



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

September 29, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Psalm 19” *Benedetto Marcello/arr. Diane Bish*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“This is the Day”
Praise and Alleluia Children’s Choir
Director Teresa Canady; Mary Plock, piano

Students will sing through the song first, then the congregation will join us with the call and response. Bold is everyone.

This is the day, This is the day
That the Lord has made, That the Lord
has made
Let us rejoice, Let us rejoice
**This is the day that the Lord has
made, Let us rejoice and be glad in
it.**

This is the day, This is the day,
That the Lord has made.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

The heavens declare the glory of God;
The skies proclaim the work of God’s hands.
The love of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The word of the Lord gives joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
God sets us apart and blesses us to be a blessing for others.
May these words of our mouths and this meditation of our hearts
Be pleasing in your sight, O Lord. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Lord, When I came into This Life”
Carter Pursley, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, I yearn to be set apart for Your glory — to be a light in the darkness. This is the desire of my heart. But sometimes my life feels like a mess. On any given day, I can be overcome by a bad attitude, words spoken without thought of harm. I sometimes participate in grievance-fueled interactions and can build up walls of hostility. Instead, let me be set apart for You. Transform me, Lord, through the renewal of my mind and create in me a clean heart. Set me apart so that others may see You in me and be drawn to Your love and the knowledge of Your saving grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I be set apart from the chaos and grievance in our culture and be a source of love and light 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”

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*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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Love the Lord your God”

Praise Bell Choir, Director Susan Oliver

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koeppe

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand: that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 12:1-7, 12-14; 13:1-8

ANTHEM

“Song of Gentleness”
Praise and Alleluia Children’s Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

If by a gentle way I live, surely the Lord will
bless me
And if I seek not to take but to give,
His peace shall dwell within me
If by my kindness I can share with God's people
everywhere
Then I will praise, I'll praise the name of the
Lord

Praise, alleluia,
all day I'll sing
With all things kind and gentle praise I'll bring

If by the gentle way I live, surely the Lord will
bless me
And if I seek not to take but to give,
His peace shall dwell within me
If by my kindness I can share with God's people
everywhere

Thanks be to God who gave me breath
Praise be His name forever
Glory to Him who shared with earth, joy
and love that fail not ever

I'll praise the name
I'll praise the name
I'll praise the name of the Lord

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 2:1-10

SERMON

Being set apart

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

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*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/>

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OFFERTORY

“Inner Peace”
Alleluia Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Loving God, we have so many reasons to say “thank You” to you. Your generosity, grace, and mercy are astounding, and we pray that the gifts we offer in worship and throughout the week might be used to advance your work of hope in the world. Help us to be generous with our gifts and our lives. Amen.

*HYMN

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

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*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

“Allegro”

John Stanley

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP &
 INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!
 October 6: World Communion Sunday

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 by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

NURSERY Peyton Mitchell, Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES Matthew Klug, Breck Moore

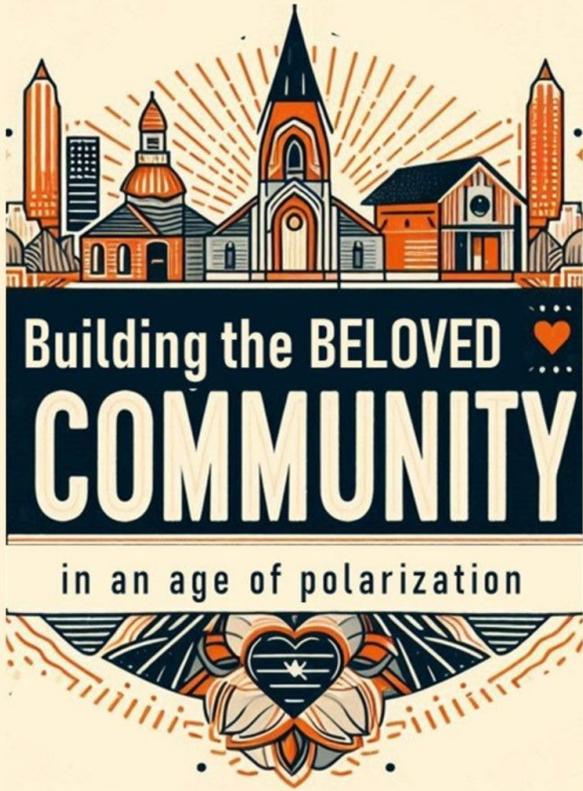
USHERS (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Julie Thomsen, Steve Illingworth

GREETERS

SEPTEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
29	Jan Bolliger	Susan Hoff

OCTOBER USHERS (Team #2) Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

OCTOBER GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
6	Kili & Justin Wenberg	Cathy & John Pershing
13	Kathy Utter, Kim Creech	Laurie & Brian Johnson
20	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
27	Marnie & Doug Soderquist	C.L. & Sandra Wimer



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



Hastings CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 2 p.m.
Lake Hastings

Register on the south side of the Lake
25% raised goes to OPEN TABLE
Sponsored by Church Women United

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 is November 1, 2024.



Please pray for

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

In memory of

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

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*.



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 9/29	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
Monday 9/30	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
	7pm	“Building the Beloved Community in an age of polarization” conversation	Steeple Brewing Company
Tuesday 10/1	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6pm	WAM meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/2	11am	PW Coord Team	
	11:45am	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-6pm	WNL Dinner	Fellowship Hall
	6pm	Blessing of the Pet Service	Parking Lot
	6:30-7:15pm	WNL Bible Time	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 10/3	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	5:30pm	Children’s Christian Ed Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/4	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 10/6		<i>World Communion Sunday</i>	
	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	Mexico Mission Trip Orientation	Fellowship Hall
	11:45am	Mexico Mission Trip Choir Practice	Choir Room

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.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
TRIVIA NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 29TH
STEEPLE BREWING COMPANY
GAME STARTS AT: 05:00PM
FREE TO PLAY
BRING A TEAM OF SIX
OR JUST SHOW UP!
ALL AGES WELCOME

First Presbyterian Church Presents:
PUMPKINS & PJS!
Saturday, Oct. 26th
5:30 - 8:30 PM
All students 3yrs - 5th grade are welcome!
Please register so we have an accurate count for food.
KIDS WILL:

- LEARN ABOUT SAMUEL'S CALL
- LEARN THAT GOD CHOOSES THEM!
- HAVE A YUMMY DINNER
- MAKE CRAFTS
- PLAY GAMES
- DO SCIENCE EXPERIEMENTS

3 HOURS
FOR PARENTS TO GO ON A DATE, BINGE A NETFLIX SHOW, GO GROCERY SHOPPING, ETC!
For Questions, email rose@fpc Hastings.org or call the office at (402) 462-5141

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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 Koepf
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