

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the ministry of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus but viewed it as a nice story that begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service, with John asking us about the fruits of our faith. It is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that we have behaved in unloving ways that do not promote your vision for the world. Forgive us, help us repent, turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light but who are also willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

When has my life not reflected my faith? How can I repent?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, we are known and loved by the Creator.

We are marked as God's own to bring hope and love to others.

Be at peace and live in hope knowing that you 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.)



Scan to sign-in and let us know you were here.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koeppe

While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and, that believing, we may follow, trusting you and seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. May your Word inspire us to bear the good fruit of our faith. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 3:1-14

ANTHEM

“Song of The Baptist”

Francis Patrick O'Brien

At the banks along the Jordan, crying out:
“Prepare the way”; Washing sinners in the
waters, calling all to God’s new day; Who is this
in beggar’s clothing, Feasting on the desert’s
fare? Is creation’s plan unfolding in the
prophet’s haunting stare?

Could this be the bless’d Messiah? Could this
be the chosen one? No, this is the final herald
preparing all to meet God’s Son. “I baptize you
here with water, but there is one whom you
must seek; He baptizes in the Spirit, Raising up
the poor, the weak.

Who will live this man’s repentance? Who will
walk his stony way? Who will leave their hurt
behind them? Who will greet the dawning day?
Who will speak for silent tongues? Who will
share the greatest myst’ry: God redeems us in a
Son?

Now we join with John the Baptist, we the
heralds of this place. Now we speak for all the
ages, ev’ry tongue, each class and race: “Lift
your hearts and sing God’s praises; Jesus
Christ will come again. Maranatha, he is with
us, Faithful God until the end!”

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 3:15-22

SERMON

What kind of fruit are you bearing?

Greg Allen-Pickett

Part of the Winter Sermon Series “Jesus is Making Waves”

*HYMN

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Presbyterian Church “Brief Statement of Faith”)

In life and in death, we belong to God.

***Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the
Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve.***

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

***preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.***

OFFERING OF GIFTS

*(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 “Air” from Overture D Major BWV 1068 *JS Bach/arr. Bartsch*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Your light and hope floods into our lives, O God. On this day, you remind us that we are marked by you to be witnesses to your light of new hope. May the gifts we give, the work of the church, and our very lives bring the light of your hope and love to those who dwell in darkness and despair. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

*HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” 546

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “The Lord Bless You” *Dr. Brett Epperson*

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, the Lord protect you and guide you in all that you do, our prayer for you.

POSTLUDE Toccata on “O Worship the King” *Craig A. Penfield*

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

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!**

8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15 Sunday School for All Ages!

10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30am Worship Broadcast live on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/fpchastings

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

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Rev. Willard Payne by the Payne family.

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Kade Jorgensen

ACOLYTES Molly Gosda, Maddie Gosda

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

January Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
12	Lesla & Steve Cropley	Daveta and Dick Brader
19	Roger & Karen Doerr	Susie Graham
26	Erica & Brent Brooks	Susan Cole

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher

Carter Johnson

Tarah Davis & family

Matt Campbell

Janey Nottage-Tacey

Bob Wolf

KyMani Riek

Ken Fisk

Howard Mathews

Vicki (Fisk) Nieves

Janelle Baideme

Bev Stein

Carl Utlej

Barry Thomson

Greg Howard

Pam Canady

Kathy (Adams) Carrier

family of Eleanor Jorgenson

Darcie (McDonald) Brink

David Hauch

Monte Malouf

Eli Struss

Louie Eckhardt and family

Jim Boeve

Candice Unger

Nytha & Dave Glass

Lexi Longshore

Ashley Ibach

family of Ken Stein

John Pershing

family of Pat Kleiber

Judd Carrier

Jane Tushaus

Linda Carllson and family

In memory of

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

GO & SERVE LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 12, 2025
Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
in Fellowship Hall

Free Will Donation

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



Upcoming Forums

January 12, 19, and 26

“Poverty Alleviation: The Bridging Forward Program”

Bridging Forward, a program created by the Community Impact Network and United Way of South Central Nebraska, is an innovative effort to engage all of us in putting individuals, families, and this community on the road to stability. During this three part series Brady Rhodes will share a program overview, members of First Pres will share their experiences as volunteers, and we'll hopefully have an opportunity to hear directly from Bridging Forward participants as well.

Sunday 1/12	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Go & Serve Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 1/13	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/14	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meeting	Middle School Youth Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
Wednesday 1/15	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1-3pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	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 1/16	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Session Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/17	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 1/18		United Harvest	
Sunday 1/19	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
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United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.



- If you need food, please come at the time indicated based on the first letter of your last name.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.

January 18, 2025		
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM



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?

Free Organ Concert

First Presbyterian Church
Presents
**Gregory Peterson
and
Jon Stender**

Sunday,
February 2, 2025
3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
621 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE

All are welcome!



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

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
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Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
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