



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Sunday January 26, 2025 10:30 am Service And Congregational Meeting

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Mendelssohn

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”
Praise & Alleluia Choir; Teresa Canady Director
Mary Plock, Accompanist

Graham Kendrick

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the World shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us:

Grace and Mercy
Send forth your love,
Lord and let there be light

Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story:

Shine Jesus shine
fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire
flow river flow, flood the nations with

Shine on me, shine on me

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

And suddenly there was Jesus, in his boat

Preaching, and teaching, and asking him to cast out his nets

What could Simon do but listen and wonder

And be amazed at the glorious presence around him?

Amid the ordinary, the routine, and mundane Jesus is made known.

In handshakes and hugs, and prayers for others, Jesus calls to us.

In hymns and tears and the laughter of children, Jesus' voice is heard.

Let out your nets. See what you can catch with love and hope and righteousness.

(Verses, 1, 3, & 4)

Sue Medsker, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If the nets were going to work, they would have caught something by now. If this relationship was going to mend, hearts would have softened by now. If the world was to know peace, then the means of destruction would have long ago been melted down and cast into trinkets and amusements for children. But the nets are empty, the animosity remains, and violence continues. Forgive us, O God, but we are ready to pack it in and head home. If it was going to change, wouldn't it have done so by now? We need, O God, your voice and encouragement to compel us to keep at it, to keep casting nets, to keep working for the things of peace, hope, and reconciliation. Remind us that there is no lost cause, not with you.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What “empty net” is God asking you to cast again?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God casts the nets of mercy and forgiveness often.

And we are caught up in them, ensnared by God's love.

Reconciliation draws us up from the deep.

We dwell with the Lord once more.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory Be to the Father”

*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

Rose Koeppe

While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing the refrain of “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Somewhere in here, O God, is a word just for me. Help me to find it. Help me to cherish it. Help me to let it change my life. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 4:38-39, 42-44

ANTHEM “Chime into Jesus Melody” *arr. Praise & Alleluia Bells*
Praise & Alleluia Bell Choir; Susan Oliver, Director

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 5:1-11

MESSAGE “Empty Nets and Lost Causes”

*HYMN “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” 432



OFFERING

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

You can give this morning by putting your offering in the offering plates that will be passed through the pews during the offertory, or you can scan the QR code or give online:
<https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY “Prelude in F Major” *Mendelssohn*

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We pray, O God, for the courage, in this moment and in all the moments to come, to leave ourselves behind so that we may follow you. These gifts are symbols of our desire to do so. May this be the first of many steps to come as we follow the path of discipleship. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***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!***

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Gretchen Lainson by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and Overmiller families.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Peyton Mitchell

ACOLYTES Charlie Stout, James Ellerbee

JANUARY USHERS (Team #5) Captain – Melissa Davis, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Justin Brader

GREETERS

January	Memorial Room	Narthex
26	Erica & Brent Brooks	Susan Cole

LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Grants are limited to one per child.
- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

- **DEADLINE FOR THE Fall 2024 GRANT PROGRAM IS November 1, 2024.**
 - **GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE; PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**
- Applications are available on the shelf outside the Church Offices or on the Church website at:

<https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Langenberg-form-Spring-2025.pdf>

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings



Gregory Peterson

Dr. Gregory Peterson is Professor of Music and College Organist Emeritus, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, where he taught from 2005 to 2022. In recognition of his distinguished teaching career that also included faculty appointments at Gustavus Adolphus College and Pacific Lutheran University, former students, colleagues, and friends commissioned a new concert work from American composer Libby Larsen in his honor. Dr. Peterson premiered "Tapestry of Fire" on October 13, 2023, at Normandale Lutheran Church, Edina, Minnesota, where he currently serves as Director of Worship and Music. The performance was featured in a national broadcast of Pipe Dreams from American Public Media on May 13, 2024, www.pipedreams.org, The Spirit Guides #2420.

Prior to his appointment at Luther College, Dr. Peterson served the historic Old South Church, Boston, Massachusetts, as Minister of Music and Organist, where he directed the Old South Choir, Old South Ringers, and performed regularly with the Old South Brass and Timpani Ensemble, and in solo performances on the church's 1921 E.M. Skinner organ, relocated from the St. Paul, Minnesota Auditorium in 1990. He serves several roles in the American Guild of Organists Twin Cities Chapter, and served two terms as President of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

Gregory Peterson maintains an active performance schedule that takes him to important venues throughout the country and in Europe. He is featured on the critically acclaimed compact discs Heroic Sounds (Denouement Records), Dieterich Buxtehude: A 300th Anniversary Celebration, Songs of Petition, Peace, and Proclamation, and Air with Joy is Ringing (all released by Luther College).

A graduate of Luther College, he holds advanced degrees from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and the University of Iowa.

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Gregory
Peterson

and
Jon

Stender

Sunday,

February 2, 2025

3 p.m.

First Presbyterian
Church

621 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE

The organ concert is free
and open to the public.

All are welcome!



Jon Stender

John Stender has served as the Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN. FPC supports a multi-faceted sacred music ministry, a 4th-12th grade band program, and its thriving A Festival of Music concert series. John earned the master's degree in organ and sacred music at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in 2015, studying organ with Bruce Neswick harpsichord with Elisabeth Wright. He is a 2012 graduate of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa with majors in organ, church music, and religion, where he studied with Gregory Peterson. John has written, arranged, and orchestrated numerous compositions for practical use in music programs where he has served, and has been invited to conduct, lead choral workshops, and perform at the keyboard by colleagues. He resides in Kasson, Minnesota with his wife, Sarah, keyboardist, teacher, and church musician. Together they raise two sons (Daniel & Benjamin), a daughter (Margot), and Dolly Parton (their rescued little white dog).



UPCOMING FORUMS

9:15 a.m.

Lydia Room

FEB 2 - A CONVERSATION WITH OUR
GUEST ORGANISTS

FEB 9 - BREAD OF LIFE: HOW OUR
COMMUNION BREAD IS MADE

FEB 16 - MARCH 2 - ADVENT IMPACT:
HOW WHAT WE COLLECTED MAKES A
DIFFERENCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 11:30AM, FPC SANCTUARY

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Carl Utley	Jim Boeve
Carter Johnson	Barry Thomson	Candice Unger
Tarah Davis & family	Greg Howard	Nytha & Dave Glass
Matt Campbell	Pam Canady	Lexi Longshore
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Kathy (Adams) Carrier	Ashley Ibach
Bob Wolf	family of Eleanor Jorgenson	family of Ken Stein
KyMani Riek	Darcie (McDonald) Brink	John Pershing
Ken Fisk	David Hauch	family of Pat Kleiber
Howard Mathews	Monte Malouf	Judd Carrier
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves	Eli Struss	Jane Tushaus
Janelle Baideme	Louie Eckhardt and family	Linda Carllson and family
Bill Anderson		Bev Stein

In memory of

Pat Kleiber, who passed
away on 12/27/24



Winter Sermon Series: Jesus is making waves!

- **January 5:** Luke 2
Boy in the temple
- **January 12:**
Matthew 2 & Luke 3
The Magi and Baptism
- **January 19:** Luke 4
Prophecy of Isaiah
- **January 26:** Luke 5
A great catch &
fishing for people
- **February 2:** Luke 6
Sabbath healing
& preaching
- **February 9:** Luke 7:1-17
Healing & raising from
the dead
- **February 16:** Luke 7:18-35
Jesus affirms John the
baptizer
- **February 23:** Luke 7:36-50
Forgiven at Jesus' feet

Jesus is making waves!

A sermon series on the gospel of Luke

Join us this winter for a sermon series on the gospel of Luke that shows how Jesus was shaking things up. He makes waves with the visit of the Wise Men, his baptism, preaching and teaching, performing miracles, working on the sabbath, healing and raising people from the dead, quoting prophecies, affirming John the Baptist, offering forgiveness to sinners and inviting others to join him.

What can we learn from his example?

Sunday 1/26	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Monday 1/27	10:30am	Wayne Ganow's funeral service	Sanctuary
	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/28	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 1/29	1-3pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 1/30	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/31	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 2/1	11am	Melissa Eckhardt's funeral with Reception to follow	Sanctuary-Funeral Reception to follow
Sunday 2/2	8:30am	Contemplative Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
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 Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Brett Epperson
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 Jensen-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