



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Go & Serve Sunday August 25, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

“Rock-a My Soul”
Peter Ratzlaff

Bulla

(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.)

THE WEEK THAT WAS

*OPENING HYMN

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”
Verses 1 & 2
Brett Epperson, Song Leader

729

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Rooney Robinson)

Ashton Essink

The love of God is made known in this place.

The love that builds up.

The love that has meals and wheels and asks no questions.

The love that creates answers and has dollar signs.

The love that puts shoes on feet and warm coats on cold bodies.

The love that creates futures.

Come to this place and know the love of God.

The love that builds and fills and is needed in the world.

SAY LESS... LISTEN MORE

Paige Redline & Grace Brader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we often fail our neighbors. We don't see them. We don't hear them. We believe that we are better or more

correct than them. We talk too much, and often all we offer are words of judgment and condemnation to the world around us. Forgive us, O God, and restore our hearts so that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you once again. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

Who is God calling you to hear?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Good news, my friends, God loves us.

Not despite who we are but because of who we are.

We are forgiven. We are restored.

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

582

*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.

SAY LESS... WALK HUMBLY MORE

Laura Kate Oliver & Paxton Rhodes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us not just hear these words, O God; let us embrace them. Let us perceive these truths; let us be changed by them. Let us not just acknowledge this wisdom; let us treasure it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Micah 6:6-8

SAY LESS... LOVE KINDNESS MORE

Henry Black & McKain Ratzlaff

*HYMN

“We Are One in the Spirit”
Verses 1 & 3

300

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe that I can be what I choose to be and that I choose to be Christ’s disciple. I believe that God sees more within me than I will ever see in myself. God knows that I am capable of love, that I am capable of great acts of generosity, that if I choose, I can strengthen the weak and lift the faint-hearted. God calls me to a life lived beyond myself and my petty self-interest. In joy and appreciation for the eternal love that I have freely received, God calls me not to a

good life but a life of good. It is in God that I live and move and find my being. Amen.

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PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

The offering and offertory this morning is a collection of images from our week in Charlotte, NC. These images represent the work we did on behalf of others during our week. As you watch the images on the screen, we ask you to consider what you'll do on behalf of others in the week to come.

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To your glory, O God, we dedicate the gifts of our pockets, hands, and hearts. May all of these things be used to bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.

SAY LESS... TEACH MORE

Keira Erickson & Moses Rhodes

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

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"
(verses 3 & 4)

729

***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

This service was organized and prepared by members of the Go & Serve 2024 Team. We thank and commend all of the members for the work they did on behalf of God's Kingdom on this year's trip. If you see any of the following folks, please thank them for their loving acts of kindness. Students: Bennett Baack, Henry Black, Grace Brader, Tethloach Duang, Keira Erickson, Ashton Essink, Laura Kate Oliver, McKain Ratzlaff, Paige Redline, Moses Rhodes, Paxton Rhodes. Sponsors: Amy Black, Tammie Nowka, Leah Ratzlaff, and Damen Jensen-Heitmann

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

**September 1:
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 Jo and Les Seiler.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Phyllis and John Lainson by family and friends.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

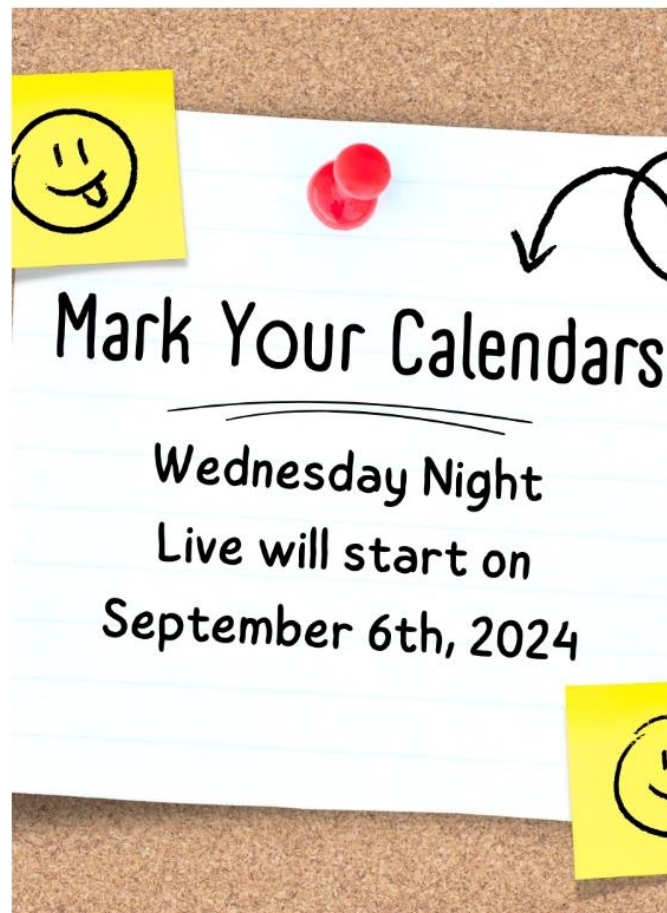
AUGUST USHERS (Team #6) Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker, Steve Illingworth, Dick Brader

GREETERS

AUGUST	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
25	Jane Foote, Jean Barber	Lori & Ted Schroeder

SEPTEMBER USHERS (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Kim Creech

SEPTEMBER GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
1	Stephanie Bliss, Sue Medsker	Bonnie & Kenton Grams
8	Jeni & George Howard	Clyde Sachtleben, Carolyn Nowka
15	Gayle Fandry	Flossie Sanderson
22	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Melissa Davis
29	Jan Bolliger	Susan Hoff



Please pray for

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

In memory of

Vernon Groves, who passed away on 7/10/24

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

Dave Schawang, who passed away on 8/18/24

US-Mexico Border Music and Mission Trip

**Frontera
de
Cristo**



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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.

**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.**

Exciting News: New restrooms off the sanctuary now open!

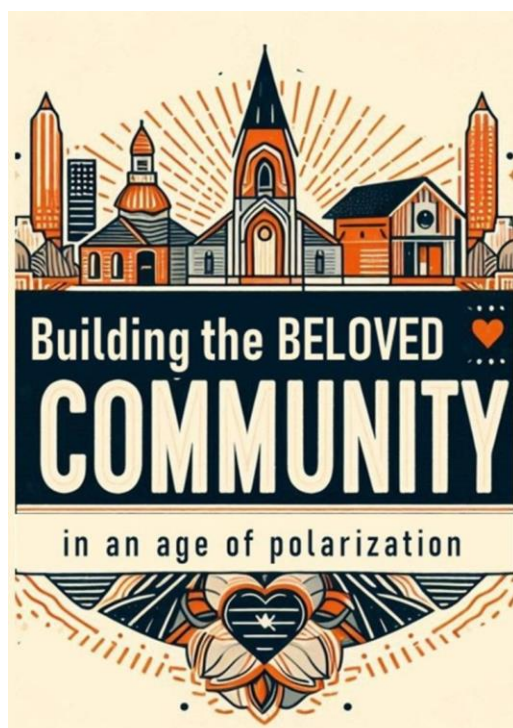
We are pleased to announce that the new restrooms off the sanctuary are now open for use. These are *family restrooms*, meaning they are single-seat restrooms with locking doors that can be used by anyone, just like the bathrooms in our houses. This design is the industry standard for new restrooms; for example, you will see all the public restrooms at the College View Retirement Community are this way.

These family restrooms provide added flexibility and convenience, especially for those assisting loved ones with dementia, mobility issues, or for parents helping young children. We hope these new facilities will enhance the sense of welcome at our church for our members and the community.



By September 8, the former women's restroom off the sanctuary will be converted into a "Wiggle Room" for families with small children that will also include one additional single seat family restroom with a locking door and a changing table.

We will also be updating the restrooms behind the fellowship hall with new flooring, tile, and fixtures. Those will continue to be a *Men's Room* and a *Women's Room*.



Putting our faith before our politics.
Building the beloved community amid polarization.
Beginning Sunday, Sept 15 please join in conversation
during this 5 week study.

Sunday Worship

8:30 & 10:30

Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13

Bible Study

Tuesdays @ Noon

Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15

Book Club

Wednesdays @ Noon

Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16

Adult Forum &

Heirs Apparent

Sept. 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13

Conversation @ Steeple Brewing Company

7 p.m. - Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

AUGUST 25, 2024

Kindergarten

Brooks Borrell
Aniah Davis
Logan Dean
Ava Klug
Audrey Miller
Weston Mullen
Miles Mulligan
Lakyn Randone
Calla Stoddard
Poppy Stoddard
Callan Stokely
Gatlin Stokely

3rd Grade

Malcolm Eckhardt
Lennon Launchbaugh
Truman Welsch

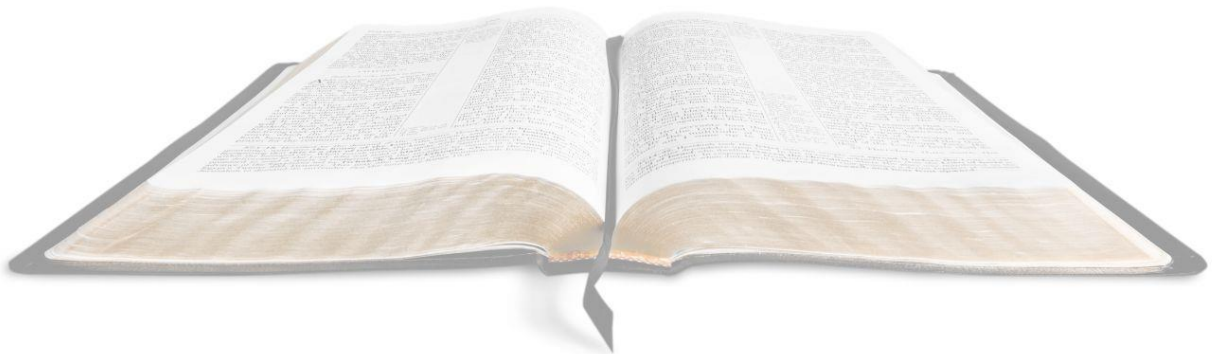
8th Grade

Maddie Gosda
Meredith Oliver
Gabriel Snell



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Sunday 8/25	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School Kickoff	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	11:30am	Go & Serve Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
Monday 8/26	1-3pm	1 st 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 8/27	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Board	PEACE NW Classroom
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 8/28	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal	Bell Room
Thursday 8/29	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 8/30	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Sunday 9/1	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

Cub Scout Open House

Pack 200 Cub Scouts will be holding an open house on August 29 at 7 p.m. for any children in Kindergarten through 5th grade and their adult partners that are interested in joining.

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
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Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey