

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost September 21, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "You Are My All in All" arr. Glenda Austin

Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Breath on me, Breath of God" arr. Anna Laura Page

Youth Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 46 and Psalm 34) Damen Jensen-Heitmann God's Spirit is as close as our very breath.

Breathe on us, breath of God, and fill us with life anew.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

We come carrying our sorrows and our questions, trusting in God's steadfast love.

Come, let us worship the God who is present with us.

Together we will lift our voices, for God is our comfort, our hope, and our peace. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

"Be Still, My Soul" Angie Amaya, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to bear one another's burdens, to weep with those who weep, and to sit in silence with those who suffer. Yet we confess that we often turn away. We rush to fill the silence with easy words, we avoid the pain of others because it unsettles us, and we try to explain what we do not understand. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us the grace of presence, the patience to listen, and the courage to simply show up. In Christ, who is God with us, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I show up for people in need?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: The same God who was present with Job in his suffering is present with us now.

Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, mercy is given, grace is poured out, and love will not let us go.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved. 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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Scan to sign-in and let us know you were here.

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Breathe on us, breath of God, and open our hearts to your Word. When the text unsettles us, give us courage. When silence feels heavy, give us patience. When suffering seems senseless, remind us that you are present. By your Spirit, fill us with life anew, so that we may love as you love and live as you call us to live. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Job 2:11–13, Job 16:1–4

ANTHEM

"Wonderful Words of Life" Philip Bliss/arr. Steven V. Taylor Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson Mary Plock, Accompanist Kade Jorgensen, soloist

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life. Words of life and beauty teach me faith and beauty; Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ the blessed one gives to all, wonderful words of life;
Listen well to the loving call, wonderful words of life.

Jesus only Savior, sanctify forever.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Job 42:1–11a

SERMON

"The Gift of Showing Up"

Part of the series "Wrestling with God: Faith, Suffering, Blessing"

*HYMN

"Together We Serve"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from Romans 8 and a Brief Statement of Faith)

We believe that nothing not hardship or distress, not loss or grief,

not powers or principalities, not even death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We believe that God is with us: a refuge in times of trouble, a companion in the valley of the shadow, a presence that brings comfort and hope.

We trust in the God who calls us to show up for one another, to share bread and tears, and to embody steadfast love in the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church The Code

Greg Allen-Pickett

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you meet us in silence and in song, in sorrow and in joy. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude, and use them to bring comfort to the hurting, companionship to the lonely, and hope to those in despair. In all we give and all we do, may your presence be made known. Through Christ our Lord, 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

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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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

"Jubilant Fanfare"

Craig A. Penfield

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

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

Sunday, September 28: HASTINGS COLLEGE SUNDAY!

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel 9:15am Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with the Hastings College Choir

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 Marilynn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Marilynn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES Maddie & Molly Gosda

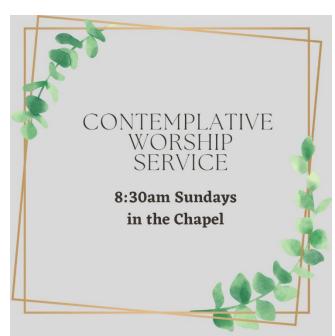
USHERS (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Kim Creech

| September | Memorial Room | Narthex |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 21 | Gayle Fandry | Flossie Sanderson |
| 28 | Dixie & Gale McDonald | Jan Bolliger |

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

| October Greeters | Memorial Room | Narthex |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 5 | Cathy & John Pershing | Kili & Justin Wenburg |
| 12 | Kim Creech | Kathy Utter |
| 19 | Kathy & Curtis Reimer | Marnie & Doug Soderquist |
| 26 | Carolyn & Rich McKenzie | C.L. & Sandra Wimer |









Hastings College Sunday Forum

Sunday, September 28

9:15 a.m in the Lydia Room

Presenters:

Dr. Wayne Riggs-Updates on HC Alumna Laura Boesen-Prison Ministry

Learn about life on campus and hear the exciting story of life after HC from one alumna!



PEACE Center Rain Garden - Volunteers Needed!

The PEACE Center Rain Garden has finally been upgraded with new drains to better handle heavy rains. Now it's time to bring it to life with native plants!

We need volunteers to help with both planting and ongoing care. The initial planting must be completed by mid-September, so we need your help!

Interested? Please contact John Nelson at 402-469-6001 or nelsonjc48@hotmail.com to join the effort.

BLESSING OF THE PETS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Each year at First Presbyterian
Church, we hold a service in which
we talk about how animals are a
wonderful part of God's creation.
During this service, Pastor Greg
offers a blessing for any pets
present.







We will be holding this special service in place of our typical Wednesday Night Live programming.

5:00-6:00 pm Dinner/Fellowship for everyone

6:00-6:30 pm Service/Pet Blessing 6:30-7:00/15 pm Regular WNL Bible Time

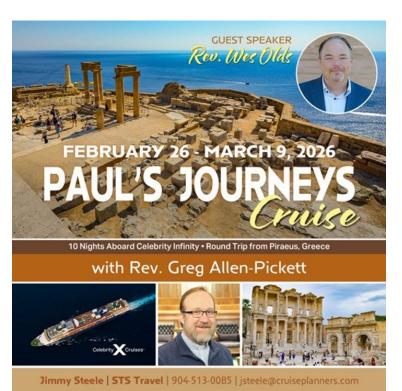
WHAT TO BRING

If you'd like to bring your pet, please do! But please keep it on a leash or in a carrier. You could also bring a picture of your pet.





Forquestions, call the church office (402) 462-5147





Join the Church Landscape Committee!

Do you enjoy planning and design? The Landscape Committee is forming to help shape updates to our church grounds. Members will work with landscape designers and nursery staff to create a master plan, with changes beginning in spring 2026. Interested? Please contact John Nelson at 402-469-6001 or nelsonjc48@hotmail.com.

Presbyterians 101 (and 201!)

- · Explore our church history
- Learn about Presbyterianism
- Discover the ministries of FPC Hastings



WHEN: Sundays, October 5, 12, 26 – 9:15am-10:15am

WHERE: Lydia Adult Education Room (next to the church office)

New members welcome. Long-time members encouraged!

Langenberg Lesson Scholarship Applications are available on the shelf outside of the Church Offices or on the Church website at: https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Langenberg-form-Fall-2025.pdf



Hastings CROP Hunger Walk

Register on the south side of the Lake

Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 2 p.m.

25% raised goes to Food 4 Thought/Backpack

Lake Hastings

Sponsored by Church Women United

CWS/CROP

Presbyterian Women will be in the in the Memorial Room September 21, 28, October 5, 12 collecting items or monetary donations for CWS Clean Up buckets. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. Brand labels on the outside are acceptable)
- 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 cleaning towels (Not paper towels. Remove from packaging)
- One 16-34oz bottle of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred)
- One 12-40oz bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles)
- One 50-100 ft 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 preferred. Durable for multiple use. Remove from packaging)
- One pair of heavy-duty, reusable work gloves (Such as Nitrile, 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)

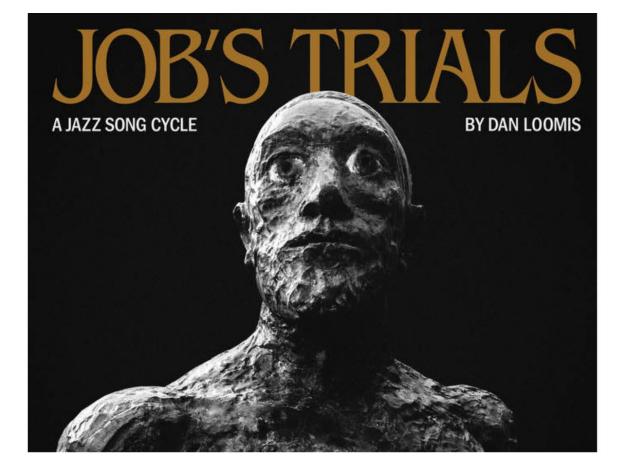
All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.



For more information, including where to ship or drop off your CWS Kits, how to support the Shipping and Processing Fund to help get CWS Kits to their final destinations, and answers to other Frequently Asked Questions, scan this QR code or visit **cwskits.org**.



| Sunday 9/21 | 8:30am | Contemplative Worship Service | Chapel |
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| // // | 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 |
| Monday 9/22 | 1-3pm | First Pres Pickleball | PEACE Gym |
| • >1 | 1:30pm | Quilters | PEACE Quilting Room |
| | 6-8pm | Mexican Folkloric Dance | PEACE NE Classroom |
| | 7-9pm | Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| Tuesday 9/23 | , ,, | NO Staff Meeting | |
| | 11:45am | Habitat for Humanity | Room 203 |
| | 12pm | Bible Study | Anderson Room |
| | 5:30pm- | Hastings Literacy Classes | Middle School Youth/Choir |
| | 8:30pm | gy. | Rooms |
| Wednesday 9/24 | 12pm | Noonday Book Club | Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for |
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| | 5pm-7pm | PreK-12 th Grade WNL | Various |
| | 5:30pm-7pm | FPC Adult Game Night | Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30pm | Woodcarvers | Basement |
| | 6:45pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |
| | 7:30pm | Chancel Bell Rehearsal | Bell Room |
| Thursday 9/25 | 12:30pm | Dulcimer | HCMA Room 112 |
| | 4pm-6pm | Hastings College Choir Dress | Sanctuary |
| | | Rehearsal | - |
| | 5:30pm | Hastings Literacy Classes | Middle School Youth/Choir |
| | | | Rooms |
| | 6pm | Mexican Folkloric Dance | PEACE NE Classroom |
| | 7pm | Cub Scouts | Scout Room |
| | 7:30pm- | Daniel Loomis "Job's Trials" | Sanctuary |
| | 8:30pm | Jazz Concert | |
| Friday 9/26 | 10am | Mahjong Ladies | Basement Youth Room |
| Sunday 9/28 | | Hastings College Sunday | |
| | 8:30am | Contemplative Worship Service | Chapel |
| | 9am-2pm | HC Event | Fellowship Hall |
| | 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 |
| | 3pm | Hastings College Concert | Sanctuary |



Job's Trials: A Jazz Song Cycle by bassist/composer Dan Loomis

An evocative musical journey into the ancient story of Job, wrestling with the timeless question: Why do bad things happen to good people? Loomis's soulful bass and groundbreaking jazz song cycle bring Job's struggle and resilience to life. With the blues' honesty and jazz's depth, the music explores despair, truth, and transformation.

Thursday, September 25
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
621 N. Lincoln Ave.
7:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

followed by Q&A with Dan Loomis and theologian-in-residence Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh



Free Concert!
All are welcome!



Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek

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Janelle Baideme
family of Jim Harrenstein

Gayle Struss

Carole Pedersen

Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Lexi Longshore
Mary Kay LaMaster
Dave Henderson & family
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
in The Unger family

The Unger famil Mary Lewis Judd Carrier Willis Horton
Pam Canady
Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Carter Johnson
Sharon Brooks
Alyssa Donley
Lynden Hall
Ken Fisk
Nytha & Dave Glass
Adam Brooks

In memory of

Jim Harrenstein, who passed away on September 16, 2025

IN LOVING MEMORY

MEMORIAL WALL

The Pray Garden Columbarium & Memorial Wall is nearing completion. Memorialization of those persons who have had a connectional relationship with First Presbyterian Church can be remembered on the Memorial Wall. We are gathering names to be remembered at this time.

Dedication of the Pray Garden Columbarium & Memorial Wall is planned for All Saints Sunday November 2nd.

If you wish to remember someone please contact John Pershing for further information.

John Pershing 402-984-6442 johnpershing1@me.com

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Head of Church: Jesus Christ Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweil

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