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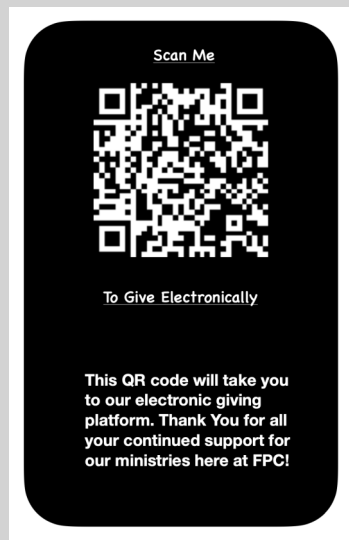
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
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Preparation for Worship

Please take some time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.



"Watch What You Say"



September 15, 2024

17th Sunday after Pentecost



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Please take a moment to reflect and pray as we begin to worship our Lord.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GATHERING PRAYER

*Come Now is the Time to Worship
We Fall Down*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 19:1-7)

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his Hands.

Each day they speak; each night they reveal knowledge.

Their words are not heard, their voices aren't recorded.

But their silence fills the earth: unspoken truth is spoken everywhere.

That is how God's word vaults across the skies from sunrise to sunset.

God's word pulls our lives together and points out the right road for us.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Too often, O God, we pray, "Listen, Lord, for your children are speaking." Today, help us to pray, "Speak, Lord, for your children are listening." Help our ears to hear your Word. Help our hearts to trust what you say. Help our hands and feet to do what you call us to do. Amen.

10,000 Reasons

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord have mercy

P: Christ have mercy

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Brown

(Children are invited to Children's Church following this time).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: James 3:1-12

SERMON: "Watch What You Say"

Though I May Speak #335

Responding to God's Word

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise #539

CHARGE/SENDING

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Caprice sur les Grand Jeux*, by Louis-Nicolas Clerambault



Prayers of the People

Call the office at (269) 945-5463 or email at office@firstchurchhastings.org to submit a prayer request, or praise, for yourself or a loved one. Urgent requests Fri-Sun, send to Pastor Nick (360) 927-3782

Pray for Doc Spindler as he deals with a hip issue. Pray that his hip pain improves and he can avoid having to have surgery.

Brenda Sidney has asked the church congregation to pray for her son-in-law John. John is facing a cancer journey and will be having surgery soon. Pray that the doctors are able to eliminate the cancer and that John is able to quickly recover.

Continued prayers for Earlene Baum as she recovers from a fractured hip. She is currently at Thornapple Manor for rehab.

Continue prayers for Marge Roets as she recovers from hip surgery on September 9th.

Praises:

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, well wishes and cards during the time of my surgery and recovery. We are blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

- Gary Kimble

The First Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain is an opportunity for all members and regular participants to pray for specific needs requested by anyone **with the permission of the person/s being prayed for.** If you wish to submit a prayer, contact Julia in the office at 269 945-5463 or feel free to fill out a form located at the Connection Point.

THIS WEEK ^{at} GLANCE



Sunday, September 15, 2024	
Adult Bible School	8:30 AM
Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM
Monday, September 16, 2024	
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Stewardship Meeting	5:30 PM
Private Event	7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 17, 2024	
Hand2Hand	10:00 AM
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM
Hand2Hand Coffee Time	10:30 AM
Private Event-Gym	3:00 PM
Wednesday, September 18, 2024	
Bulletin Announcements	
Ministry Minutes Due	
Newsletter Deadline	
Knit Wits	10:30 AM
Sweet Pickles(Gentle Play Pickleball)	1:30 PM
Pickleball	3:15 PM
Praise Team Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Thursday, September 19, 2024	
Men's Fall Bible Study	9:00 AM
Women's Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 PM
Friday, September 20, 2024	
Pickleball	9:15 AM
Sunday, September 22, 2024	
Adult Bible School	8:30 AM
Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook	10:00 AM
Youth Group	5:00 PM

Announcements

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS can be found at the round table closest to the sanctuary.

TODAY AFTER SERVICE the Deacons will begin taking pictures for the new Pictorial Directory. Pictures will also be taken on October 13th.

*You may choose to accept your photo from the 2023 directory.

*Please take this time to **review and update your contact information** (remove information or add an updated email, or phone number).

*This is also the opportunity to opt into our online directory (coming in 2025).

We are hoping to catch snowbirds before they leave town and welcome both members and friends of FPC to be included in the directory - Thank you!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (8:30-9:30am began this morning)

Christianity and Politics: a match made in heaven or hell?

Join us as we look at the relationship between our faith and politics. Should our faith impact our politics? If, so, how? This is not a class to tell you how to vote or who to vote for, but a look at what the Bible teaches about how to live our faith in the communities we live in. Please join us for this timely and courteous discussion.

JOIN US for Hand to Hand packing on Tuesday, September 17th at 10:00 in the gym. We now have 86 students that we are supporting with weekend food! After packing, stay for coffee and conversation!

FPC Walking Club invites you, your friends, and family to come and walk. Monday through Thursday, 10am-3:30pm on our second floor. **We request that you sign in & out in the church office.**

FACILITY USE FORM: Please take time to fill out this form before an event/meeting takes place in the building. There are paper copies in the office or feel free to fill out a digital form that can be found on the church website. If you have any questions, please call the office at 269 945-5463. This action will help us avoid overbooking locations.

GREETERS: Sunny Andersen and Celeste Wolverton

Organ/Hymn Notes

Our hymn of response is a familiar traditional English melody associated with the song "O Waly, Waly," which dates back to, at least, Ramsey's Tea Table Miscellany between 1724-1732. I chose this hymn as it directly parallels today's scripture and sermon theme. The text to our closing hymn was written in 1866 by John Ellerton, an ordained minister in the Church of England who wrote over 80 hymn texts. I love this particular hymn, especially as it's being used today to conclude the service. I will use different registrations on each verse to, hopefully, interpret the unambiguous implications of each verse. I decided to go "classical" for today's postlude which is in the style of a fugue. French organist and composer, Louis-Nicolas Clerambault, lived from 1676-1749, so he would have been directly impacted by the music of J. S. Bach. He was quite prolific, playing harpsichord, violin, and organ, as well as having studied voice and composition.

UPCOMING *Events*

BLOOD DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

TIME: 12pm-5:45pm

Give blood. Help save lives

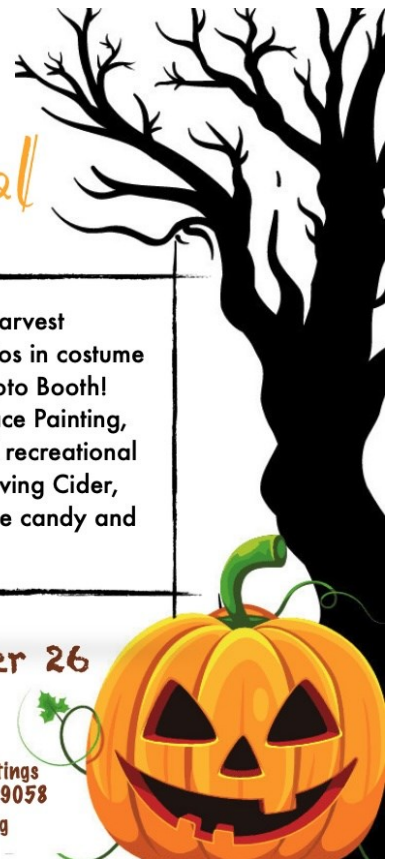


Harvest Carnival

Come and Join us for a Harvest Carnival! Bring your Kiddos in costume for a ton of Fun and a Photo Booth! We will have Balloons, Face Painting, tons of station games and recreational activities!!! We will be serving Cider, Donuts, Popcorn, of course candy and Refreshments!!!

Saturday, October 26
5:30-7:30

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Nancy Allarding (Financial Manager) Mon & Tues: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Brandon Johnson Church Life Director/Youth Leader) Tues & Thurs: 10:00am -2:00pm

Casey Raffler (Church Administrator) Tues & Thurs: 9am-2pm

Angela Stanton (Noah's Ark Preschool Director) During School Weeks: Mon, Tues, & Thurs: 7:45am-3:15pm Wed: 7:45am-1:15pm.



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