

# First Presbyterian Church

Greg Allen-Pickett, Senior Pastor

Damen Jensen-Heitmann, Associate Pastor



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Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

It has been a spectacular start to the school year at First Presbyterian Church! Our Wednesday Night Live programming for preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade is off to a great start with lots of participation, energy, and attendance. Sunday School attendance is strong and there is a wonderful spirit and so much joy present on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. We have some great volunteers who are helping to lead these programs and our Director of Christian Education, Rose Koepp, just celebrated her one year anniversary working at the church!

Our music programs are back in full swing with our adult Chancel Choir and Chancel Bell Choir rehearsing on Wednesday nights and leading us in worship on Sunday mornings. Our children's and youth choir programs are making a joyful noise to the Lord too! Our collaboration with Hastings College continues to grow stronger; we have college students singing in our choir and of course we had the glorious celebration of Hastings College Sunday on September 25 with The Hastings College Choir and Handbell Choir. That Sunday we also celebrated Dr. Robin Koozer's 50<sup>th</sup> year of being a part of the music program at First Presbyterian Church with a presentation, a new commissioned piece of music, and a reception.

Our mission work continues to shine love and light into our community with Open Table food packing, United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry distributions, school supply drives, coat drives, CROP Walk, and much more! As a church we are striving to be the hands and feet of Christ to the world, and inviting others to join us in that effort. We are making a difference in our local and global community.

Thank you for everything that you have done to contribute to all of these efforts with your time, your talent, your prayers, and your financial support.

We have started our stewardship campaign for 2023. This is where we invite all of our church members to estimate a pledge for how much they will give to support the church budget in the coming year. This is an important way for us to faithfully build the budget. We will be mailing letters and pledge cards home to each household and will also include them in the bulletin on Sunday, October 23. Please keep an eye out for the pledge cards, and try to get them back to us by Sunday, November 6.

The theme for our campaign this year is "Stewardship as a spiritual practice." The call to give to the church is central to our faith. Different from giving to other non-profits, our giving to the church is a spiritual discipline that is an integral part of our identity as Christians, and part of the practice of our faith.

Pastor Damen and I will be preaching a sermon series on sustaining spiritual practices this month. We invite you to join us for that series, and join us in thinking about how pledging and giving to the church is a vital part of your faith journey. We hope when you receive your pledge card, you and your family will prayerfully discern how much you will give to the vital work that God is doing through First Presbyterian Church of Hastings in 2023.

Thank you for your continued support of our beloved church.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Greg

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# Sustaining Spiritual Practices

Join us for a stewardship sermon series exploring spiritual practices that will sustain you in your faith journey and daily living.

10/9: Blooming

(Jeremiah 29:1-7)

10/23: Tithing & Celebrating

(Deuteronomy 26:1-11)

10/30: Remembering

(Ephesians 1:11-18)

10/16: Persisting

(Luke 18:1-8)

11/6: Gratitude

(2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12)

## Scotland

June 15 – 24, 2023

*Including an Optional Extension June 24 – 28*

Especially designed for

**First Presbyterian  
Church of Hastings**

Nebraska

Registration will begin soon!



The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett  
Tour Host

 Faith Journeys

## WHO CAN BE SAVED?

Reflection on  
Universal Salvation

With Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Lydia Room - 9:15 AM

Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30



FLOWER & RADIO MEMORIALS – There are openings throughout the year for both flower and radio memorials. Please contact Melissa in the office or Mary Olsen (402-462-2811 [molsen@charter.net](mailto:molsen@charter.net)). Donations are greatly appreciated.



## Prayers are Requested for the Following People

Shirley Maul	Reta & Lowell Johnson	In loving memory of
Mary Lewis	Jane Tushaus	
Barry Thomson	Carl Utley	Mark Bliss, who passed
Christian Fruehling	Dick Kleiber	away on 8/25/22
Stephen Gass	Raelene (Gerdes) Falcon	
Bev Stein	Family of Anne Bohlke	Anne Bohlke, who passed
Greg Howard	Abby Pumroy	away on 9/10/22
Ramona Shetler	Family of Verna Meyer	
Benjamin Franco & family	Lanae Hall & family	Verna Meyer, who passed
Family of Mark Bliss	Elaine Schumacher	away on 9/28/22
Irina Belikova-Erickson	Melba Trehern	
Rich Portwood	Michael Hahne	
Shirley Gass	Dave Schawang	
Tarah Davis & family	Katie Reynolds & family	
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Brad Davis	



Save  
the Date

### LIVING HISTORY EVENT

*Sunday, November 6, 2022*

5pm- Dinner

6:15pm- Living History Event

Stay tuned for further details

*Pastor  
Appreciation  
Month*

THANK YOU  
PASTOR GREG AND  
PASTOR DAMEN  
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR  
CONGREGATION



HOSTS

**CHRISTOPHER  
WILLIAMS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
7:30 PM**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FREE ADMISSION



*Happy  
Anniversary*

11/04/1972- Dave & Barbara Fisher  
11/10/2001- Stephanie & Justin Brader  
11/12/2011- Brad & Dawna Whitcomb  
11/15/1974- Jim & Deb Freeburger  
11/16/1996- Bill & Sharon Talbert  
11/22/1974- Tim & Deb Johnson  
11/23/1979- Roger & Karen Doerr  
11/25/1951- Don & Marie Rasmussen  
11/27/2004- Kristen & Chris Schwarz  
11/29/1968- John & Cathy Pershing

## *Happy November Birthdays*

Bill Nottage-1  
Grace Brader-2  
Linda Cooke-2  
Evan Turner-2  
Megan Launchbaugh-3  
Flossie Sanderson-3  
Raegan Welsch-4  
Charlie Ratzlaff-4  
Kraig Lofquist-4  
Moses Rhodes-5  
Lanae Hall-5  
Scott Hobson-5  
Neil Jurgena-5  
Mary Kay LaMaster-5  
Monte Malouf-5  
Lauren Overmiller-6  
Malcolm Eckhardt-6  
Susie Graham-6  
Betty Kooy-6  
Vernon Groves-7  
Stacy Kerr-7  
Pat Kern-8  
Teresa Luther-8  
Eldon Mitzelfelt-8  
Ken Stein-9  
Matthew Welton-9  
Taralyn Davis-10  
Colleen Adam-11

Dennis Asmus-12  
Gary Bauer-12  
Marcia Hogan-12  
Laurie Johnson-12  
Erikka Rhodes-12  
Sydney Kerr-13  
Lexi Lofquist-13  
Julie Thomsen-14  
Sarah Snell-14  
Jean Barber-14  
Lily Black-14  
Greg Allen-Pickett-15  
Sue Medsker-15  
Sherry Behrens-17  
Nora Hogan-17  
Tammy Lay-17  
Jane Tushaus-17  
Mary Northrop-18  
Peter Ratzlaff-19  
Joy White-19  
Jim Hoffman-19  
Ethan Stout-20  
Ross Struss-20  
Chuck Bauer-20  
Roger Sunderman-21  
Kim Graviette-21  
Melissa Karloff-21

Wilson Welsch-22  
McKain Ratzlaff-22  
Bonnie Grams-22  
Rich Portwood-22  
Marcia Sovereign-22  
Lois Hafer-23  
Gwen Weber-24  
Duang Tang-24  
Jan Bolliger-25  
Lennon Ellerbee-25  
Thomas Freetly-25  
Willy Kummer-25  
Deborah Miles-28  
Ron Wissing-30  
Heather Loveus-30



# ROBIN R. KOOZER

1245 TURNER AVENUE  
HASTINGS, NEBRASKA 68901

October 12, 2022

Clerk of the Session

First Presbyterian Church

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In deepest appreciation...

I shall long remember the morning of September 25, 2022, and revel in the memory of that day's church service for many days to come. Thank you to everyone for their tremendous effort in planning, envisioning, practicing, performing, and executing a glorious and very special tribute in my honor. Special thanks to The Worship, Arts, and Music Committee – Mary Fisk, chair, Revs. Greg and Damen, Linda Johnson, Byron Jensen, Mary Plock, Linda Vollweiler, Mary Olsen, Becky Meyer, and especially, Brett Epperson (who masterfully prepared, rehearsed, and conducted the Chancel Choir and Hastings College Choir for the premier of "Each Day"). To all, I say thank you.

I feel very fortunate to have been afforded the many musical opportunities given me at First Presbyterian Church over the past fifty years. Over the years, I have had the honor of working with wonderful musicians who love their church, who love their music, and who sing and play to glorify God using the abilities and talents He has given them. To those friends, I say thank you.

To the church staff and to my fellow FPC music staff colleagues, past and present, I owe much gratitude. Without their creativity, leadership, interest, support, and day-to-day work and dedication, little "joyful noise" would occur on Sunday morning. If you have not realized it, and you need to...FPC has the best "team" imaginable! To those colleagues, I say thank you.

To a congregation that values quality music as an important element in worship and that has unstintingly supported the ministry of music since the establishment of First Presbyterian Church nearly 150 years ago, I say thank you.

To Ann, Maggie and Catherine, who through their constant love and understanding were willing to walk with me throughout most of the fifty years, I say thank you.

With humble appreciation to all, I say thank you.

Robin

<b>Sunday 10/16</b>	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	10:00am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
<b>Monday 10/17</b>	1pm-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Center Gym
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE Center
	7pm-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 10/18</b>	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
	8:15pm-9:15pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 10/19</b>	9:30am-10:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	ssbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:15pm-2:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	5pm-6:45pm	Preschool-5 <sup>th</sup> WNL	Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm-7pm	New Members Class	Confirmation Room
	<del>6:45pm-7:45pm</del>	<del>Chancel Choir</del>	CANCELLED
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bells Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 10/20</b>	5:30pm-7:30pm	Session	Anderson
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 10/21</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Room 111
<b>Sunday 10/23</b>	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5pm-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth	various

<b>Monday 10/24</b>	1pm-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Center Gym
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE Center
	7pm-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 10/25</b>	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity Board	Parlor
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7pm-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
	8:15pm-9:15pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 10/26</b>	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	ssbrooks52@gmail.com
	2pm-3:30pm	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	5pm-6:45pm	Preschool-5 <sup>th</sup> WNL	Fellowship Hall
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bells Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 10/27</b>	12:30pm-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Bells Room
<b>Friday 10/28</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Room 111
<b>Sunday 10/30</b>	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Taizé Service
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex

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Mail To:

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***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 Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler

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

**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**

**Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen

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

**Praise/Alleluia Choir Director:** Teresa Canady

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

**Accompanist:** Mary Plock

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

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

**Director of Children's & 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