FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE — Pianist Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

WELCOME — Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 45) — Damen Jensen-Heitmann

This morning, may our hearts overflow
As we come into the presence of God, our king!
Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever.
You love righteousness and hate wickedness.
In our worship, we will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;
We will praise you for ever and ever. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN — "God of Grace and God of Glory" — 307
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to others,
Merciful God, forgive us.
When we hear God's word but don't do anything about it,
Merciful God, forgive us.
When we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard,
Merciful God, forgive us.
Gracious and merciful God, forgive us for past faults and help us in the present and future to make ourselves more available to the hurting world that surrounds us—the world that begins on our doorsteps.
Equip us to be patient and compassionate listeners, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed, not in overbearing ways but sensitively and lovingly. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and active witnesses to Jesus in all we do and say.

SILENT CONFESSION
How have I failed to actively live my Christian faith every day?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As we become doers of God's word and not merely hearers,
We discover that it is "in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive."
Surely this is evidence of "the implanted word that has the power to save our souls." In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior:
We are forgiven and loved. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 John 4:7-11 and John 13:34-35

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – James 1:19-27

SERMON "And they'll know we are Christians by our…" Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "We Are One in the Spirit" 300

*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.

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/

First Presbyterian Church

Donation QR Code

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail, and let your people be repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in. We pray in Christ's name. 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 "We All Are One in Mission" 733

*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

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

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

Sunday, September 8 we restart our school-year worship schedule and Sunday School!
8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15 Sunday School for all ages
10:30 Traditional 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. William A. McCall by family.

NURSERY Esther Allen-Pickett, Kim Bogan

ACOLYTE Meredith Oliver

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

GREETERS

SEPTEMBER	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

Sunday 9/1	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 9/2		Labor Day - Church Offices Closed	
Tuesday 9/3	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
Wednesday 9/4	11am	PW Coord. Team Meeting	
	11:45am	PW Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 9/5	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 9/6	10am	Mahjong	Lydia Room
Sunday 9/8	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	11:30am	Ice Cream Social	Fellowship Hall

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
John Northrop
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Frances Kamler
Jeni Howard
Ashley Ibach
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Marcia Hogan & family
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
family of Dave Schawang
family of Frank & Carol Medsker
Stephanie Adam & family
Pam Canady
Candice Unger
David Hauch
Monte Malouf
Darcie (McDonald) Brink
Jim Boeve
Howard Mathews
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
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 17-21, 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 airfare, 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 by 9/3/24 to let us know of your interest.

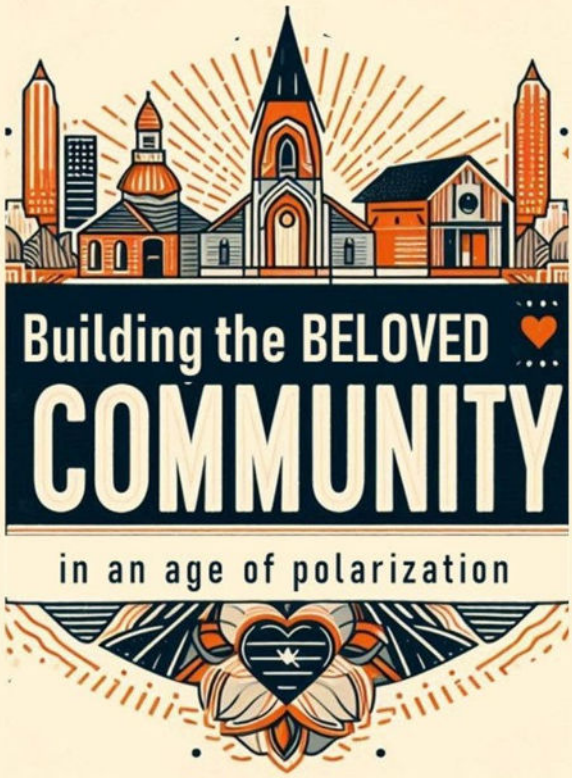
THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU! to students in the Langenberg Lesson Program who provided special music for summer worship.

Peyton Mitchell

Laura Kate Oliver	Lincoln Welsch
Henry Black	Meredith Oliver
Madelyn Koepp	Caleb Schukei
Truman Welsch	Esther Allen-Pickett
Wilson Welsch	Vivian Fong
Raegan Welsch	Peter Ratzlaff
Rory Stout	Jacob Shin
Jaxen Mitchell	Charlie Stout

In appreciation,
The Worship, Arts, and Music Committee



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

September Communion Offering

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

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Our Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL
DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP
TO A LOT!

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

WAYS TO GIVE

Through your congregation

Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/peace-global

Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444 or scan this QR code for more information.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

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COVER: SOWER OF THE SEEDS - ANNELI ANDERSON - STUDIOANNELI.COM

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 of 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*.

LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to $250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Grants are limited to one per child.
- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

- *DEADLINE FOR THE Fall 2024 GRANT PROGRAM IS November 1, 2024.*
- GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE; PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

Applications are available on the shelf outside the Church Offices or on the Church website at:
https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Langenberg-form-Fall-2024.pdf

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 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