



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Chanson" *John Rutter*
Deb Johnson, Flute; Linda Vollweiler, Piano

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" *Mozart*
"The Fly's Adventure" *Faber*
Caleb Schukei

(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 (Psalm 145) Rose Koepf

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

We shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

The LORD is near to all who call on him. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" 611
Robin & Ann Koozer, Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Together, we make the Body of Christ, but we are more inclined to act alone. We confess that we have not always cared for one another or appreciated one another's gifts. We confess that we have belittled our own expressions of faithfulness in light of another's. Strengthen us in who you, our Creator, have created us to be so that we may function as the Body of Christ in this world.

SILENT CONFESSION

When have I not appreciated the diverse gifts that people share? How can I increase my awareness and appreciation of the gifts of others and myself?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's Spirit is upon us:

The Spirit of forgiveness, the Spirit of grace, the Spirit of oneness.

Today, and in all the days to come,

God's Spirit is with us and offers us forgiveness and mercy.

Thanks be to the One who gives us grace and is our joy and our strength.

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.)



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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me.”

Kim Borrell

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” (vs. 2)

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Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear, and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 43:1-7

ANTHEM

"Siyahamba"
South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale
Lacey Franzen, Drew Pennington; Directors
Mary Plock, Accompanist

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

SERMON

"Celebrating our gifts!"

Greg Allen-Pickett

Children's Book Sermon Series – "A Day with No Words" by Tiffany Hammond

*HYMN

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpts from Dallas Seminary Statement)

We affirm that God has woven diversity into the fabric of creation itself. Variety, harmony, and synergy are the elements of God's original beautiful creation. This beautiful diversity was divinely instituted as a reflection of God's own design and intention for the cosmos.

We affirm that God fashioned humanity according to God's image and likeness as a model for true community, with both unity and diversity. Humanity's corporate reflection of the image of God is multifaceted and best realized in true community, as the gathered church.

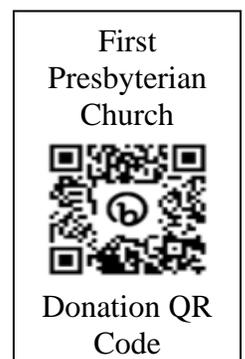
We affirm that God is the author and enabler of a diversity of gifts and abilities that demonstrate both diversity and unity within a society or community. This diversity includes, but is not limited to, physical, emotional, and cognitive variety among humankind, and this variety reflects God's design and intention.

We affirm that we are called to embrace Christ in faith and experience transformation by the Spirit. Amen.

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

“Achat Sha’alti”

Paul Schoenfield

The Achat Sha'alti is based on the fourth verse of Psalm 27 of David in the Old Testament of the Bible:

I ask only one thing, Lord: Let me live in your house
every day of my life
to see how wonderful you are
and to pray in your temple.

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed us. Let us respond through these gifts and our lives. For all the goodness you have poured on us, we offer prayers of gratitude and love, as we ask these things in Jesus’ name. 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

“O for a World”

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

POSTLUDE

“Let Us with a Gladsome Mind”

arr. Albert L. Travis

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

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

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

(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 Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling and also in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Payne and Hubert Payne.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #5) Captain – Ken Stein, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Justin Brader, Andrew Barrows, Chanda Essink

GREETERS

JULY GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
28	Jan Ham	Jenna Jorgensen

AUGUST USHERS (Team #6) Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

AUGUST GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
4	Jill Kramer	Linda & Richard Johnson
11	Mary Kay LaMaster, Julie Thomsen	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
18	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske
25	Jane Foote, Jean Barber	Lori & Ted Schroeder

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TAILGATE

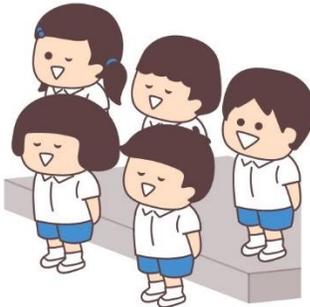
HASTINGS SODBUSTERS

Sunday, July 28
 5:30pm cookout at Harms Park
 6:35pm first pitch @ Duncan Field
 \$5.00/ticket (includes meal)
 Tickets available at church starting July 7 and in the office

Christian Ed Summer Events

JUNE - JULY THURSDAYS 3 PM - 5 PM <i>Youth Group</i> <i>Game time @ FPC</i>	JUNE 2 5 PM - 7 PM <i>Movie Club</i> <i>@ FPC</i>	JUNE 24-27 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM <i>Camp Firelight</i> <i>VBS</i>
JUNE 28 7 PM - 9 PM <i>FPC Waterpark</i> <i>Night</i>	JULY 7 5 PM - 7 PM <i>Movie Club</i> <i>@ FPC</i>	JULY AUG 27 - 3 <i>Sr High</i> <i>Go & Serve</i>
AUG 4 5 PM - 7 PM <i>Movie Club</i> <i>@ FPC</i>	AUG 9 8 AM - 6 PM <i>Jr High Zoo Trip</i>	AUG 25 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM <i>Sunday School</i> <i>Kickoff</i>

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South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale Concert

Sunday, August 4

4:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Sanctuary

All are welcome!

Sr High Go & Serve Trip (7/27-8/3)			
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
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am-?	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	5:30pm (Picnic) 6:35pm (Game)	Sodbusters Outing	Picnic-Harms Park Game-Duncan Field
Monday 7/29	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	7pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 7/30	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 7/31	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers meet	Basement
Thursday 8/1	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 8/2	10am	Mahjong Ladies	10am-12pm
Sunday 8/4	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
	4:30pm	South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale Concert	Sanctuary
	5pm	Elementary Movie Club	Fellowship Hall

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.

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

**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.

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach
Dave Schawang	Carl Utley
John Northrop	Barry Thomson
Carter Johnson	Greg Howard
Tarah Davis & family	Ken Fisk
Matt Campbell	Marcia Hogan & family
June Nielsen	Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Bob Wolf	Jim Boeve
KyMani Riek	Howard Mathews
Frances Kamler	Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Jeni Howard	family of Dr. Bill Beck
Katharine Davis	Kathy Amyot
Pam Canady	Monte Malouf
Candice Unger	family of Frank & Carol Medsker
David Hauch	Go & Serve Participants & Sponsors

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

**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 Koepf
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