFESSION

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#### 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"

\*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

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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

#### 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.



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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 Flo	w" 609



#### \*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 (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

### June Ushers and Greeters

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

JUNE GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
2	Connie & Richard McClenahan	Melissa Davis
9	May & Ira Wierenga	Kim Hermann
16	Brent & Erica Brooks	John & Linda Carllson
23	Andrew Barrows	Karen & Roger Doerr
30	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.

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



Dr. Jessica Allen-Pickett, Greg, and Esther want to thank our First Presbyterian Church family for your support over the last five years. Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship today, 5/26 for a cake reception to express our gratitude and celebrate Jessica's completion of her doctorate degree!

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### **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 fulltime 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.









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 <u>American Cancer Society</u>.

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 likelu	minaries at \$10 ea	ch.	
Name of Individual being honored or remembered	In Honor	In Memory	Donation

Please			
Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach	In memory of	
Dave Schawang	Carl Utley		
John Northrop	Barry Thomson	Shirley Gass, who passed	
Carter Johnson	Greg Howard	away on 5/7/24	
Sarah Snell and family	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 Canac	ly	
Katharine Davis	Bill Beck		
Pam Canady	Kathy Amyot		
family of Shirley Gass	Monte Malouf		

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