



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Youth Sunday February 9, 2025

- PRELUDE "Toccata in G Major" *Pachelbel*
Organist Linda Vollweiler
- SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Damen Jensen-Heitmann
- WELCOME Henry Black
- INTROIT "God Welcomes All" *South African Song*
Calvin/Westminster Choir, director Linda Johnson
Mary Plock, Accompanist
God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.
- *CALL TO WORSHIP Ashton Essink
Today we begin with open hearts and minds.
God, we ask you to help us listen and learn as we gather in your space.
Help us to forgive.
Help us to trust.
Help us to prepare ourselves to live your word.
Let us begin this worship prepared to gain an understanding of how to love our enemies as we have loved ourselves.
- *OPENING HYMN "Where Charity and Love Prevail" 316
Richard and Linda Johnson, Song Leaders
- CALL TO CONFESSION Moses Rhodes
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION
In life we get distracted and focus on our motivation instead of yours, O God. When we listen only to our own hearts we can end up doing hurtful things. We try to make ourselves seem better by

breaking people down, by hurting them with our words and actions. Help us, instead, to follow you and your wants. Help us to love our enemies and treat people the way we want to be treated. Help us, O Lord, not to build ourselves up and break our enemies down, but to build up both our enemies and ourselves.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

Who should you be building up instead of tearing down?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God desires not condemnation but salvation.

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in love.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

Alleluia



*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

Charlie Ratzlaff

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paxton Rhodes

Most glorious and gracious God, thank you for your word and the way it guides us to live our lives. As we listen to the scripture helps to find the special message you have for us this morning. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 4:29-32

ANTHEM

“Love Comes From God”

Allen Poe

My friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God,
And everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.
My friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God,
And everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

And everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.
But they who do not love do not know God, for God is love.
He sent his only begotten Son, so that we might live through him.

No greater love have you then this, than to lay down your life for a friend.
Jesus has said, “Love one another as I have loved you.”

My friends, let us love. My friends, let us love.
My friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
Love comes from God, for love comes from God,
And God is love, God is love.

My friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God,

Peace be with you, Peace be with you,
Peace be with you, my friends.

MESSAGE “The Centurion: A Phyllis Stein Investigation”

*HYMN “Help Us Accept Each Other”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Brief Statement of Faith” PCUSA) Harrison Welsch

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



OFFERING

Olivia Canady

(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 “Make a Joyful Noise” Kevin McChesney
Calvin/Westminster Youth Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION McKain Ratzlaff

We bring ourselves to you during this time. We ask you to help us create a space of love and grace. Create within us a spirit willing to embrace others, even if we do not get along. Guide us to carry out your word and spread your message of faith, hope, and devotions. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE Esther Allen-Pickett

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

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*CHARGE 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

“Intrada Festiva”

Dale Wood

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

Other Senior High writers, thinkers, and creators: Kade Jorgensen, Peyton Mitchell, Caleb Schukei.

This service was written and prepared by the Senior High youth of First Presbyterian Church. With deep thanks and appreciation to Rose Koepp, Megan Dwyer, and Chris Wray who assisted in its formulation and also to the many parents, grandparents, and others who support our programming and encourage their loved ones to come and check it out!

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by the Lutkemeier family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Foote and Mr. Robert L. Foote by the Foote family.


NURSERY Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

February	Memorial Room	Narthex
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?

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
Bill Anderson
Willis Horton

Carl Utley
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
family of Wayne Ganow
Carole Pedersen

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
Bev Stein
Jane Johnson

In memory of

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

UPCOMING FORUMS

9:15 a.m.
Lydia Room

**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 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
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	3pm	Hastings College Choir Concert	Sanctuary
Monday 2/10	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	PEO-GK	Fellowship Hall
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains Choir Room	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/11	10:30am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustee's Meet	Middle School Youth Room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 2/12	12pm	Noonday Book Club	sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	5pm-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells practice	Bell Room
Thursday 2/13	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Columbarium Committee	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 2/14	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	4pm	Jr. High Retreat	
Saturday 2/15		United Harvest	
Sunday 2/16	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15a	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



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 and Cathedral Brass

Sunday, April 27, 10:30am:

Bach Cantata & Chamber Orchestra

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>

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.



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

- 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.

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Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
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