



**Third Sunday of Easter  
Confirmation Sunday  
May 1, 2022**

PRELUDE “Andante” G.F. Handel/arr. Buszin  
Second Movement of the Organ Concerto in F Major  
Linda Vollweiler, organ  
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT “When Morning Gilds the Sky” Dan Bird  
Chancel Choir, director Robin Koozer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Damen Jensen-Heitmann  
Come, let us gather this morning; we shall study the Word.  
**Together we shall read, hear, and seek to understand.**  
Come, let us join in prayer; we shall break the bread.  
**Together we shall pray and eat and be satisfied.**  
Come, let us welcome new members in our family of faith; we shall praise our God.  
**Together we shall celebrate and be united. Come, let us worship God together!**

\*HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 475

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving, and responding to people’s needs. We can dance with joy on Easter Sunday, but the days and weeks that follow cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, and voices for sharing your love and praising you.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends.  
***Our call is to love and forgive our friends and to seek Christ's love and forgiveness.***

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!  
***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

(Please pass the Friendship Pads, and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Lord, Give Me Just a Little More Time”

*Brumley/Fox*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today; through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 9:1-20

SERMON

Greg Allen-Pickett

A brief reflection on the Acts passage followed by the Confirmands' Statements of Faith

\*HYMN

“Here I Am Lord”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on 1 John 4, written by Greg Allen-Pickett)

***I believe in God the creator, who created the whole world and each one of us out of love because God is love. Even though I have never seen God, I have felt God's loving presence in my life.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God revealed to us. I believe that Jesus was sent into the world so that we might learn from his example of love, and so that we might live through his ultimate act of self-sacrificial love.***

*continued...*

***I believe in the Spirit of God who abides in us. Every time I share an act of kindness or compassion in the world or an act of kindness or compassion is shared with me, that is evidence of the Spirit of God abiding with us because when we love one another, God's Spirit lives in us.***

***I believe that the church exists to enact God's love in the world. Through the work of the church, we confess that Jesus is the Son of God, we acknowledge that all are beloved children of God, and we seek to perfect God's love in us and the world.***

***I believe that I am called to live my faith boldly and unafraid because love casts out fear. I believe that because God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another as an outward and visible manifestation of our faith. Amen.***

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

OFFERTORY "O Jesus, I Have Promised" arr. John Innes

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Generous God: We offer you our tithes and gifts, and we offer you our lives. We thank you for these confirmands and the commitment that they are about to make to your church. Accept these gifts and our lives for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world. Amen.***

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

CONFIRMATION

***Grace Brader***

Confirmation Mentor: Chris Junker  
Parents: Stephanie & Justin Brader  
Date of Birth: 11/2/2007  
Baptism Date: 2/10/2008

***McKain Ratzlaff***

Confirmation Mentor: Danny Graves  
Parents: Leah & Tom Ratzlaff  
Date of Birth: 11/22/2007  
Baptism Date: 3/2/2008

***Ashton Essink***

Confirmation Mentor: Chris Schukei  
Parents: Chanda & Stan Essink  
Date of Birth: 5/17/2008  
Baptism Date: 8/17/2008

***Norah Snell***

Confirmation Mentor: Teresa Canady  
Parents: Sarah & Scott Snell  
Date of Birth: 4/24/2008  
Baptism Date: 6/15/2008

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION Greg Allen-Pickett, Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**Confirmands: *I do.***

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Confirmands: *Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.***

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

**Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.***

Congregation, you have been witnesses to these youth's lives in this congregation.

Will you support them by reaffirming your commitment as faithful members of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**Congregation: *We will, with God's help!***

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER WITH THE CONFIRMANDS

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these confirmands have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**Congregation: *With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.***

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

\*HYMN “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” 488

(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Open Table. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

***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 “Toccata in F Major” *Dietrich Buxtehude*  
(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

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

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS &  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

**8:30m Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship Service**

**10:30 am Traditional Worship Service**

**10:30 service is also broadcast live on Facebook at**

[www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

*(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)*

The 10:30 Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast  
on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM.

**May 1, 2022**

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Edna Perry and Shirley Johnston by family.

**THE FLOWERS** at the pulpit are given in loving memory of Mabel C. & Frank E. Weyer by family.

**USHERS for May: Team #3, Captain Dave Fisher**

Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

## GREETERS for May:

MAY	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
1		Susan Hoff	Lynette & Paul Krieger
8	Kili & Justin Wenburg		Sarah Allen
15	Kim & Gaylon Hermann		Connie & LaVerne Franzen
22	Dixie & Gale McDonald		Jane & Chuck Bauer
29	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie		Pat & Dick Kleiber

***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings***  
***Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873***

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

**Director of Children & Family**

**Ministries:** Rose Koeppe

**Organist and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler

**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson

**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Teresa & Tim Canady

**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver

**Accompanist:** Mary Plock

**Scholar in Residence:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

**Parish Associate:** Kili Wenburg

**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger

**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer

**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**

**Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen

**Church Office Administrator:** Sarah Allen

**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

*Please Pray For:*

Bob Johnson  
 Mary Lewis  
 Joan Shaw  
 Barry Thomson  
 Stephen Gass  
 Bev Stein  
 Stan Essink  
 Greg Howard  
 Tommy Thomsen  
 Irina Belikova-Erickson  
 Rich Portwood  
 Shirley Gass  
 Carl Utley  
 Ramona Shetler

Taralyn Davis and family  
 Dave Schawang  
 Lanae Hall and family  
 Elaine Schumacher  
 Melba Trehern  
 Chris Wheeler  
 Cheryl Ann Elford  
 Anne Bohlke  
 Tut Ruel's family  
 Brad Davis  
 Jenni Welsch  
 Marie & Don Rasmussen  
 Michael Hahne  
 Selah Wenburg and family

*In Memory of:*

Rachel Lay passed 3/5/22



*It's Up to You in 2022*



**“A Call to Serve”**

**You're Invited.....All are Welcome**

**May 6, 2022 Noon**

**First St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
501 N. Burlington Ave., Hastings**

**Church Women United**

**Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve**

Friendship Day is an annual event celebrated nationwide by Church Women United. In Hastings, there are 8 churches participating and honoring one special woman from their church. This year, First Presbyterian Church will be honoring Lois Hafer! In addition, Hannah Jensen-Heitmann will be singing her very own composition, “Sarah”. More information and \$8.00 tickets are available in the church office.

Vacation Bible School Pre-Registration is now open: use the QR Code below or go to [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org) to register online.

**Vacation Bible School**

Join us for a Food Truck Party VBS where we will explore what it means for God to "give us our daily bread" and learn how to turn to God in prayer for our daily needs. Together with the Top Chef and DJ Cupcake, students will learn key truths that make up the common meal-time prayer:

*Pre-Registration Now Open!*

"God is Great, God is Good,  
Let us thank God for our Food!  
By God's Hands, we all are Fed!  
Give us, Lord, our Daily Bread!"

**DATE: Monday, June 27th – Wednesday, June 29th**  
**TIME: 8:30 am – 11:30 am**  
**WHERE: First Presbyterian Church  
621 N Lincoln, Ave**  
**AGES: \*Pre-School – 6th grade**  
(This is the grade they are entering in August 2022)  
\*Preschoolers **MUST** be potty trained

**FOOD TRUCK PARTY**  
ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

To Register: Scan this QR code with the phone on your camera or go to our website [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)



## PW Mother's Day Offering

PW will be in the Memorial Room April 24, May 1 and May 8 or you can mail your donation to the church office. Checks should be made out to PW, in memo line please indicate Mother's Day Offering. Money will go towards recovery program materials and child care for mothers who need it to attend meetings.



First Presbyterian Church of Axtell invites First Presbyterian Church of Hastings to join in our celebration of a commissioned mural and art showcase. On Saturday, May 7th there will be Savana Ellis' Senior Capstone Showcase from 3:00-4:30pm at the church with a detailed presentation of her mural at 4:00pm.

## Ecotheology

A Three-Part Forum Series with

**Dr. Dorothy Dean**



April 24: Ecofeminist Theology  
May 1: Theology & Animals  
May 8: Christianity & The Climate Crisis



If you wish to have a loved one's name added to or removed from the prayer list, please call the church office at 402-462-5147



<b>SUN 5/1</b>	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Worship	Chapel
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum: Ecotheology 2 of 3	Lydia Room/Zoom/YouTube
<i>Communion Sunday</i>	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent	Anderson Room/Zoom
<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	9:15a-10:15a	Youth Sunday School	Education Wing
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
<b>MON 5/2</b>	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Gym (Mon-Thurs)
	1:00p-3:00p	1st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:00p	HC Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>TUES 5/3</b>		<i>No Staff Meeting/No Bible Study</i>	
	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>WED 5/4</b>	11:00a-11:45a	PW Coordinating Team Meets	Library
	11:45a-1:30p	PW Luncheon/Program	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:00p	1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grades WNL	Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal	Fellowship Hall
	6:45p-7:45p	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Youth Groups	Youth Group Rooms
	7:45p-8:15p	Cal/West Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	8:15p-8:40p	Cal/West Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
<b>THURS 5/5</b>	4:00p-6:00p	HC Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed (Youth) Meeting	Parlor
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>FRI 5/6</b>	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
<b>SUN 5/8</b>	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Worship	Chapel
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	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	3:00p	HC Choir Concert	Sanctuary

*A Benefit*  
**Concert for  
UKRAINE**



**May 10th, 7pm**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
621 N LINCOLN AVE.,  
HASTINGS, NE 68901

**Join us for an evening of music provided by HC students and faculty. Free-Will donations are welcome and will benefit the Sunflower for Peace Organization.**

**Refreshments provided by SAI.**

