



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## September 8, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Our Father in the Heaven Who Art" *J.S. Bach*  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "Worthy!" *Mark Burrows*  
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson

Worthy! I will live a life worthy; worthy of the calling I have received! Worthy! I will live a life worthy; worthy of the calling I have received! I will be tireless, I will be fearless, being my best to serve those in need. Watching and waiting, hearing and helping, heeding the call, heeding the call, heeding the call to go where God leads. Worthy! I will live a life worthy; worthy of the calling I have received! Worthy! I will live a life

worthy; worthy of the calling I have received! Filled with a passion, filled with a purpose, filled with the power of God's love. Worthy! I will live a life worthy; worthy of the calling I have received! Worthy! I will live a life worthy; worthy of the calling I have received! Worthy of the call, God calls us all!

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146) *Damen Jensen-Heitmann*  
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
***We will praise the LORD as long as we live;***  
We will sing praises to our God our whole life long.  
***Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD their God,***  
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;  
***God made each of us in God's own image.***  
The LORD will reign forever, for all generations.  
***Come, let us praise the LORD!***

\*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" 32

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy and merciful God, in perfection you created the planet, fixed the course of the seasons, and filled the earth with plants and animals to live in an intricate, balanced web of life. You created us in your image and gave us the responsibility to care for the world and one another. We confess that we have failed to live up to our responsibilities. We neglect to see the image of God in ourselves and in one another. We ignore the needs of the world to focus on our own desires. For these sins of commission and omission, we pray for your forgiveness and ask that you would create a right heart and mind within us.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

How have I failed to recognize the image of God in myself and others? How have I fallen short of the glory of God, and what can I do to get back on track?

## 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.)



## SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koeppe

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may recognize that all of humanity is made in the image of God and we may know and embody the hope and love to which Christ has called us. Amen.***

ANTHEM

“It Is Well With My Soul”  
Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson

arr. Tom Trenney

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
“It is well, it is well, with my soul.”

Though Satan should buffet, though trials  
should come, let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well. All shall be well.  
It is well, it is well with my soul!

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought:  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well. All shall be well. It is well, it is  
well! All shall be well!

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be  
sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the  
trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall  
descend; even so it is well with my soul.

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 3:1-5, 17-18

SERMON

*Bearing the image of God*

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***We affirm that God created every person equally in God’s own image. As divine image-bearers, all people have inestimable value and dignity before God and deserve honor, respect, and protection.***

***We affirm that since God is holy, righteous, and just, God requires those who bear God’s image to live justly in the world. This includes showing appropriate respect to every person.***

***We affirm that through the power and saving grace of Jesus Christ, we can live in newness of life and enjoy redeemed fellowship with God and humanity.***

***We affirm that Jesus commands us to love God with all of our being and to love our neighbors, our strangers, and our enemies as ourselves. Therefore, we will live our lives marked by love.***

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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Donation QR  
Code



**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Dr. Robert McIntire by Marilyn McIntire.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Dr. Robert McIntire by Marilyn McIntire.

**NURSERY** Lexi Longshore, Kim Bogan

**ACOLYTES** Molly Gosda, Maddie Gosda

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

**GREETERS**

SEPTEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
8	Jeni & George Howard	Clyde Sachtleben, Carolyn Nowka
15	Gayle Fandry	Flossie Sanderson
22	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Melissa Davis
29	Jan Bolliger	Susan Hoff



The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 10, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

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## **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*.

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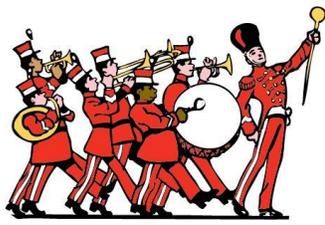
## **Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday,  
September 8**

**11:30a.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**





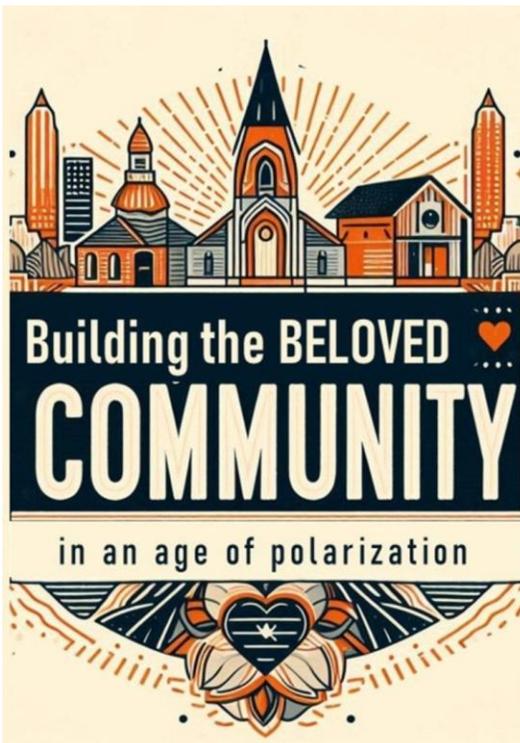
Wanted: Participants for Melody Roundup Parade

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.



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

**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>



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

## 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



<b>Sunday 9/8</b>	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
<b>Monday 9/9</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 9/10</b>	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-6pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meets	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 9/11</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 9/12</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 9/13</b>	10am	Mahjong	TBD
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***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 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