FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Growing Season
July 7, 2024– 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *arr. Wagner*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes *Hugo Madera*
Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by any din of drums, Nor his manners, nor his airs, Nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by his crown or by his gown, But his coming known shall be, By the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rose Koepp
Little things become big things.
The Kingdom of God grows row by row.
Youth comes of age.
The stream swells into a river.
A Smile grows into a laugh.
A hug becomes an embrace.
A word of kindness opens a world of hope.
A gesture of welcome develops into a way of life.
The Kingdom of God grows row by row.
Little things become big things.

*OPENING HYMN "God is Calling through the Whisper" 410

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Forgive me, O God, for my lack of patience. Roots take time to grow. Yeast needs hours, days, months, or years to work its magic. But I sometimes find it difficult to slow down and rely on you. And so, I often turn to the quick fixes of anger, contempt, and despondence. Help me, O God to remember that heartache heals slowly, that

relationships are mended at a snail's pace, that love grows just not as quickly as I'd like. Help me, God, to trust in your hopeful vision of what can be and what is yet to come. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION
What is God working slowly in your life?

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 "Nothing Move Thee" *Hannah Jensen-Heitmann*
Nothing move thee; nothing terrify thee; everything passes; God never changes. Patience be all to thee. Who trusts in God, he never shall be needy. God alone suffices.

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
In this reading, let us be found. In this proclamation, let us be moved. In this hour, let us encounter God. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Proverbs 8:1-11

ANTHEM The Divine Image *Brett Epperson*

To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
All pray in their distress;
And to these virtues of delight
Return their thankfulness.

For Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
Is God, our father dear,
And Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
Is Man, his child and care.

For Mercy has a human heart,
Pity a human face,
And Love, the human form divine,
And Peace, the human dress.

Then every man, of every clime,
That prays in his distress,
Prays to the human form divine,
Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.

And all must love the human form,
In heathen, Turk, or Jew;
Where Mercy, Love, and Pity dwell,
There God is dwelling too.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 13:31-34

MESSAGE Seeds & Yeast: Together at Last!

*HYMN "I Come with Joy" 515

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From "A Brief Statement of Faith" PCUSA)
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

First Presbyterian Church

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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/

OFFERTORY "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" *arr. Held*

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To God be the glory. To God be our lives. To God be these gifts that they might bring aid to the suffering, peace to the lost, and hope to all. 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 "What is the World Like" 771

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*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 "Finale" *Telemann*

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS SUMMER &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!
9am Worship in the Park
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30am Worship 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 First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Raymond A. and Ruth Watson by family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #5) Captain – Ken Stein, Matt Fong, Kim Creech

GREETERS

JULY GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
7	Jan Bolliger, Kay Georgiana	Melissa Davis, Erin Gastmann
14	Amy & Joe Black	Jan Bolliger
21	C.L. & Sandra Wimer	Lesa & Steve Cropley
28	Jan Ham	Jenna Jorgensen

Worship in the Park

July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28
August 4
August 11
August 18

9:00 a.m.

Alexander Park

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!

US-Mexico Border Music and Mission Trip

October 16-21, 2024

Please join us as we help Frontera de Cristo celebrate their 40th Anniversary as a Presbyterian Border Ministry.

The cost of the trip is $200 per person and includes transportation via a charter bus, lodging and food for the trip.

Frontera de Cristo

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If you are interested please call the church office at 402-462-5147 or scan the QR code and fill out the form to let us know of your interest.

Sunday 7/7	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	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
Monday 7/8	1-3pm	1st Pres Church 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 7/9	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 7/10	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for the link
	6-9pm	Car Show	Parking Lot
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 7/11	12pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	3-5pm	Youth Group Game Time	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 7/12	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Sunday 7/14	8:30am	Open Table Early Bird Set Up	Fellowship Hall
	9am	Church in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:45am-10:15am	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am-?	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
John Northrop
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Bob Wolf
Carol Medsker
Frances Kamler
Jeni Howard
Katharine Davis
Pam Canady
family of Frank Medsker
family of Shirley Gass
Candice Unger
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 Dr. Bill Beck
Kathy Amyot
Monte Malouf
David Hauch
KyMani Riek

In memory of

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

Dr. Bill Beck, who passed away on 6/10/24

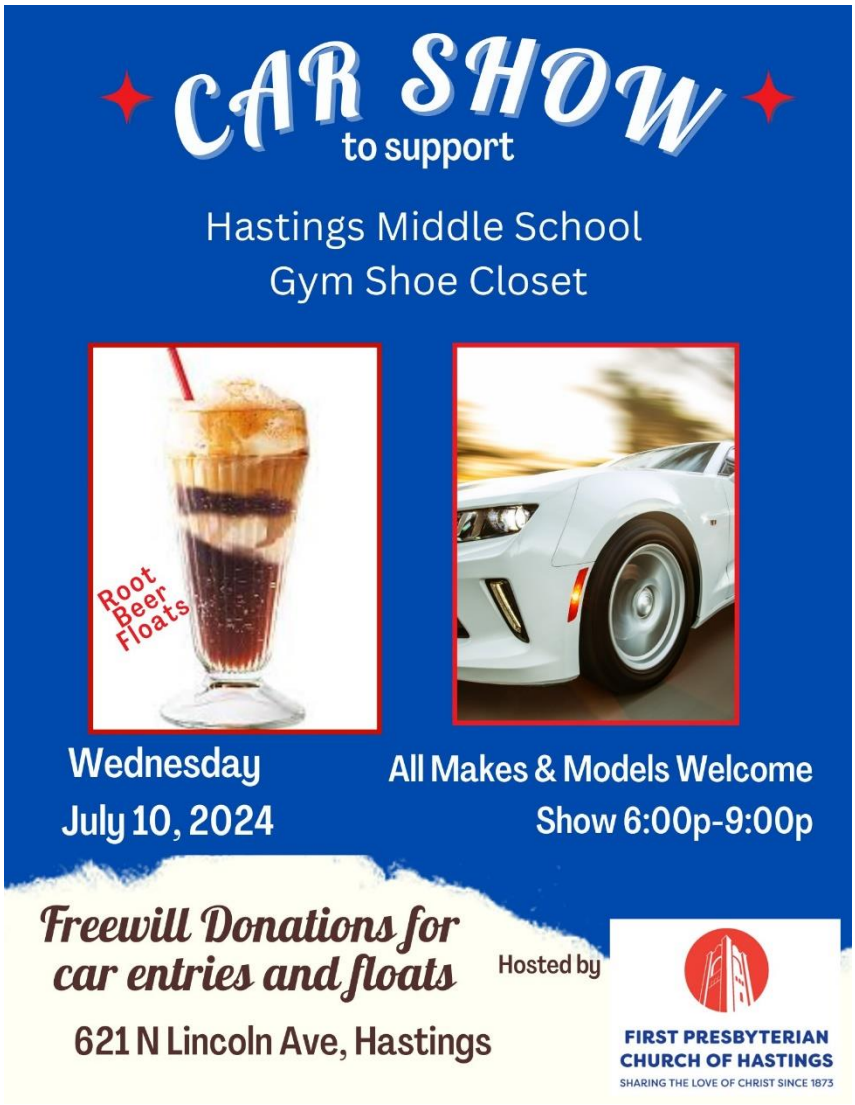
Frank Medsker, who passed away on 6/12/24

July Means Open Table at FPC
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 which are distributed from the Catholic Social Services Office. Beginning Sunday, July 14, we will be assembling 1,400 lunches a week during the last three Sundays of July in Fellowship Hall preceding or immediately following both Sunday worship services. In addition to Sunday morning assembly, we need drivers to transport sandwiches and sacks to Catholic Social Services when we finish on Sunday. 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 every July since its inception.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Thursday, July 11, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.



The Noonday Book Group will begin a new study on Wednesday, July 10 at, indeed, noon! The new book is *Unbelievable b*y John Shelby Spong. Please contact Sharon Brooks at sbbrooks52@gmail.com for the link to our online gathering. All sessions are recorded and offered online for later viewing

July Communion Offering

Crane Trust

History

The Crane Trust, Inc. was formed in 1978 as part of a court-approved settlement of a controversy over the construction of Grayrocks Dam on a tributary of the Platte River in Wyoming. The state of Nebraska and the National Wildlife Federation objected to the project, claiming it would jeopardize irrigation and wildlife downstream in Nebraska. The settlement satisfied requirements of the Endangered Species Act and allowed the Missouri Basin Power Project, owners of Grayrocks, to complete construction. The Crane Trust was funded by a payment from the Missouri Basin Power Project. The Trust is administered by three trustees who are appointed by the three participants in the settlement.

In 2012, the Crane Trust acquired the Nebraska Nature & Visitor Center to help fulfill its mission by providing a more active gateway and resource for community outreach and education.

The Crane Trust continues our efforts, as we have done for nearly fifty years, to protect and maintain this vital habitat for the cranes that have been coming here for thousands of years.

Mission

Through land management, scientific research, and education, our mission is to protect and maintain the physical, hydrological and biological integrity of the Big Bend area of the Platte River so that it continues to function as a life support system for whooping cranes, sandhill cranes and other migratory bird species.

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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