FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Growing Season
July 21, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Toccata in C Major" *J.S. Bach*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "God is so Good" *arr. Dovetree Publications, Inc*
Maddie Koepp
(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

The kingdom of heaven is a meal that fills the hungry heart.
The kingdom of heaven is a garden that must be planted, watered, and kept.
The kingdom of heaven is a blanket that warms a small child.
The kingdom of heaven is a fortress providing safety and shelter to those who dwell within.
The kingdom of heaven is a fierce wind pushing us out to sea.
The kingdom of heaven has always been.
The kingdom of heaven is now.
The kingdom of heaven is not yet.

*OPENING SONG "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"
Chorus of the Plains

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we are not always good at finding a balance between what has been and what shall be. We either cling to what has come before because it is familiar, it is comforting, and it has worked so far, or we dive headfirst into the new because it is

exciting, it is shiny, and it may just solve all our problems. What we sometimes fail to consider is whether these things contain any portion of you. Forgive us, O God, and whether new or old, help us to cherish the things that connect us to you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION
What old thing of God do you love? What new thing of God inspires you?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
The desires of those who fear God are fulfilled.
Their cries are heard.
They are saved.
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."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
In these ancient words, O God, let us find something new. Let us encounter some small portion of your life, your truth, and your renewing wisdom. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 7:24-27

ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art"

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 13:44-53

MESSAGE Something Old. Something New.

*HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" 463

*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.)*

OFFERTORY "Beautiful Savior"

COMMISSIONING OF GO & SERVE PARTICIPANTS

Participants

Grace Brader
Henry Black
Tethloach Duang
Keira Erickson
Avery Essink
Laura Kate Oliver
McKain Ratzlaff
Paige Redline
Moses Rhodes
Paxton Rhodes
Bennett Baack

Sponsors

Tammie Nowka
Amy Black
Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Chris Wray

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God: We offer you our tithes and gifts, and we offer you our lives. We thank you for these servants and the acts of kindness that you have called them to. Accept these gifts and our lives for your purposes, that we may all be your servants in the world. 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 "Here in This Place" 401
(Verses 2 & 4)

*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 "How Firm a Foundation" *arr. Diane Bish*

(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 in memory of Toni and Bob Mays by family and friends.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of our parents by Marnie and Doug Soderquist.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #5) Captain – Ken Stein, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Chuck Shoemaker, Lynne Friedewald, Kenton Grams

GREETERS

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

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
John Northrop
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Frances Kamler
Jeni Howard
Katharine Davis
Pam Canady
family of Shirley Gass
Candice Unger
family of Carol & Frank Medsker
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

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
Carol Medsker, who passed away on 7/15/24

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. They 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 both for the people receiving the lunches, and for the people preparing them. We have supported this community-wide program every July since its inception.

Sunday 7/21	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 7/22	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	Choir Room
Tuesday 7/23	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity	PEACE NW Classroom
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 7/24	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 7/25	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	3-5pm	Youth Group Game Time	Youth Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 7/26	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Lydia Room
Saturday 7/27-Saturday 8/3		High School Go & Serve Mission Trip	
Sunday 7/28	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 Open Store	Library
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The Chorus of the Plains

Special music today is performed by the CHORUS OF THE PLAINS. The Mission of the Chorus is to dedicate ourselves to quality four part acapella singing in the barbershop style. In so doing, we strive to serve the community in song. Members are from Hastings and surrounding communities. All men who love to sing are invited to join us at 7:00 P.M. every Monday night as we rehearse right here in the choir room of First Presbyterian Church. Guests are always welcome, and we would be happy to have you sing with us! As we sing at the close of our rehearsals every Monday, our aim is to "Keep the whole world singing!" (If you have any questions for the Chorus, or would like to have the Chorus come sing for your event or organization, feel free to call us at 402-670-2495.)

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.

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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