FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Growing Season
September 22, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Canzona" *Andrea Gabriell*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "God Welcomes All"
Cal/West Choir
Directed by Tyler Koepp
God Welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong, and it never ends.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

We gather here with neighbors. We gather here with strangers.
We join in worship with those of like mind and those of differing opinions.
And we call ourselves disciples. And we call ourselves children of God.
And we call one another family.
We gather here to encounter the voice of God above anything else.
And we hear it, if we listen,
In the ancient stories, the floating melody, and the earnest prayer.
And we see it in faces, and we find it in handshakes, and we know it
In our neighbors
And in our strangers.

*OPENING HYMN "Let All Things Now Living" 37
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we have sunk inside of ourselves. We have fallen so deeply that we struggle to see anything beyond our own perception, hear anything over our own anger, and feel anything

besides our own reality. Break us free, O God, from ourselves. Pull us up from our own muck that we might once again be guided by your voice and not our own. Forgive us and lead us out into the world in hope once more. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION
What is blocking the voice of God for you?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Where even two or three gather,
God's spirit is present.
God listens. God loves. God forgives.
Thanks be to God.

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)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

A TIME WITH CHILDREN – Rose Koepp
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (refrain twice through) 591

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
God of Wisdom and Truth, in this story, with all of its fracture and all of its hope, help us to find you and your word for our lives. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 37:3-4, 19-28

ANTHEM "A Prayer for Humility" *Mark Patterson*

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation,
How we long to know you, how we strive to serve you,
Help us now to love you even more.

Give us humble hearts to praise you and list'ning ears to hear your voice,
Willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you:
Create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again.

Give us humble hearts to praise you and list'ning ears to hear your voice,
Willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you:
Create in us humble hearts. Amen

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 50:15-21

MESSAGE "Group Think"

*HYMN "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" 291
(verses 1, 2, & 4)

*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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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 "Pastorale" *Flor Peeters*

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 607

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glory be to you, O God. But not glory only. To you also be our dollars and our talents, and our passions and our minds and our hearts and our hands. Guide us, dear Lord, that we might use all these things and more to love our neighbors as you love us. 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 "O Day of Peace" 373

*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 "Trumpet Rondo" *Fenton Groden*

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!
September 29
8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15 Sunday School for all ages!
10:30am 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 in memory of Thelma and Lester D. Pedersen by their family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of William Jensen, Claudina Jensen, Emory and Emma Holloway from Byron, Deb, Nathan Jensen, and Hannah Jensen-Heitmann.

NURSERY Rachel Guiai

ACOLYTES Jaxen Mitchell, Lincoln Welsch

USHERS (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings**,** Elaine Specht**,** Kim Creech, Steve Illingworth, Doug Soderquist

GREETERS

SEPTEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
22	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Melissa Davis
29	Jan Bolliger	Susan Hoff

BLESSING OF THE PETS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Each year at First Presbyterian Church, we hold a service in which we talk about how animals are a wonderful part of God's creation. During this service, Pastor Greg offers a blessing for any pets present.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

We will be holding this special service in place of our typical Wednesday Night Live programming.

5:00–6:00 pm Dinner/Fellowship for everyone

6:00–6:30 pm Service/Pet Blessing

6:30–7:00/15 pm Regular WNL Bible Time

WHAT TO BRING

If you'd like to bring your pet, please do! But please keep it on a leash or in a carrier. You could also bring a picture of your pet.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE SCHEDULE

5:00 – 5:30 Family Meal Time
Come when you can; meal is cafeteria style. Table Parents will be at each table to help facilitate meal time. ALL family members are welcome!

5:30 – 7:00 PreK-K Frolic

5:30 – 6:00 1st-5th Bells; 6th-12th Choir

6:00 – 6:30 1st-5th Choir; 6th-12th Bells

6:30 – 7:15 6th-12th Youth Group

6:30 – 7:00 1st-5th Bible Time

7:00 – 7:15 *optional* PreK-5th Recreation Time
(Rec. time is intended for students who need to wait for a ride.)

WE ASK THAT A GROWNUP COMES INTO THE BUILDING TO PICK UP STUDENTS AT THE END OF THE NIGHT.

Sunday 9/22	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10:00am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	In-person, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 9/23	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 Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7pm	"Building the Beloved Community in an age of polarization" Conversation	Steeple Brewing Company
Tuesday 9/24	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	PEACE NW Classroom
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 9/25	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Center Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	Various
	5pm	Mexico Mission Trip Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 9/26	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 9/27	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 9/29	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
	5pm	FPC Trivia Night	Steeple Brewing Company

Langenberg Lesson Scholarship 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 The deadline in November 1, 2024.

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*.

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Frances Kamler
Jeni Howard
Pam Canady
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
Candice Unger
David Hauch
Monte Malouf
Darcie (McDonald) Brink
Jim Boeve
Howard Mathews
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves

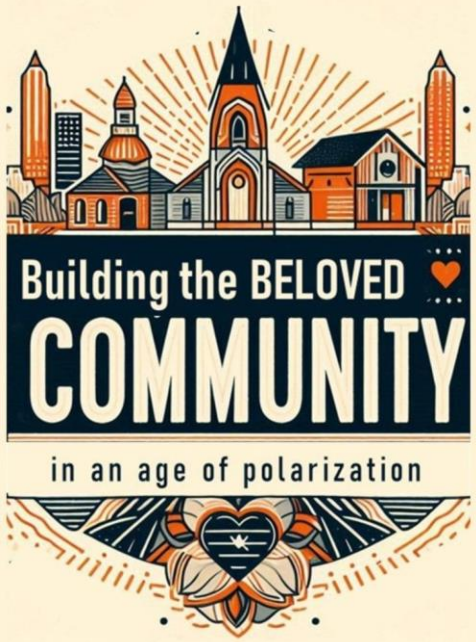
In memory of

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

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??

The First Presbyterian Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held on October 19. Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children. (Adult XL and XXL are in high need)

Donations are being accepted at these Hastings locations: First Presbyterian Church, Pershing Orthodontics. Thank you in advance!!



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

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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