



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## Sixth Sunday After Pentecost July 20, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Beautiful Savior”  
The Chorus of the Plains

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 42 and 43)

Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann and Rev. Jocabed Gallegos

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so our souls long for you, O God.

***Our souls thirst for God, for the living God. When shall we come and behold the face of God?***

Como el ciervo anhela las corrientes de agua, así nuestra alma te anhela a ti, oh Dios.

***Nuestra alma tiene sed de Dios, del Dios vivo. ¿Cuándo vendremos y veremos el rostro de Dios?***

Envía tu luz y tu verdad; que ellas nos guíen y nos conduzcan hacia ti esta mañana.

***Entonces iremos a la casa de Dios, al Dios que es nuestra alegría y gozo, y te alabaremos con cánticos y con nuestra voz, oh Dios, nuestro Dios. Vengan, adoremos al Dios que sacia nuestro anhelo y nos impulsa a buscar la justicia.***

Send out your light and your truth, let them lead us; let them bring us to you this morning.

***Then we will go to the house of God, to God our exceeding joy, and we will praise you with song and voice, O God, our God. Come, let us worship God, who satisfies our longing and stirs us to seek justice.***

\*HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

Pianist Linda Vollweiler

Rikki Nielsen, Song Leader

(The congregation is invited to sing the refrain in Spanish)

Mi corazón se llena de emoción.

¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!

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¡Cuán grande es Él! ¡Cuán grande es Él!

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. We have pursued comfort over compassion, and convenience over the call to do justice. Though you call us blessed when we are poor in spirit, we have clung to our pride and self-reliance. Though you promise your kingdom to the meek, we have often sought control and power. Our souls are dry and restless, yet we turn to lesser things to quench our thirst. Restore us, O God of hope. Renew in us the joy of your salvation. Let your light and your truth lead us once more.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

Where in my life am I seeking comfort or control instead of God's justice and mercy?

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jocabed Gallegos

Friends, hear the good news; Amigos y amigas, escuchen las buenas nuevas:  
***Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."***  
***Jesús dice: "Bienaventurados los misericordiosos, porque alcanzarán misericordia."***

Friends, believe the good news; Amigos y amigas, crean en las buenas nuevas:  
***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved! Alleluia! Amen!***  
***¡En Jesucristo somos perdonados y amados! ¡Aleluya! ¡Amén!***

## \*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.)



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## SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey

***O God, send out your light and your truth; let them lead us. Let them bring us to your Word, that we may be nourished by your wisdom. As we listen to the teachings of Jesus and the cries of the psalmist, open our hearts to your justice and our lives to your transforming grace. Amen.***

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 5:1-9

## ANTHEM

"It is Well with My Soul"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 42

SERMON

“Longing for God, Longing for Justice”

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“Blest Are They”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Bill Nottage-Tacey and Jocabed Gallegos

***We believe in God, who blesses the poor in spirit and comforts those who mourn, who calls the meek beloved and fills those who hunger for justice.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, who showed us the way of mercy, who made peace and taught us to love our enemies, who lived with compassion, died with forgiveness on his lips, and rose with hope for the world.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is present with the pure in heart, who empowers us to be peacemakers, and who calls us to walk humbly, love boldly, and serve joyfully in the name of Christ.***

***This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. Thanks be to God.***

***Creemos en Dios, quien bendice a los pobres en espíritu y consuela a los que lloran, quien llama bienaventurados a los humildes y sacia a los que tienen hambre de justicia.***

***Creemos en Jesucristo, quien nos mostró el camino de la misericordia, quien hizo la paz y nos enseñó a amar a nuestros enemigos, quien vivió con compasión, murió con perdón en sus labios, y resucitó con esperanza para el mundo.***

***Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, quien habita con los de corazón limpio, quien nos da poder para ser pacificadores, y quien nos llama a caminar con humildad, amar con valentía, y servir con gozo en el nombre de Cristo.***

***Ésta es nuestra fe. Ésta es la fe de la Iglesia. Demos gracias a Dios.***

COMMISSIONING OF GO AND SERVE MISSION TEAM

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

***Gracious and sending God, you call us to be your hands and feet in the world, to share good news, seek justice, and walk humbly with you.***

***Today we give thanks for these members of our church who have answered your call to “Go and Serve.” As they go out in your name, we ask you to bless and keep them. Fill them with your Spirit, guide***

***their words and actions, and use their work to bring healing, hope, and love.***

***Protect them in travel, strengthen them in service, and open their hearts to the people they will meet. Help them to see Christ in every face, and to reflect Christ in all they do.***

***When their time of service is complete, bring them home rejoicing, ready to share what they have seen and learned, so that we may all be renewed in our call to serve you with joy.***

***We commission them now, trusting that you go before them, walk beside them, and dwell within them. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.***

OFFERING

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

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

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***God of justice and joy, you invite us to seek righteousness, to hunger and thirst for what is right and good. May these gifts we offer today be used to comfort the mourning, to lift up the meek, to satisfy the hungry, and to make peace where there is division. As we bring our offerings to you, O God, may we also offer our lives in faithful service. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.***



THE 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

“For Everyone Born” (vs. 1-3, 5)

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\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE      “We Are the Church”      *Avery & Marsh*  
***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      “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

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

Special music today is performed by THE CHORUS OF THE PLAINS.  
Members are from Hastings and surrounding communities.  
All men who love to sing are invited to join them at 7:00 P.M. every Monday night. They meet in the  
choir room of The First Presbyterian Church.

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AS WE CONTINUE THE SEASON OF PENTECOST &  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS**

**Sunday, July 27:  
9am Worship in the Park  
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary**

**Stay-at-Home Broadcast live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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 FLOWERS** are given in memory of our parents by Marnie and Doug Soderquist.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Toni and Bob Mays by family and  
friends.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan

**USHERS (Team #5)** Captain- Melissa Davis, Matt Fong, Justin Brader, Julie  
Thomsen

**GREETERS**

July	Memorial Room	Narthex
20		Amy & Joe Black
27	C.L. & Sandra Wimer	Jan Ham



# ENVISIONING *God's Word*

A Sermon Series of  
First Presbyterian Church  
July 13 - August 17

## Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher  
Carter Johnson  
Tarah Davis & family  
Matt Campbell  
Janey Nottage-Tacey  
Bob Wolf  
KyMani Riek  
Janelle Baideme  
Nadine Hunnicutt  
Jim Harrenstein  
Eli Struss  
Carole Pedersen

Mary Lewis  
Judd Carrier  
Charlene Cebell  
Alyssa Donley  
Nathan Lunstrum  
Nytha & Dave Glass  
Mary & Ken Fisk  
Carl Utley  
Barry Thomson  
family of Dorothy Larabee  
Greg Howard  
Monte Malouf

Lexi Longshore  
Don & Marie Rasmussen  
Willis Horton  
Pam Canady  
Kathy (Adams) Carrier  
Zsuzsanna Fazakas



# \* Mexican Cooking Class \*

Join us in our newly renovated kitchen, as our guests from Frontera de Cristo teach us how to make authentic dishes and share stories from the border.

**FRIDAY, JULY 25**  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**THIS EVENT IS  
FREE.  
ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**



## CHURCH-WIDE DINNER AND CONCERT



**Friday, July 25th**

Dinner at 5pm in Fellowship Hall  
Concert at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

**Free!**  
All are welcome!





"Young Woman at a Window" by Salvador Dalí  
1925 Oil on paper



## Worship in the Park

July 20, 27  
August 3, 10, 17

9:00 a.m.

**Alexander Park**

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!

You're invited to our annual:

# Jr High Zoo Trip!

**Thurs, Aug. 7th** 8am-7pm

Incoming 6th-Graduated 8th Graders are welcome!

We will leave the church at 8am and head to Omaha, stopping for lunch. Then we will spend the afternoon at the Henry Doorly Zoo, and be home around 7pm.

The cost for this trip is \$15; this will cover admission and lunch. Any additional expenses are the student's responsibility.

# Christian Ed Summer Events:

<b>JULY 6</b> 5 PM - 7 PM Movie Club @ FPC	<b>JULY 26 - AUG 2</b> Sr High Go & Serve
<b>AUG 3</b> 5 PM - 7 PM Movie Club @ FPC	<b>AUG 7</b> 8 AM - 6 PM Jr High Zoo Trip
<b>AUG 24</b> 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School Kickoff	

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# SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF**

**SUNDAY 24 AUG** | FPC FELLOWSHIP HALL  
 PREK-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

We will: Review Procedures, Expectations, and Schedules; Meet Teachers; Have Acolyte Training; and Go over Bible Presentation



Please join us in Fellowship Hall, following today's 10:30 a.m. worship service for a cake reception honoring Reverend Bill Nottage-Tacey's 50th Anniversary of his Ordination. Congratulations Reverend Bill!

<b>Sunday 7/20</b>	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	11:30am	Reception for Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey	Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Sodbuster's Picnic/Game	Harm's Park/Duncan Field
<b>Monday 7/21</b>	9am-12pm	K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Multi-Cultural Music Camp	
	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	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 7/22</b>	9am-12pm	K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Multi-Cultural Music Camp	
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 7/23</b>	9am-12pm	K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Multi-Cultural Music Camp	
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
<b>Thursday 7/24</b>	9am-12pm	K-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Multi-Cultural Music Camp	
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	3-5pm	Summer Youth Group	Basement Youth Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Friday 7/25</b>	9am-12pm	Mexican Cooking Class	Kitchen
	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	5pm	Church-Wide Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Music Camp Concert	Sanctuary
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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  
**Interim Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer  
**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 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