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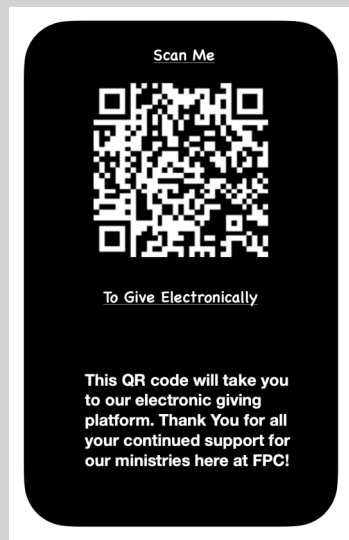
Sunday Worship - 10:00 am
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Preparation for Worship

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



"Bezalel"



September 1, 2024
15th 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

*This Little Light of Mine
Just Because He Lives*

CALL TO WORSHIP

When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord, who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of bondage.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We praise you, God almighty, for the power you have shown in creating the world. We thank you for your love in redeeming us from sin and in creating us anew in Christ. Grant us strength in this life to honor you, Lord God, both in worship and in witness, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee #357

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, sometimes our lives have such little focus: we have so much to do; we possess so much stuff; we're driven by the need for still more—and it easily seems to control us. We're sorry, Lord, for how distracted we have become and for losing our way without even realizing it. Forgive us and help us to know that you are the only one we need.

SILENT CONFESSION

L: Lord have mercy

P: Christ have mercy

L: Lord have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Nick
(Children are invited to Children's Church following this time).

Talents and Treasures

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 35:30-36:3

SERMON: "Bezalel"

Responding to God's Word

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

COMMUNION

Organ Communion Meditation: *Deep River*, arr. Kerrick

BENEDICTION

CHARGE/SENDING *The Blessing*

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Recessional on 'Ode to Joy,'* arr. Wolz

Organ/Hymn Notes

The third song today is a familiar standard in most Protestant hymnals. The text to this hymn, written in 1879, was used for many different hymn tunes. However, the author, Washington Gladden insisted it was only to be used with the tune composed by Henry Percy Smith, who was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, England, and ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1850. Interestingly, MARYTON is Smith's only tune found in contemporary hymnals and is thought to be the only tune he published. The text honestly admits the limits of human ability. It does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort, but rather for strength in pursuing the tasks which God has set before us. The organ communion meditation is a serene setting of the spiritual. It uses the string stops for the accompaniment, and the solo line is played by a combination of the 8' and 4' flute and the 8' clarinet stops. The postlude is a true "tour de force" setting of the melody Beethoven wrote for the concluding movement of his 9th symphony. The full tonal resources of our Scott Smith pipe organ will be employed.



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 the Allerding and Carroll families in the loss of Dave Allerding on August 23, 2024.

Hold Lynn McConnell in your prayers as he continues to deal with medical issues.

Prayers for the Baker-Keller and Vanderplas families for the passing of Sara (Joe) Keller's father, Gerry Vanderplas.

Please be in prayer for Gary Kimble as he had surgery to removal a kidney on August 27th. Pray healing and a quick recovery.

Pray for Marge Roets as she will be having hip surgery on September 9th.



OUR DAILY BREAD

devotions for September, October and November are located on a round table closest to the sanctuary. We invite you to take a copy home.

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 1, 2024

Communion Sunday

Worship- In-Person & Live on Facebook 10:00 AM

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Hand2Hand 10:00 AM

NAP's Visit Day 10:00 AM

Staff Meeting 10:00 AM

Hand2Hand Coffee Time 10:30 AM

Personnel Meeting 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Bulletin Announcements

NAP's Visit Day 10:00 AM

Knit Wits 10:30 AM

Pickleball 3:15 PM

Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM

Thursday, September 5, 2024

NAP's Visit Day 10:00 AM

Friday, September 6, 2024

Pickleball 9:15 AM

Saturday, September 7, 2024

Marilyn Oaster Funeral 2:00 PM

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Rally Sunday

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.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are in loving memory of Dave Allerding.

COMMUNION HELPERS Tracy Solmes Bernie Oom Sue Oom

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday. Regular hours are Monday-Thursday from 9am-4pm.

A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: On September 15 and October 13, deacons will begin taking pictures for a 2025 directory. There will also be an opportunity to opt into an online directory. More information will be released soon. 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!

FPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS a service for Marilyn Oaster will be held at 2 pm on Saturday September 7 at the church memorial garden.

CHANCEL CHOIR IS RESTARTING! If you are a singer with previous choral experience, please consider joining us. The rehearsal/performance schedule is as follows through 2024:

Rehearsals - Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30

September 4, 11, **Sing on the September 15 service**

September 25, October 16, 30, November 6, 13, December 4, **Sing on the December 8 service and maybe Christmas Eve**

Interested new singers are asked to contact Bob Oster: rcojwo@sbcglobal.net

ARTIST CLUB AT FPC: Do you like to "ART"? Do you love to get messy? Does the smell of paint, glue, chalk, markers or crayons appeal to you? Do you get excited about the possibilities of what you can do with scissors, paper, wood or found objects? Do you ever wish you had a group of friends to do ART and chat with about ART? I would really like to start an Artist Club here at FPC. So I am inviting anyone (of any age) who is interested in getting together to fellowship and do art to be a part of an Artist Club right here at FPC. You don't need to be a Rembrandt or a Picasso. Just be YOU. Bring your current project and supplies with you and work as we chat about art. Or if you need inspiration or want to learn something new, I will have some project ideas and supplies to work with. Please contact Karen Vandenberg if you are interested in joining. karenv422@gmail.com.

GREETERS: Dave and Joann Logan

DO YOU SEW? Want to help us prepare for the Costa Rica Mission Trip? We need **200** small medicine bags and **200** glasses' bags to be sewn and collected for the team which leaves on November 5th. Patients seen in the clinic use these bags. Patterns are located at the Connection Point or contact Rita Brown with questions at 269 945. 2147.

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY- The Mission Committee appreciates your support for the Hand2Hand program and our support for Southeastern Elementary. Here are some follow-up details in regards to programs:

Mentors: If you are interested in becoming a mentor, or want to discuss an idea you might have for enrichment programs - please contact Steve Laubaugh. stevelaubaugh@gmail.com or 269-320-3247

Hand2Hand Sponsorships: Tags are still available on the sponsorship board in the narthex. Please make checks out to FPC with H2H in the memo line. Checks can be returned in future offering plates or to the office.

Hand2Hand Food Donations: If you took a tag to bring food back, you can drop that off at any time to the food collection box area in the narthex. No need to return the tag - these are food items that we just keep stocked for regular packing. Please drop them by September 15.

The bulletin board will stay in place for a couple weeks - so if you missed the service on August 18, you will still have chances to give.

Gratefully,

The Mission Committee



MEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

The God of His Word....by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbie Jason Sobel

Beginning Thursday, September 12, from 9 am to 10:30 in the adult meeting room, all men are invited to study **The God of His Word**. In this six week video study, we'll explore some of the names for God used in Scripture and reveal what they say about his nature and character. We will discover that God's love, mercy, and care for his creation never changes. The God of his Word always keeps his word and he promises to always care for you.

Please sign up and pickup your study guide at the Connection Point beginning September 1, The fee for the study guide is \$10.

If you have any questions, please call Dave Storms, 616-558-8611.

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

Brandon Johnson Church Life Director/Youth Leader) Thurs: 12:00am -3:00pm
Summer Hours

Casey Raffler (Church Administrator) Tues & Thurs: 9:00am -2:00pm

Angela Stanton (Noah's Ark Preschool Director) Summer Hours -Tues 9am-2:30pm or
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