FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Growing Season
July 14, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "All the Way" *arr. Charles Callahan*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "Good Good Father" *Chris Tomlin*
Peyton Mitchell, Jaxen Mitchell
(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.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rose Koepp

God arrives in ways predictable and new.
In the familiar hymn and ancient prayer. In the surprising question of a child.
God appears at our bidding and in unannounced moments.
Through the reading of beloved texts. Through prayers spoken from the hearts.
God draws near. Are we ready for the encounter?
We prepare our hearts to encounter God once more.

*OPENING HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" 451
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have, O God, entrusted me with a small, flickering flame. You have asked me to keep alive the lamp of faith, the light of hope, the spark that is your Spirit. The hour will come when I will need it to see me through the night. The hour will come when my neighbor will need it as well. And yet, I admit that I have not done everything that I could to ensure that the flame endures. When I could have been building reserves of patience, kindness, and holy wisdom, I instead

created stockpiles of haste, ungracious thoughts, and foolish diversions. Forgive me, O God, and refill my lamp with oil.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What reserves is God asking you to stockpile?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Seek, and ye shall find.
Beloved, know and receive the grace and forgiveness of God.
Alleluia. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory Be to the Father" 581

*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

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing "This Little Light of Mine."

LANGENBERG MUSIC "Oceans"
Henry Black

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy word, O God, is a lamp unto our feet and light for our path. As these words are read and proclaimed, may our lives be illumined by your redeeming grace. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 25:1-13

MESSAGE "Bridal Prep"

*HYMN "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" 350

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 "Prayer" *Amanda Harberg*
Sarah Wolf, Mary Plock

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You, O God, have sustained us and given us more than what we need to make it through the night. Now, O Lord, we bring to this place these and other gifts in the hope that they may help others through the night as well. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 "Give Us Light" 467

*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 "Li'l David" *arr. Marietta Simpson*
Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

(*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 Dr. and Mrs. G. Paul Charlton by friends.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #5) Captain – Ken Stein**,** Matt Fong**,** Julie Thomsen, Doug Soderquist, Andrew Barrows

GREETERS

JULY GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
14	Amy & Joe Black	Jan Bolliger
21	C.L. & Sandra Wimer	Lesa & Steve Cropley
28	Jan Ham	Jenna Jorgensen

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.

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!

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. These 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 as well as, the people preparing them. We have continuously supported this community-wide program every July since its inception.

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

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

Dr. Bill Beck, who passed away on 6/10/24
Frank Medsker, who passed away on 6/12/24
Vernon Groves, who passed away on 7/10/24

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
Monday 7/15	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 7/16	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 7/17	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers Meet	basement
Thursday 7/18	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Room 112
	3-5pm	Youth Group Game Time	Youth Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 7/19	10am	Mahjong	Lydia Room
Saturday 7/20		United Harvest	
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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.

July 20, 2024

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

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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
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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

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