FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 2024

PRELUDE "Siyahamba" *arr. John A. Behnke*
("We Are Marching in the Light of God")
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "Come, Bring Your Burdens to God" *arr. Welile Sigobi*
(South African Melody)
Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson
Dr. Matthew Rush, Percussion

"Woza nomthwalo wakho,
Woza nomthwalo wakho,
Woza nomthwalo wakho,
Uyes'akasozathi hayi.

"Come, bring your burdens to God,
come, bring your burdens to God,
Come, bring your burdens to God
for Jesus will never say no."

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rose Koepp and Greg Allen-Pickett

This morning, we will join in worship with Christians around the world.
Esta mañana nos uniremos a la adoración con cristianos de todo el mundo.
This morning we will join together with our sisters and brothers in Christ from all over the globe, those living in cities and in rural areas and everywhere in between.
We will stand to sing hymns together, raising our voices to God from the Great Plains of North America to the African Savannah to the mountains and coasts of Mexico and everywhere in between.
Nos pondremos de pie para cantar himnos juntos, elevando nuestras voces a Dios desde las Grandes Llanuras de América del Norte hasta la Sabana Africana hasta las montañas y costa de México y en todas partes del mundo.
We will pray together with those who have abundant food, and we will pray with those who are hungry.
We will sit down, making friends out of strangers. We will sit down, our cups filled.
Nos sentaremos a hacer amigos con extraños. Nos sentaremos con las copas llenas.
We will come together and let love and grace be our shared language. We will share together at the table in Christ's name. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" 317

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts, and we have made and worshiped idols that keep us from loving you and one another. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O merciful God, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

What idols do I make and worship that separate me from God and others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: Ask, and you will receive;
Seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.
God abounds in love and mercy and welcomes our return,
For in Christ, God came to us that we might have abundant life.
In the name of Jesus 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your word is read and proclaimed, let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 32:1-8

ANTHEM "Introit and Kyrie" from *Requiem* *Gabriel Fauré*
Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine
et lux perpetua luceat eis
Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem
Exaudi orationem meam
ad te omnis caro veniet
Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison.

Grant them eternal rest, o Lord,
and may perpertual light shine upon them
Thou, o God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee
shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer,
unto Thee shall all flesh come.
Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Galatians 5:13-21

SERMON *Idolatry, Freedom, and Love* Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "O God of Every Nation" 756

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 "Everything to God in Prayer" *arr. Ron Mallory*
Chancel Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts, O God. We offer them in thanksgiving for the gift of grace you have given us. May they bring hope to the suffering, peace to the lost, and joy to all. May they be used to further your work in the world. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SPECIAL COMMUNION MUSIC "Ndikhokhele Bawo" *arr. Mzwandile Mabuza*

Xhosa Prayer

Ndikhokhele Bawo
Ndikhokhele meli wami
Ezintsizini zalomhlaba bawo,
Bawo ndiyabonga
Ngoba wena usandigcinile.
Uhlal' uhlel' eduze kwami,
Bawo ndiyabonga
Ngoba wena usandigcinile.

Guide me, O Lord,
Guide me, O Great Redeemer
Through the troubles of this world.
Lord, I thank you
for watching over me thus far.
You are forever by my side.
Lord, I thank you
for watching over me thus far.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, and you have made us one with all your people. We are one in Christ!

Somos uno en Cristo! Ahora envíanos con el poder de tu Espíritu, send us Lord by the power of your holy spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, tu amor al mundo and continue forever in the risen life, en la resurrección de Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, our Lord! ***Amen.***

*HYMN "Te Damos Gracias" Insert

New hymn written for World Communion Sunday by Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE "Instruments of Your Peace"

"Prayer of St Francis"

*POSTLUDE "Linstead" *arr. John A. Behnke*

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by Jo and Les Seiler.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Dr. Robert Smith by family.

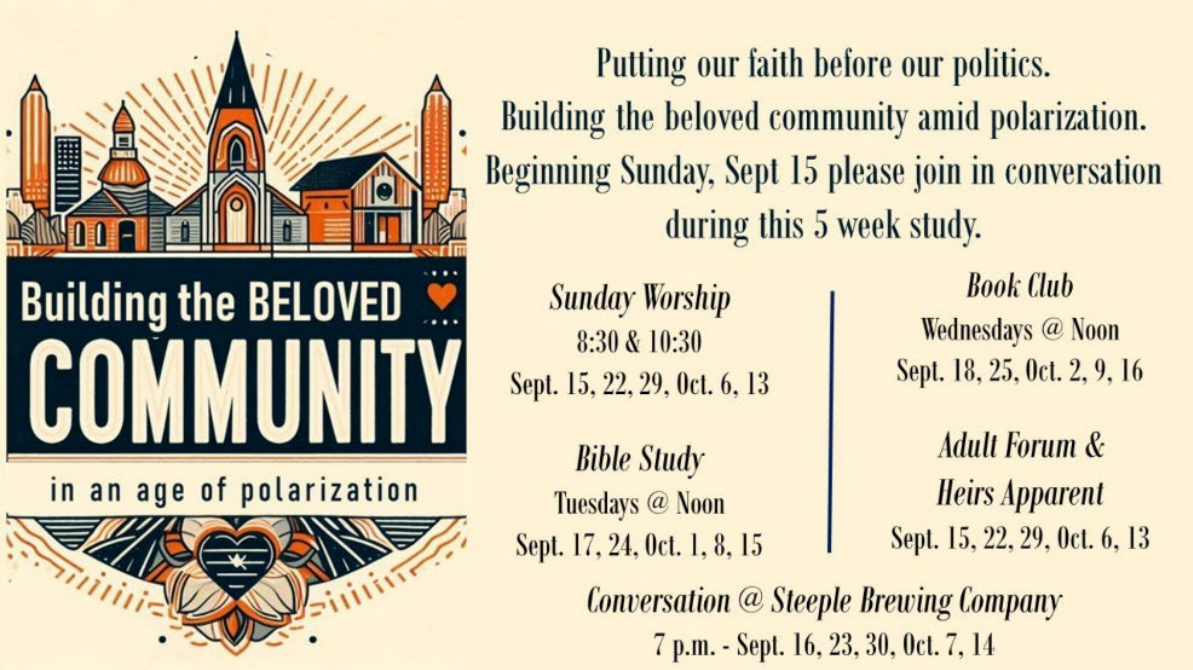
NURSERY Raegan Welsch, Kim Bogan

ACOLYTE Charlie Stout

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

GREETERS

OCTOBER	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



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.

Sunday 10/6 *World Communion Sunday*	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
Monday 10/7	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
	7-8pm	"Building the Beloved Community" Conversation	Steeple Brewing
Tuesday 10/8	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustee Meeting	Middle School Youth Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 10/9	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Mexico Mission Trip Choir Practice	Sanctuary
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 10/10	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/11	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
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

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!!

Hastings CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 2 p.m.

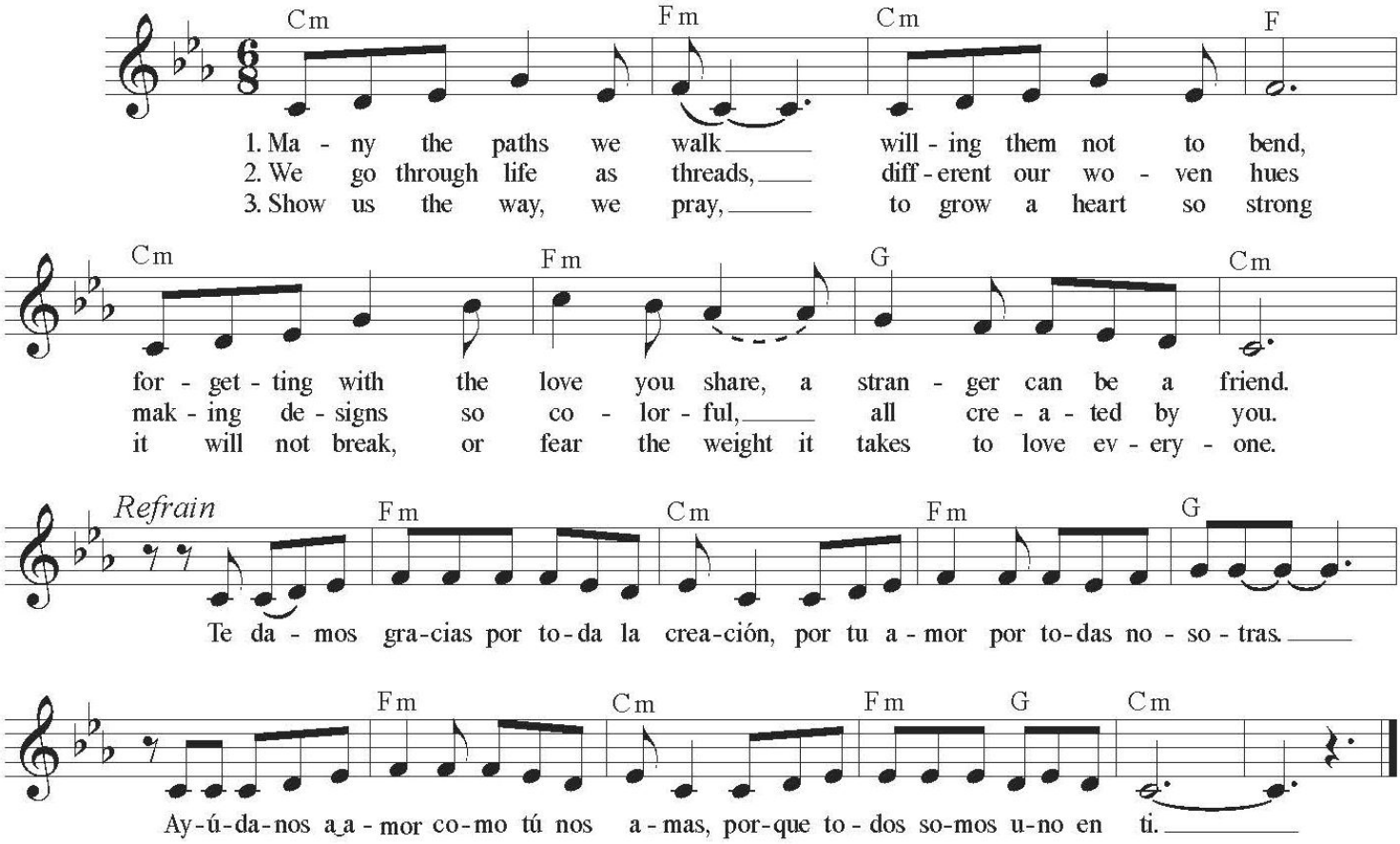
Lake Hastings

Register on the south side of the Lake

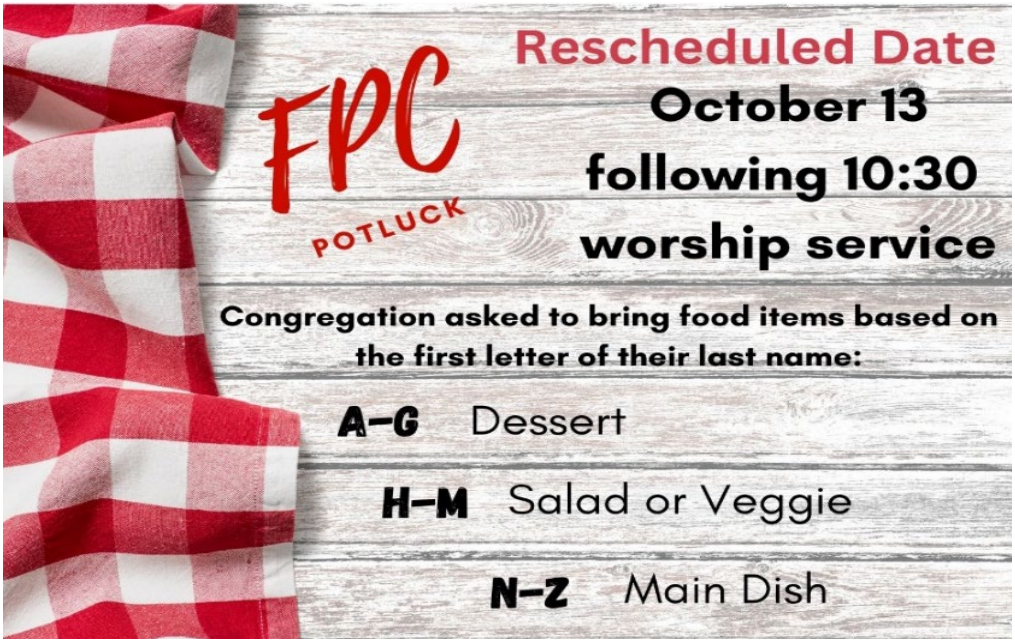
25% raised goes to OPEN TABLE

Sponsored by Church Women United

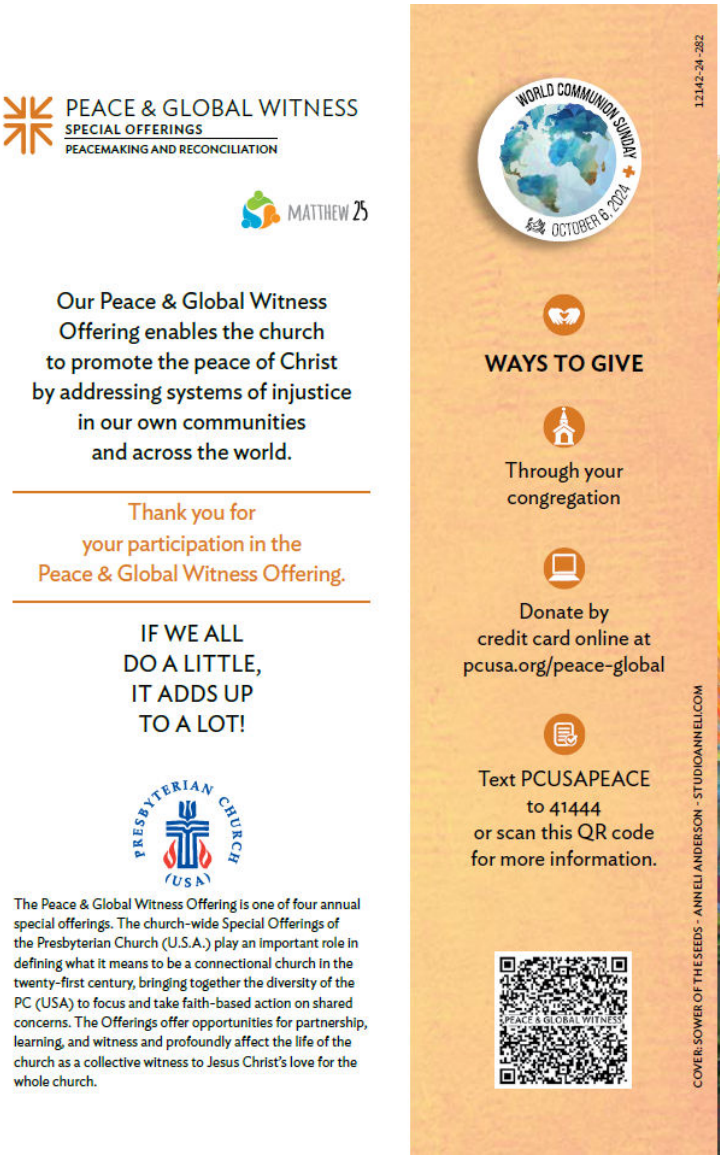
Te Damos Gracias

We Thank You

Te damos gracias por toda la creación,
por tu amor por todas nosotras.
Ayúdanos a amor como tú nos amas,
porque todos somos uno en ti.

We thank you for all of creation,
for your love of us all.
Help us to love as you have loved us,
for we are one in you.



October Communion Offering



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@fpchastings.org or call the office at (402) 462-5147

OCTOBER 20

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

THIS MEMO DID NOT MAKE IT INTO THE MONTHLY CE NEWSLETTER

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
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

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 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