FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

September 15, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Sonata No. 1" *Johann Pezel*
Cathedral Brass
Louie Eckhardt, trumpet - Erin Beave, trumpet - Eric Linke, horn
Nathan LeFeber, trombone - Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27) Damen Jensen-Heitmann

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Though the world can be a scary place, our hearts shall not fear;
Though there is conflict all around us, we will choose hope over fear.
As a sign of our hope and joy,
We will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Teach us your ways of hope, joy, peace, and love, O Lord,
We believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in our land.
Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 39
Organist Linda Vollweiler
Song Leaders Robin & Ann Koozer

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, in a world so interconnected, our fearful hearts are pummeled by an endless barrage of troubling news. We are daily aware of more grief than we can rightly consider, of more hostility, hatred, horror, and injustice than we can engage with. God, we confess that there are moments when we feel like you are far from us and far from the world, times when fear and frustration overwhelm and paralyze us into inaction or hiding. O Lord, let our fears never compel us to hide our hearts from you. Let them rather lead us to

begin holy conversations with you, turn our fears into invitations to be present with you and to embrace the hope you promise us.

SILENT CONFESSION
When have I let fear or anger overwhelm me? How can I embrace hope instead?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Christ, 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

TIME WITH CHILDREN Nancy Grams

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open our hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits fill with your holy hope. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 15:1-6 (CEB)

ANTHEM "Sheep May Safely Graze" from Cantata 208 *J.S. Bach arr. Watts*

The Cathedral Brass

This hymn from Bach's Cantata includes these lyrics:
"Sheep can safely graze where a good shepherd watches over them.
Where rulers are ruling well, we may feel peace and rest and what makes countries happy."

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 2:13-22

SERMON *Fear not, abound in hope!* Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "Live into Hope" 772

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpts from "Song of Faith" from the United Church of Canada, 2006)

We sing of God who creates the universe and with it the possibility of being and relating. God tends the universe, mending the broken and reconciling the estranged. God enlivens the universe, guiding all things toward harmony with their Source.

We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untamable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world. We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.

We sing of God the Christ, the Holy One embodied. Jesus healed the sick and fed the hungry. He forgave sins and freed those held captive by all manner of demonic powers. He crossed barriers of race, class, culture, and gender. He preached and practiced unconditional love— love of God, love of neighbor, love of friend, love of enemy— and he commanded his followers to love one another as he had loved them.

Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing. Creating and seeking relationship, in awe and trust, we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love. 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 "Now Thank We All Our God" *arr. Albert Travis*

*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 "May the God of Hope Go with Us" (sing through twice) 765

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Morning Prayer" *Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky, arr. Eckhardt*

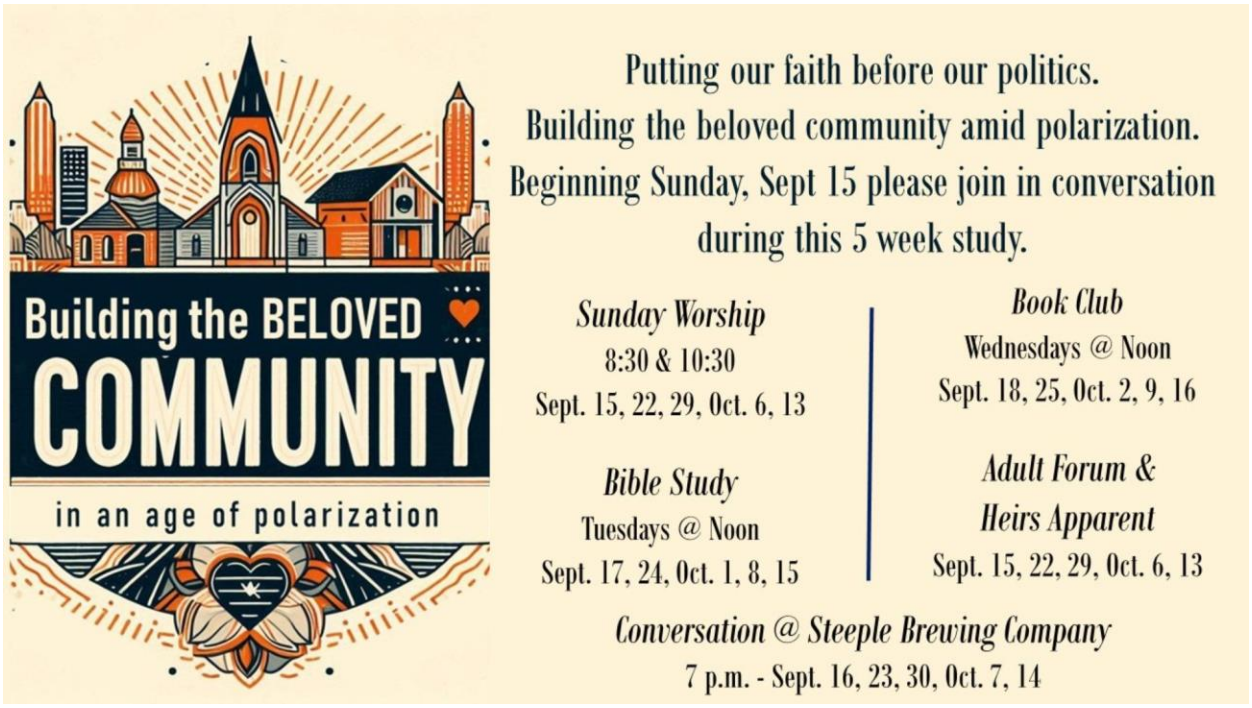
POSTLUDE "Galliard Battaglia" *Samuel Scheidt*

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!
September 22

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 Marilynn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Marilynn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family.

NURSERY Kade Jorgensen

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

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

Wanted: Participants for Melody Roundup Parade
When: September 28, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Where: Beautiful Downtown Hastings

Decorate your bike! Decorate the stroller! Wear your walking shoes! Join First Presbyterian Church in participating in the Melody Roundup Parade to support Hastings College and our community.

Please RSVP to the church office by September 20th so we know how many will be participating.

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

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

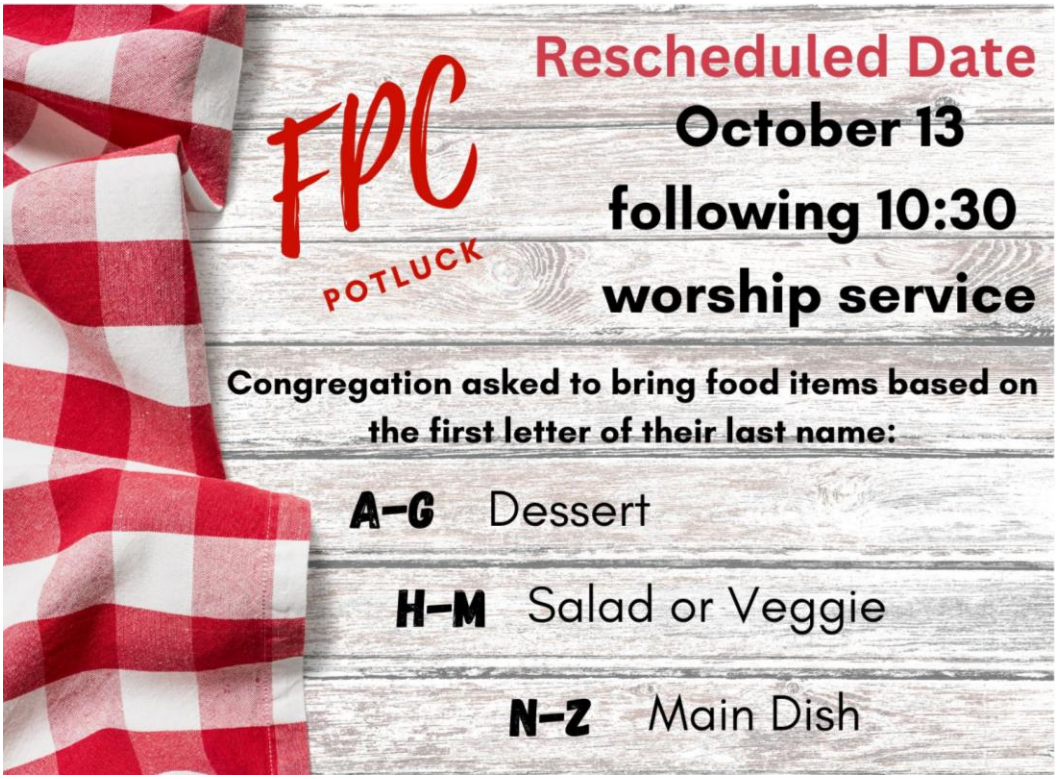
6:00 - 6:30 1st-5th Choir; 6th-12th Bells

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.



Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
John Northrop
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
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

In memory of

Carol Medsker, who passed away on 7/15/24
Dave Schawang, who passed away on 8/18/24

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.

- If you need food, please come at the time indicated based on the first letter of your last name.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.

September 21, 2024

A, B	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Get a free "blessed" dog tag for each pet!

BBQ & Blessing of the Pets

Join First Presbyterian Church of Hastings for a BBQ and our annual Blessing of the Pets Service

Wednesday, October 2nd at 5pm (BBQ); 6pm (Blessing of the Pets)

in the church parking lot (please bring your own chair)

ALL PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!

Bring your pet or a photo of your pet for a prayer of blessing with Pastor Greg

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!!

Sunday 9/15	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
Monday 9/16	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve Meeting	
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	"Building the Beloved Community in an age of polarization" conversation	Steeple Brewing
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 9/17	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 9/18	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	TBD
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	TBD
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal	Bell Room
Thursday 9/19	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 9/20	10am	Mahjong	TBD
Saturday 9/21		United Harvest	
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

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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