



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost August 17, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

"Let All the World Rejoice"
Organist Linda Vollweiler

David Paxton

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on John 1 and Psalm 134)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

In the beginning was the Word,

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Word became flesh incarnate and lived among us,

And we have seen God's glory, full of grace and truth.

Because we have seen God's glory, let us come to bless the Lord!

We lift our hands and bless the Lord, day and night.

Come, let us worship the One who took on our humanity;

May we seek to live as Christ's body in the world. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate"
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Incarnate God, you came to us in humility, sharing our life, our struggles, and our joys. Yet we confess that we have not fully embraced our calling as members of your body. We have withheld compassion, avoided the needs of our neighbors, and failed to offer our lives as living sacrifices. You emptied yourself for our sake, but we cling to our own comfort and pride. Forgive us, Lord. By your Spirit, unite us in mind and heart and make us the hands and feet of Christ in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I do a better job of being the body of Christ in the world?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Greg Allen-Pickett

Friends, hear the good news: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, we have seen the glory of God: grace upon grace.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole!

Clap your hands, all you peoples! Sing to God with loud songs of joy!

Thanks be to God! 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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, who speaks light into darkness and life into dust, bless us now as we lift our hands and hearts to you. By your Spirit, open our minds to receive your Word, open our hearts to be shaped by it, and open our lives to embody it, that we might be the living presence of Christ in the world. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – John 1:1-5, 14

ANTHEM

“Petite Minuet”

Faber

Briella Borrell

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGS – Philippians 2:1-8, Romans 12:1-5

SERMON

“Embodied Faith”

Greg Allen-Pickett & Rose Koepp

*HYMN

“Sacred the Body”

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word who was with God and was God. Through him all things were made, and in him was life, the light of all people.

The Word became flesh and lived among us, sharing our humanity in every way. Though he was in the form of God, he emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

We believe we are the body of Christ, many members with different gifts, yet one in Spirit, called to serve together. We offer our whole selves-- body, mind, and spirit--as living sacrifices to God, that Christ's love might dwell in us and be made visible through us.



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

arr. John Behnke

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, you gave yourself fully to us in Jesus Christ, holding nothing back. We offer these gifts and our very lives as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to you. Use what we give, and use who we are, to be the body of Christ in the world: serving, loving, and embodying your grace until your kingdom comes in fullness. In Jesus' name, 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**

"Go to the World!"

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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

“Jubilate”

Gordon Young

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

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

**Sunday, August 24:
9:15 Sunday School Orientation
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary**

Stay-at-Home 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 FLOWERS are given in memory of Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

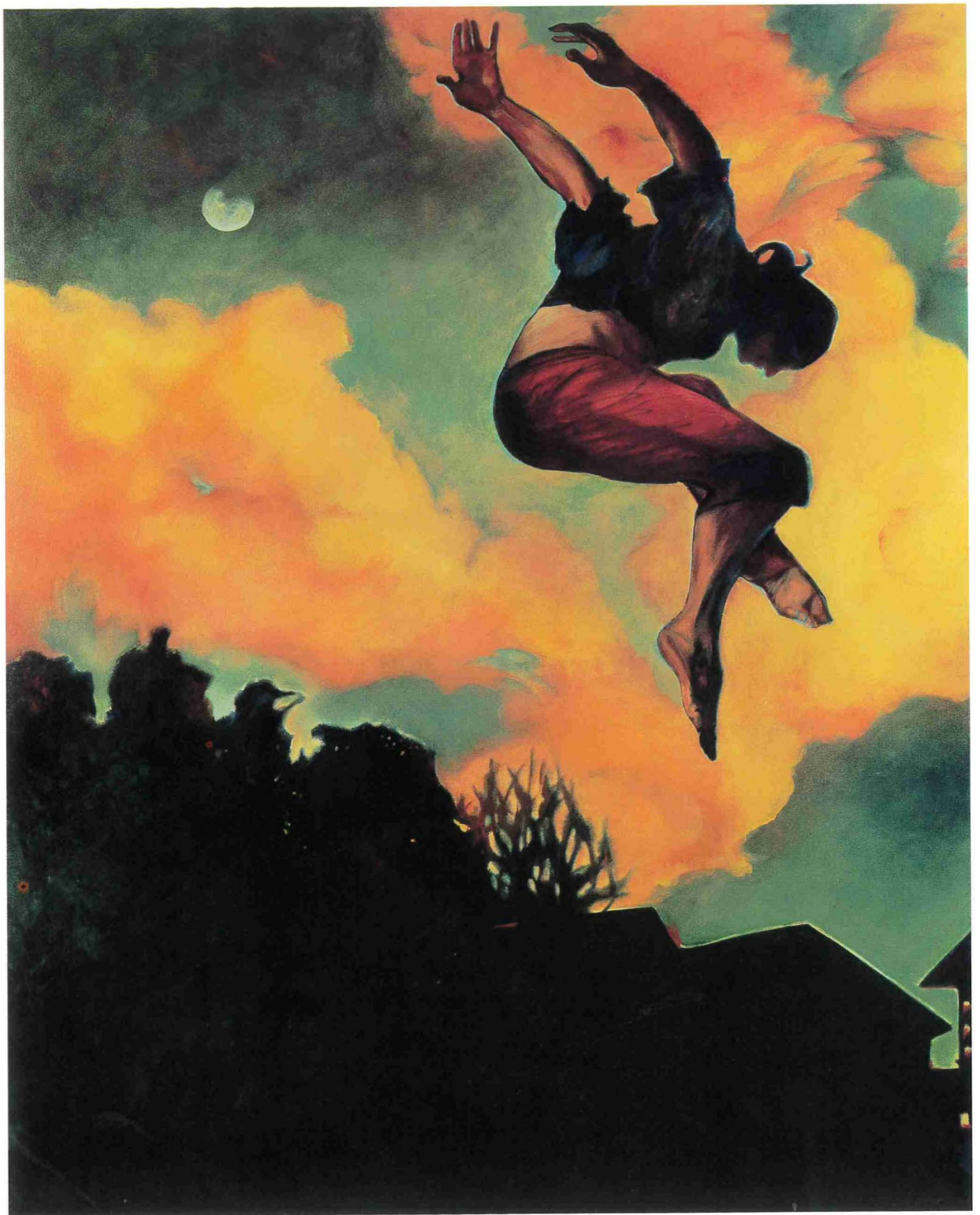
THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #6) Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker, Chanda Essink

GREETERS

August	Memorial Room	Narthex
17	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie	Jean Barber
24	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Stephanie Bliss
31	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske	Sue Medsker



"Solstice"
By: Linda Post

**AUGUST
24TH**

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

9:15- 10:15 AM

FPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

**PREK-12TH GRADE
STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

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

CONGREGATIONAL
LIFE
PRESENTS:

**September
3, 2025**

**Game
Night
at FPC**

JOIN US FOR:

Dinner
Games
Fellowship

Dinner 5-5:30
**GAMES
5:30-7:00**

**This event is intended for
adults. Students will be at their
regular WNL activities.

For Questions, contact the office: (402) 462-5147

Ice Cream Social

**Sunday,
September 7**

11:30a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Free

All are
welcome!



Sunday 8/17	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:15am	Sunday School and WNL training	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 8/18	12pm	Memorial Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	1-3pm	First 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
Tuesday 8/19	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	PEO Chapter FH	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 8/20	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Practice	Bell Room
Thursday 8/21	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts Open House	Scout Room
Friday 8/22	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 8/24	9:15am	Sunday School Kick-off	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Go & Serve Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Janelle Baideme
Jim Harrenstein
Gayle Struss

Carole Pedersen
Willis Horton
Pam Canady
Kathy (Adams) Carrier
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
The Unger family
Mary Lewis
Judd Carrier
Alyssa Donley
Lynden Hall

Nytha & Dave Glass
Ken Fisk
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Lexi Longshore
Don & Marie Rasmussen
Dave Henderson & family



Join Pack 200

Cub Scouts Open House

Thursday, August 21
7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Scout Room
(located in the basement)



Cub Master
Jasen Martin
(402) 519-8518



K-5th grade

Fun & lasting friendships.
All are welcome to come learn
about the Cub Scout troop!



Deacon



**MEET
AND
GREET**



The Congregational Life Committee has planned an Ice Cream Social following worship on Sunday, September 7th. We encourage you to stay for ice cream and use the opportunity to meet your Deacon and enjoy fellowship with other Parish members. If you are unsure which Parish you are in or who your Deacon is, check out the list below (grouped alphabetically by the first three letters of your last name.)

DEACON	PARISH #	PARISH MEMBERS (alphabetical by last name)	DEACON	PARISH #	PARISH MEMBERS (alphabetical by last name)
Betty Johnson Smith	1	Ada...Bor...	Brady Rhodes	9	Loc....Med
Lois Hafer	2	Boy...Cza...	Milrae Korb	10	Mee...Nor
Neil Kerr	3	Dav...Ess	Laurie Johnson	11	Not...Pic
Melissa Karloff	4	Fan...Gos	Linda Johnson	12	Plo...Sch
Lisa Unger	5	Gra...Hem	Byron Jenson	13	Schi...Spe
Lois Meeske	6	Her...Hun	Chris Schukei	14	Ste...Utt
Janet Brandt	7	Hunt...Ker	Chris Wray	15	War....Zie
Mary Plock	8	Kin....Lit			



ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
WNL VOLUNTEERS:

Save the Date!

Sun. 8/17; 9:15–10:15 am

OR

Wed. 8/27; 6:00–7 pm

Mandatory Safety & General Training

Child Protection Policy

Volunteer Roles

Emergency Procedures

Curriculum

*A meal will be provided at both events.

*Child Care available for 0-5th grade.

*This will be our primary training event of the year; please make plans to attend one of the dates. If you are unable to make either date work, just let me know! We can schedule something together.

*More details will be sent out in a few weeks!

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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 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