



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## Second Sunday After Pentecost June 2, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance”  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

*arr. Mark Hayes*

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

This is the day that the Lord has made!

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

This is a day of new beginnings!

***This is a time for growth and transformation!***

Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship;

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

\*HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”  
Linda and Richard Johnson, Song Leaders

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Lord, forgive us when we see your miracles all around us in big and small ways and still doubt your power, presence, and love. Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice. God, you have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles. We ask you now to create in our hearts confidence and hope. From our lives of constant search and struggle, you can transform us and perform the most delightful miracles so that we can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness. Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you. Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries. Come to us and bring us home. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

When have I ignored or resisted God transforming my life or the world around me?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not doubt God's power and might!

***It is God who has created, redeemed, and transformed all that is, including us!***

It is God who forgives and loves us.

***Thanks be to God! 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.)



SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koeppe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Lord, in this season of growth, open our hearts to grow in your love, and open our ears to hear your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us, O Lord, to become ambassadors of peace and hope. Through your Word, help us to learn, grow, and place our trust in you. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 4:1-15

ANTHEM

“Minuet in G”

*Beethoven*

Meredith Oliver

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 4:16-18, 25-30, 39-41

SERMON

“Hungry Caterpillars and Thirsty People”

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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## OFFERING

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

You can give this morning by putting your offering in the offering plates that will be passed through the pews during the offertory, or you can scan the QR code or give online: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

First  
Presbyterian  
Church



Donation QR  
Code

## OFFERTORY

“C.S. Theme and Variations, Op. 6”  
Laura Kate Oliver; Ryan Nordby

*Compton*

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Bless these gifts and our lives to your glory and service, Amen.***

## 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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## \*HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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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**                    “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”                    *arr. Wilbur Held*

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

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS SUMMER AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS,  
FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!**

May 26 – June 30: One worship service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

July 7 – August 18: 9am Worship in the Park, 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

**10:30am Worship 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 Mary Jo and Frank Emmons.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by family in memory of Irma and Floyd Hansen, Beth Marvel Marti and Archie Marvel, Oline and Richard Marvel, and Alice and Jack Marvel.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan

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

**GREETERS**

<b>JUNE</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 Carlsson
<b>23</b>	Andrew Barrows	Karen & Roger Doerr
<b>30</b>	Carol & Jim Harrenstein	Vonda Essex, Melissa Davis

# Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher  
Dave Schawang  
John Northrop  
Carter Johnson  
Sarah Snell and family  
Tarah Davis & family  
Matt Campbell  
June Nielsen  
Vernon Groves  
Carol Medsker  
Frances Kamler  
Jeni Howard  
Katharine Davis  
Pam Canady  
family of Shirley Gass

Ashley Ibach  
Carl Utley  
Barry Thomson  
Greg Howard  
Ken Fisk  
Marcia Hogan & family  
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)  
Jim Boeve  
Howard Mathews  
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves  
Dana Odom  
family of Don Canady  
Bill Beck  
Kathy Amyot  
Monte Malouf

# In memory of

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



Damen and Rose invite you to

## Youth Group Summer Meet-ups

*Games, snacks,  
and fellowship!*

Every Thursday in June and  
July, join us at the church for  
some fun time together!

**3 pm - 5 pm**  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Need a ride? Let us know.  
We can help coordinate that!**

Contact Damen or Rose if you have questions:  
damen@fpchastings.org rose@fpchastings.org

# 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

@reallygreatsite



### 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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## 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, 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 generations 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**



# June Communion Offering



Calvin Crest has always been about the guests...about YOU! It is a place where you can grow your life. It is a place where you can explore and be yourself. Through Christian stewardship and hospitality, Calvin Crest provides facilities and programming to experience personal enrichment and community growth through recreation and fellowship in a retreat setting.

Calvin Crest sits on 250 acres of rolling hills and bluffs overlooking the beautiful Platte River Valley just outside of Fremont, Nebraska. It is a perfect place to host a retreat. With great facilities that meet the needs of adults and families to engaging activities for the kids, Calvin Crest is a place that many groups call home.

Our programming is tailored to maximize the focus of the retreat or event. And whether that is scrap booking or spiritual disciplines, a youth retreat or a senior adult event, we'll provide opportunities for you to learn and grow while developing those relationships that are essential to our well-being.

During our summer camp programming, we offer a family-like atmosphere. We focus on small groups working on developing the skills necessary to succeed in life and faith. Campers spend time in small cabin groups as well and eat family-style to help develop communication and social skills. Carefully chosen college-aged youth provide direct supervision and mentoring. Adult volunteers with backgrounds in Christian Education provide overall spiritual guidance. Come and enjoy the Calvin Crest Experience.

<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
<b>Monday 6/3</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 6/4</b>	10:15am	NO Staff Meeting	
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 6/5</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 6/6</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	3-5pm	Youth Group Game Time	TBD
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 6/7</b>	10am	Mahjong	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday 6/9</b>	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	In-person, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

***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 Koeppe  
**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