



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

February 2, 2025

PRELUDE

“Prelude and Trumpetings”
Gregory Peterson, Guest Organist

Myron Roberts

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Lord, May Your Spirit Enter”
Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson
Lord, may your spirit enter. Good Lord, guide our way.
Lord, open up our hearts for you. Hear our prayers today

Brett Epperson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Come to learn the ways of a good and faithful life.

We have come to follow Jesus,

The one who says, “Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of God.”

We have come to follow Jesus,

The one who says, “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

We have come to follow Jesus.

The one who says, “Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.”

We have come to follow Jesus.

The one who says, “Bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.”

We have come to follow Jesus.

The one who says, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

We have come to follow Jesus. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to believe that the poor will be blessed and the hungry will be fed when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them.

We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the thriving of those who are suffering, yet you remind us that we are part of that plan.

We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, so that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries.

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

How do the words of Jesus convict me today?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we treat others as we would have them treat us,
Jesus calls us beloved children of the Most High.
Rest in the assurance that 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.)



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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your word is read and proclaimed, let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 6:20-36

ANTHEM

“Love Bade Me Welcome”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back
 Guilty of dust and sin
 But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in
 Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lack'd anything

Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my
 shame
 Go where it doth deserve
 And know you not, says Love, who bore the
 blame?

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
 Love said, You shall be he
 I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear
 I cannot look on thee
 Love took my hand, and smiling did reply

My dear, then I will serve
 You must sit down, says Love, and taste my
 meat:
 So I did sit and eat

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 6:37-49**SERMON***"Jesus the preacher"*

Greg Allen-Pickett

Winter Sermon Series: ***Jesus is Making Waves******HYMN**

“Let us Break Bread Together”

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This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches. Its combination of hope (“rising sun”) and supplication (“Lord, have mercy”) speaks to many worshipers’ experience.

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**

“Nunc Dimittis in G Major”

Charles Villiers Stanford

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in
 peace according to thy word.
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all
 people;
 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be
 the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
 the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
 shall be: world without end. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Accept these gifts, O God. We offer them in thanksgiving for the gift of grace you have given us. May they bring hope to the suffering, peace to the lost, and joy to all. May they be used to further your work in the world. Amen.

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

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation, you have united us with Christ, and you have made us one with all your people. We are one in Christ! Amen.

*HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You"

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 Fiat Lux ("Let there be Light")
John Stender, Guest Organist

Théodore Dubois

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson family.


NURSERY Kim Bogan, Raegan Welsch

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

FEBRUARY USHERS (Team #6) Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

GREETERS

February	Memorial Room	Narthex
2	Julie Thomsen	Melissa Davis
9	Dan Deffenbaugh	Jean Barber
16	Kim Creech	Mary Kay LaMaster
23	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	Mary Fisk



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 2/2	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
	3pm	Gregory Peterson & John Stender Organ Concert	Sanctuary
Monday 2/3	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/4	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 2/5	11am	PW Coord. Team	
	11:45am	PW Program & Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	5pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 2/6	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Multicultural Coalition Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 2/7	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 2/8	1-3pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
Sunday 2/9	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
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	3pm	Hastings College Choir Concert	Sanctuary

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

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	family of Wayne Ganow	Bev Stein

In memory of

Pat Kleiber, who passed away on 12/27/24
Wayne Ganow, who passed away on 1/17/25

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 John Stender

Sunday,

February 2, 2025

3 p.m.

First Presbyterian
Church

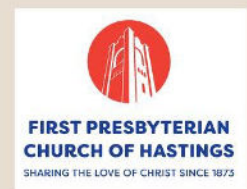
621 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE

The organ concert is free
and open to the public.
All are welcome!



John 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).



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 Spring 2025 GRANT PROGRAM IS April 1, 2025.*

• 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>



February Communion Offering

Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska

The Mission of Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska is:
“To provide essential programs that help individuals, families, and communities reach their fullest potential through advocacy and partnerships. Our dedicated staff provides access to opportunities in education, health, housing, nutrition, and transportation. These services empower people to make a positive difference in their lives and communities.”



Two Months of Sacred Music at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings



March 2025

Sunday, March 2, 10:30am:

Cathedral Brass

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 7pm:

Chancel Choir & Bells

Sunday, March 9, 10:30am:

Women's Choir and String Quartet

Sunday, March 16, 10:30am:

Men's Choir singing "De Profundis"

Sunday, March 23, 10:30am:

Children's Choir and Bells

Sunday, March 30, 10:30am:

Youth Choir

April 2025

Sunday, April 6, 10:30am:

Nebraska Festival Singers

Palm Sunday, April 13, 10:30am:

Children and Youth Choirs

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7pm:

Chancel Choir

Good Friday, April 18, 7pm:

Contemplative Worship

Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:30am:

Chancel Choir, Bells, Cathedral Brass

Sunday, April 27, 10:30am:

Bach Cantata & Chamber Orchestra

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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