



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost August 3, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. John Innes

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 34)

Rose Koepp

I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Our souls rejoice in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

We sought the Lord, and God answered us and delivered us from all our fears.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord! Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Here in This Place (Gather Us In)” (vs. 1-3)
Dana Miller, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you prepare a table before us and offer us the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Yet we confess that we do not always trust your abundance. We worry that there won't be enough: enough time, enough energy, enough love. So we close our hearts and turn away from those in need. You call us to feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, but we often prefer to keep what we have and forget your power to multiply grace. Forgive us, Lord. Feed us with your mercy. Make us witnesses of your hospitality, that we may break bread with friend and stranger alike, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

When have I declined to offer hospitality to someone who needed it? How can I learn from Jesus' example of hospitality?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it, saying, "This is my body, given for you." He poured the cup and offered it, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you."

He did this so that we would know that in Christ there is always forgiveness, healing, and new life.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. 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.)



SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BAPTISM

Bliss Charlotte Overmiller

Parents: Matt and Lauren Overmiller

(While the family is coming up for the baptism, the congregation will sing, "Jesus Loves Me.")

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church and we all have a role in her nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and her parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist her in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, "We do." ***We Do.***

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle's Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM SONG

“God Claims You”

Stanley Farr

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, break open your Word for us today, that the Scriptures may nourish our souls, challenge our assumptions, and draw us into deeper communion with Christ, the Bread of Life. We pray in his holy name. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 9:12-17

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 22:14-20

SERMON

“The Table that Transforms”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

525

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. Brian Chung

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have fed us with your Word and welcomed us at your table. Now receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and instruments of your grace. Just as you took bread and fish and fed a multitude, take what we offer and multiply it, so that all who hunger for food, for love, for justice, may be filled. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gave himself for the life of the world. Amen.

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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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life, you have poured out your grace in the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, send us out to be bread for the world, sharing your love, extending your welcome, and living as signs of your kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

“Concerto”

Paul Fey

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

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

Sunday, August 10:
9am in Alexander Park
10:30am 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 Toni and Bob Mays and in memory of Jim McDougal by family and friends.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Hal Lainson by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and Overmiller families.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

August Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
3	Jill Kramer	Mary Kay LaMaster
10	Linda & Richard Johnson	Julie Thomsen
17	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie	Jean Barber
24	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Stephanie Bliss
31	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske	Sue Medsker



South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale Concert
Sunday, August 3
5 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sanctuary
All are welcome!



Olivewood sculpture carved by Palestinian Christian artist in 2019



Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Mary Lewis	Willis Horton
Carter Johnson	Judd Carrier	Pam Canady
Tarah Davis & family	Alyssa Donley	Kathy (Adams) Carrier
Matt Campbell	Nytha & Dave Glass	Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Mary & Ken Fisk	Dave Henderson & family
Bob Wolf	Carl Utley	Gayle Struss
KyMani Riek	Barry Thomson	Lynden Hall
Janelle Baideme	family of Dorothy Larabee	
Nadine Hunnicutt	Greg Howard	
Jim Harrenstein	Monte Malouf	
Eli Struss	Lexi Longshore	
Carole Pedersen	Don & Marie Rasmussen	

August Communion Offering



Threads of Grace is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving children aged birth to 19 years. We stand by those entering foster care and any child in Adams County going through a personal or family crisis. Making a Difference, One Child at a Time. Threads of Grace, we're dedicated to supporting children in need.

July Communion Offering Update

The July communion offering raised a total of **\$607.00**, which will benefit **Proteus**. Thank you for your generous support.



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!

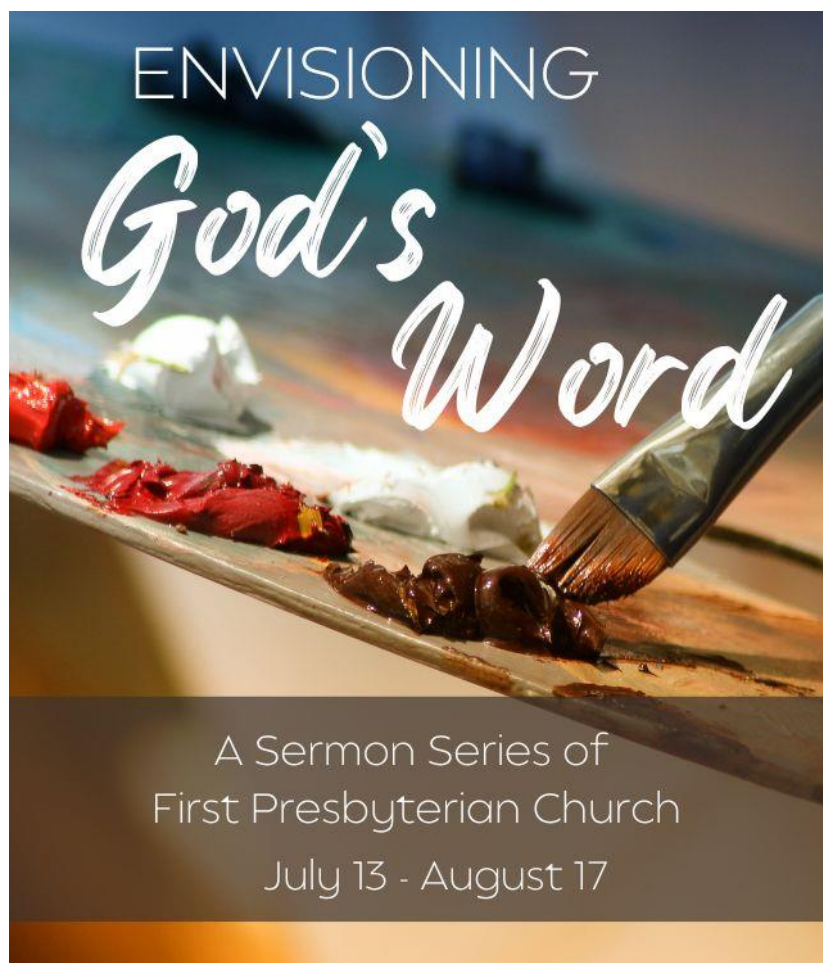
FPC PRESENTS
**ELEMENTARY
MOVIE CLUB**
5-7PM

In-coming Kindergarteners - 5th graders are invited to join us for a monthly movie showing and related Bible lesson.

FREE EVENT

JUNE 1 **JULY 6**
AUG 3

PIZZA AND POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED
THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (402) 462-5147



Sunday 8/3	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am-1pm	Hastings College 1965 Class Reunion	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30a	HAW Store Open	Library
	5pm	South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale concert	Sanctuary
Monday 8/4	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 8/5	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson
	6pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson
Wednesday 8/6	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thursday 8/7	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 8/8	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 8/10	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

Meal Train for Lynden Hall

Lynden Hall had surgery on Thursday, July 31. Let's help ease their recovery by providing them with some meals. Below is the link to participate.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/239zye>

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 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