



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" *arr. Everett Amos*  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145) Rose Koepp

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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 475  
Dana Miller, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Lord, you have chosen us before the foundation of the world. You have destined us for adoption as Your children through Jesus Christ. Accordingly, our identity as family members in Christ should be obvious to the world in the way we support one another and interact with the world. But we confess that sometimes our words and deeds do not match up with our identity as the Body of Christ. Forgive us when we fail, Lord. In Jesus' name, we are grateful.***

SILENT CONFESSION

When have I failed to be a good family member in Christ? When have I failed to support my sisters and brothers who are suffering and celebrate with my sisters and brothers who are rejoicing?

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”

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.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BAPTISM

William Wilder Freetly

Parents: Laura Ferdinand and James Freetly

(While the family is coming up for the baptism the congregation will sing, “Jesus Loves Me.”)

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ’s church, and we all have a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God’s help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying, “We do.” ***We Do.***

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle’s Creed*)

***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.***

BAPTISM SONG

“God Claims You”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Open our eyes, ears, and hearts to your Holy Word and the way that it is speaking to us today. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 43:1-7

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

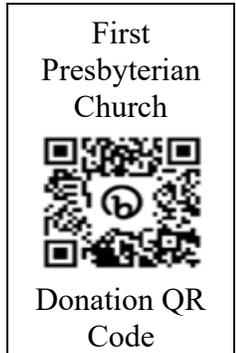
SERMON “Mutual concern for one another...” Greg Allen-Pickett  
*Summer Sermon Song Series – “Lean on Me” by Bill Withers  
sung by Hannah Jensen-Heitmann*

\*HYMN “One Bread, One Body” 530

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 “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name” Bryan Leech

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 609

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings and our lives, we pray, that through them we may do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.***

COMMUNION: 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.***

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.***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” 547

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL 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 “Trumpet Tune” Giuseppe Torelli

*(\*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](http://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 Hal Lainson by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and Overmiller families.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Toni and Bob Mays and also in memory of Jim McDougal by family and friends.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan

**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



## August Communion Offering

Food4Thought is a local, non-profit food assistance program that sends meals home over the weekend with elementary school students within the Hastings Public Schools. These children's families qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and may have limited access to food. Though these children receive meals through the school during the week, they may not have sufficient access to meals over the weekend. Food4Thought helps make sure that these students have something to eat before returning to school on Monday morning. Food4Thought is one of three Hastings-based food assistance organizations that compose The Open Table in Hastings.

### 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	Darcie (McDonald) Brink

### 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

<b>Sunday 8/4</b>	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
<b>Monday 8/5</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Tuesday 8/6</b>	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 8/7</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 8/8</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Columbarium Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Friday 8/9</b>	8am	Jr. High Zoo Trip	
	10am	Mahjong	Lydia Room
<b>Sunday 8/11</b>	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



## *Worship in the Park*

**August 4**

**August 11**

**August 18**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Alexander Park**

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!

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

**Save  
THE  
Date**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**KICK-OFF**

**AUGUST**

**25**

**9:15am-10:15am**

**WHO: ALL STUDENTS AGE 3 - 12TH GRADE  
AND THEIR GROWN-UPS**

**LOCATION: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**WHAT TO EXPECT: REVIEW PROCEDURES,  
EXPECTATIONS, AND SCHEDULES, MEET  
TEACHERS, ACOLYTE TRAINING, BIBLE  
PRESENTATION**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**90**

**On Sunday, August 18th  
Alice Throckmorton will be in Hastings to  
visit with friends and celebrate her 90th  
birthday. Everyone is invited to a casual  
get-together with refreshments in  
Fellowship Hall following the  
10:30 a.m. worship service.**

# 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.**

## *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 Koeppe  
**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