



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

January 19, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Toccata in D Major" *Johann Krueger*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

INTROIT "Make a Joyful Noise" *Kevin McChesney*
Calvin/Westminster Youth Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 19) *Damen Jensen-Heitmann*
The heavens tell of the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork!
The word of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
The commandments of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
God's word is to be desired more than gold, even much fine gold;
God's word is sweeter than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
May the words and songs of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be
acceptable to you, O LORD,
Our rock and my redeemer. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *385*
Morgan O'Neill, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Waiting God, you know us all too well. We will listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We will hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims good news for the poor and liberty for the oppressed, the mandate and scope of his ministry. But to follow Jesus, that means we might have to be challenged and changed. Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs when the going gets tough. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' name, we offer this prayer.

SILENT CONFESSION

When Jesus says he comes to bring Good News to the suffering, what does that mean for me as a follower of Jesus?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Spirit of God is upon us.

God has called Jesus and us to bring good news to those who are in need.

God's joy is our strength.

Through God's love and forgiveness, promised to us by Jesus Christ, we can do all things.

God's Spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love. 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

Nancy Grams

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, 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 – 1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 26-27

ANTHEM

“Walk in the Light”

Williams and Shackley

Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson

Walk in the light, in the light of the Lord.
Walk in the light, in the light of His Word.
We have no need to fear when darkness is near.
Walk in the light, in the light of the Lord.

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Walk in the light, in the light of His Word.
We have no need to fear when darkness is near.
Walk in the light, in the light of the Lord

If we say we have not sinned, Sin has deceived us.
We do not know the truth. No one will believe us.
But if we confess our sin, and ask Him for forgiveness,
Jesus will cleanse us; He will receive us.

God is faithful, He is just, He is merciful.
In God we trust! In God we trust!

Walk in the light, in the light of the Lord.
Walk in the light, in the light of His Word.
We have no need to fear when darkness is near.
Walk in the light, in the light of the Lord.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

Jesus said what?

Greg Allen-Pickett

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

*HYMN

“Live into Hope”

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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

“Laudation”

Brenda Austin

Chancel Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have anointed us with your Spirit, calling us to bring good news to the poor and proclaim release to the captives. You have sent us to set the oppressed free. In gratitude for this holy calling, we offer these gifts and our lives, trusting that you will use them to proclaim your justice and mercy in a world longing for your healing touch. May we serve to mend the broken, uplift the downtrodden, and proclaim hope. Together, may we embody the mission of Christ and join in His liberating work. 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

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*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

"Concerto in C Major"

Paul Fey

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

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

NO EARLY SERVICE, PLEASE JOIN US AT 10:30

9:15 Sunday School for All Ages!

10:30am Traditional Worship and Annual Congregational Meeting 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 Atha Borley by family and friends.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of all departed parents and grandparents – given anonymously.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Rachel Guiai

ACOLYTES Matthew Klug, Truman Welsch

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

GREETERS

January	Memorial Room	Narthex
19	Roger & Karen Doerr	Susie Graham
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://fpcastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Langenberg-form-Spring-2025.pdf>

Sunday 1/19	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	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 1/20	<i>Church Offices Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>		
	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Hastings College Honor Band & Choir Concert	Sanctuary
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/21	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 1/22	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 1/23	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/24	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
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	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary

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.



The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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).





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?

Thank you

Congregational Life committee would like to thank everyone who helped Hang the Greens on Nov. 24, 2024 and remove the decor on Jan. 7, 2025. We appreciate everyone's willingness to help.

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

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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 Koepf
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