FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

October 13, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" *J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "God Welcomes All"
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir
Director: Linda Johnson – Accompanist: Mary Plock

God Welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong, and it never ends.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90) Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love
So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let your work be manifest to your servants
And your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands;
O, prosper the work of our hands! Come let us worship God!

*HYMN "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" 41
Song Leader, Tyler Koepp

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, walk in your ways, and seek to build your Kingdom on earth, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION
How can my daily living show a loyalty to Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God?

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 Rose Koepp and Greg Allen-Pickett

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us 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 – 1 Samuel 8:1-20

ANTHEM "Jesus, Savior, Lord, I Adore You" *Martin and Stevens*

Jesus, Savior, Lord, I adore You. Jesus, Savior, I bow down before You, Singing alleluia, alleluia. Jesus, Savior, I give my life to You. Singing alleluia praise the Lord; Singing alleluia forevermore. With my life I adore You. With my heart, bow before You. Lord, I give my life to You.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – John 18: 12-14, 19-24, 28-40

SERMON *A People of Ultimate Hope Living in a Penultimate World*
Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

*HYMN "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art" 624

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Excerpts of the Barmen Declaration, 1934)

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brothers and sisters in whom Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead.

COMMISSIONING OF MUSIC AND MISSION TRIP TO US-MEXICO BORDER

Esther Allen-Pickett	Greg Allen-Pickett	Susan Cole	Melissa Davis
Jeni Howard	Tyler Koepp	Robin Koozer	Pamela Lainson
Cheryl Lockwood	Constance Malloy	Susan Medsker	Dana Miller
Chris Schukei	Mary Seiler	Dennis Storer	

Colin Sandall (Community Musician)
Jeanette Benson (Community Musician)
Clark Boettger (Hastings College Student)
Addison Broz (Hastings College Student)
Leah Downer (Hastings College Student)
Victoria Harris (Hastings College Student)

God, bless their travels with safety, their fellowship with joy, and their service with humility. And may all they do bring glory to your name. Help us to pray for them as they prepare, while they travel, and upon their return. May we listen intently to the stories of their experiences and through that may we all grow in hope, humility, compassion, and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, who sends us out in love, we pray. Amen.

OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

First Presbyterian Church

Donation QR Code

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/

OFFERTORY "Celtic Ring" (with HOLY MANNA) *Susan Geschke*
Calvin/Westminster Youth Handbell Choir
director Byron Jensen

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

*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

*HYMN "O God Beyond All Praises" Insert

*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 "O Seigneur, ta fidelity" *Matthias Greiter/ Jan Kerman*

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

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

8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
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 92.7 FM

Heirs Apparent and the Adult Forum will not be held on Sunday, October 20.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Frances and Clarence Anderson and Mabel and Paul Robare by the Anderson family.

NURSERY Lexi Longshore, Kim Bogan

ACOLYTE Jaxen Mitchell

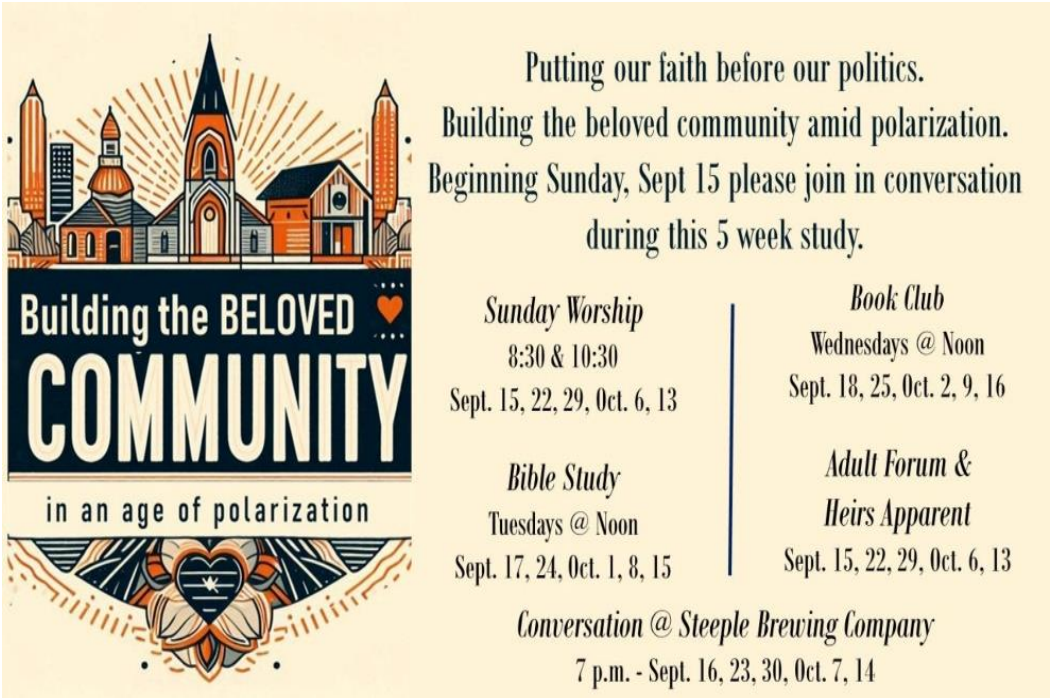
USHERS (Team #2) Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

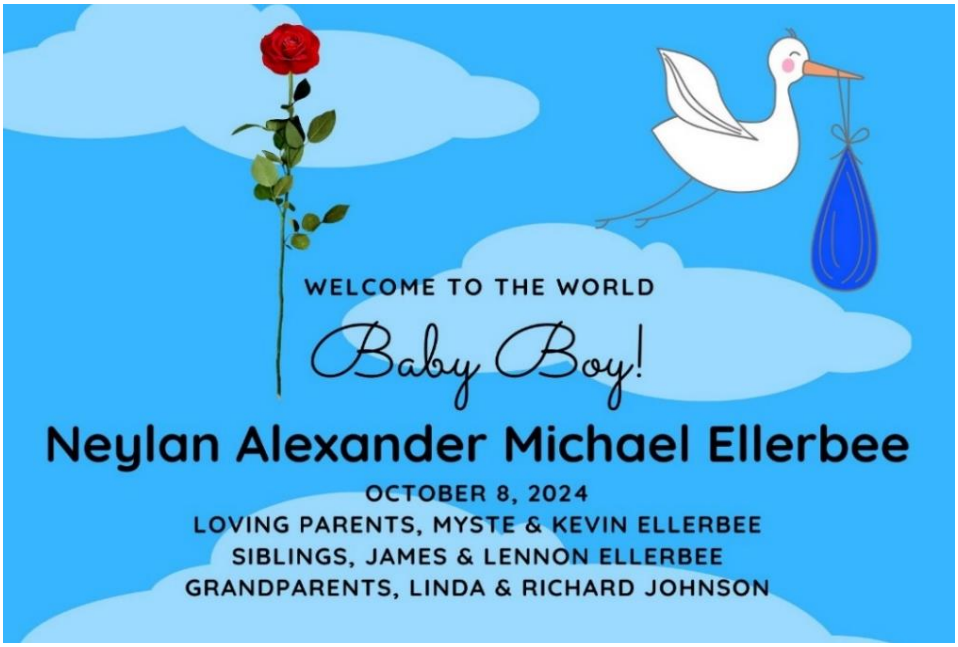
GREETERS

OCTOBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
13	Kathy Utter, Kim Creech	Laurie & Brian Johnson
20	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
27	Marnie & Doug Soderquist	C.L. & Sandra Wimer

Sunday 10/13	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	Potluck	Fellowship Hall
	11:45am	Mexico Mission Trip Choir Practice	Choir Room
	2pm	Crop Walk	Lake Hastings
Monday 10/14	12pm	Memorial Committee	Anderson Room
	1-3pm	FPC Pickleball	TBD
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7-8pm	"Building the Beloved Community" Conversation	Steeple Brewing Company
Tuesday 10/15	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/16	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	TBD
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	TBD
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Mexico Mission Trip Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 10/17	*October 17-20 U.S.- Mexico Mission Trip*		
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/18	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 10/19	9am-12pm	Coat Drive	Memorial Room
		United Harvest	
Sunday 10/20	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

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.





Please pray for

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

In memory of

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

Crop Hunger Walk

Church Women United of the Hastings area is announcing this year's CROP Hunger Walk scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 2pm, at Lake Hastings. The walk will raise funds to help Church World Service stop hunger both locally and globally.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds collected from the walk will come back to us and serve Open Table. To register, start a team, join a team, and/or donate online go to crophungerwalk.org or donate in our church office.

We are honoring the late Frank Medsker and his family. Frank participated each year since CROP Hunger Walk started and donated his age in dollars. Help us to honor Frank's memory by walking and donating for him.

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!!

Presbyterian Women Hurricane Helene Relief Drive

Presbyterian Women will be in the Memorial Room on Sundays following worship, doing a drive to help with disaster relief from Hurricane Helene. The following items are being requested. Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase the items to assemble the kits.

Cleanup Kits

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- One 4-8oz. pump spray air freshener
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64oz. or two 25oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-40oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)
- One 6-9oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spay bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.)

Value: $75

All cleaning items must be new, and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Please place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packaged securely to avoid damaged during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packaging tape. Please do not enclise cash or checks inside of the kits or the boxes.

Hygiene Kits

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
  - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
  - No pocket combs or picks
  - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids
- Wide-tooth Comb

Value: $15

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing.

Please Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit just prior to its final journey.

CWS Period Pack (Menstrual Hygiene Kit)

- One 1-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Two 2oz bottle hand sanitizer
- Three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags
- One travel pack of Wet Ones
- 5 regular Tampons
- 5 super absorbency Tampons
- 10 Pads (Unscented. Long super ultra-thin.)
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger. No Ivory or Jergen's soap. Do not remove from packaging.)
- One pack of flushable wipes (Unscented. 42 count)
- Six fragrance-free laundry sheets (placed in small, Ziploc bags)

Please place all items in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.
All items must be new.
Do not enclose personal notes, money, or extra items in the kits.

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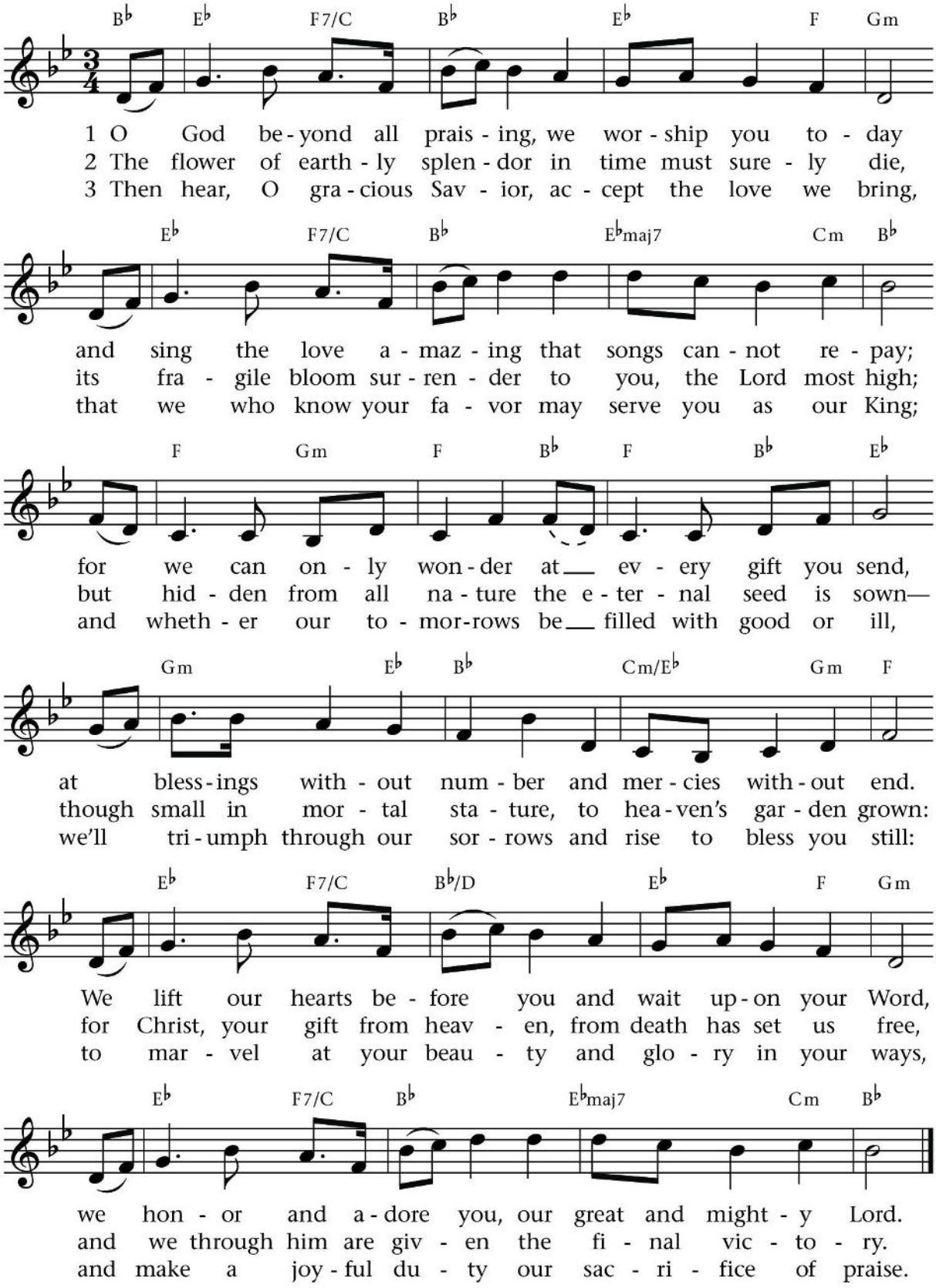
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Would you like to be more involved in the church and help us be a community of hope and love? The nominating committee of First Presbyterian Church will be meeting in November to find our new class of church officers in 2025 which includes elders, deacons, and trustees. If you think God might be calling you to serve in a leadership role at the church, please reach out to the church office or the nominating committee chair, Robin Koozer by November 2.

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.

United Harvest

October 19, 2024		
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

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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