



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

February 16, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE “Fugue in G Minor (Little)” *J.S. Bach/arr. Romm*
Cathedral Brass Quintet
Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn; Nathan LeFeber, trombone;
Robert Benton, tuba

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT “Abblasen” *Gottfried Reiche/arr. Ferry*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 150) Rose Koepf
Praise the Lord;
Praise God in the sanctuary and all over the earth!
Praise the Lord for all of God’s mighty deeds;
Praise the Lord according to God’s surpassing greatness!
Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!
Praise God with organ and pipe!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Come, let us praise the Lord and worship God!

*HYMN “Praise Ye the Lord” 633
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Like the original psalm, this paraphrase of Psalm 150 ranges widely through lists of how, why, and where to praise God. Couched in a syncopated gospel style, the setting invites the addition of instruments, though the voices of singers remain most important. It was written by Dr. J. Jefferson Cleveland (1937-1986), one of the most important scholars and editors of African-American congregational songs of the 20th century.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth and mystery, we come before you with hearts that long for certainty, but you call us to deeper questions. Too often, we settle for easy answers instead of listening for your still, small voice.

Forgive us when we close our minds to mystery, when we cling to our own assumptions rather than seeking your wisdom. Forgive us when we dismiss those who challenge us, when we refuse to see your presence in unexpected people and places.

You invite us into self-reflection, but we resist the discomfort of looking inward. You call us to dance in your grace, but we sit still, unwilling to move. Lord, open our hearts to your questions. Teach us to wonder, to wrestle, to wait. Give us the courage to follow you, not because we have all the answers, but because we trust in your mercy. In the name of Jesus, who upends our expectations and leads us in the way of life, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

Jesus demonstrates humility and curiosity. How can I do the same?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved in Christ, hear and believe the good news:

God's grace is not given to those who have all the answers, but to those who seek, question, and trust in God's mercy.

Even in our doubts, even in our wrestling, Christ meets us with love that does not waver.

In Jesus Christ, we are seen. In Jesus Christ, we are known.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

Thanks be to God! 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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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



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

Rose Koepf

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom and wonder, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As we hear your Word today, open our minds to your truth, even when it unsettles us. Open our hearts to your Spirit, even when it moves us in unexpected ways. Open our ears to your voice, even when it challenges what we think we know. Speak to us through this sacred story, that we may see Christ more clearly, follow him more faithfully, and trust in your grace more deeply. In the name of Jesus, the one who invites us to question, to wonder, and to walk in your way. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 7:18-23

ANTHEM

“God Is My Strong Salvation”
Chancel Choir, Director Tyler Koepf

Lloyd Pfautsch

God is my strong salvation: What foe have I to fear? In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near. Though hosts encamp around me, Firm in the fight I stand; What terror can confound me, With God at my right hand? Place on the Lord reliance; My soul with

courage wait; His truth be thine affiance, When faint and desolate. His might thy heart shall strengthen. His love thy joy increase; Mercy thy days shall lengthen; The Lord will give thee peace, peace, peace.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 7:24-35

SERMON

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

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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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

“Quintet”

Michael Kamen

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and generous God, every gift we have is from you, and so we return these offerings, not as a transaction, but as a response to your boundless love. Take what we bring—our resources, our time, our lives—and use them for your purposes. May they feed the hungry, comfort the weary, and proclaim your good news in word and deed.

Bless these gifts, and bless us in the giving, that we may seek your truth, follow your way, and bear witness to your love in all we do. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

“O God of Every Nation”

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

“Morning Prayer”

*Piotr Illyich Tchaikovsky/
arr. Eckhardt*

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune and Ayre”

Henry Purcell/arr. Barnes

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

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

8:30 Contemplative Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion
9:15 Sunday School for All Ages!
10:30am Traditional Worship

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 by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

THE FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family and in loving memory of Lyn Throckmorton by her family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Laura Kate Oliver

ACOLYTE Matthew Klug

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

GREETERS

February	Memorial Room	Narthex
16	Kim Creech	Mary Kay LaMaster
23	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	Mary Fisk

March Ushers (Team 1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Kim Creech

March Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
2	May & Ira Wierenga	Katharine Davis
9	Gifts of Women Sunday	Gifts of Women Sunday
16	Margaret & Charles Hermes	Sue Medsker
23	Kathy Utter	Melissa Davis
30	Clyde Sachtleben & Carolyn Nowka	Volunteers Needed



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



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, March 11, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood.

Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

UPCOMING FORUMS

9:15 a.m.
Lydia Room

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



3/5/2025

7 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SANCTUARY

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
Jim Boeve
Candice Unger
Nytha & Dave Glass

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
Lexi Longshore
Ashley Ibach
family of Jane Johnson

John Pershing
family of Pat Kleiber
Judd Carrier
Jane Tushaus
Linda Carllson and family
Bev Stein

In memory of

Pat Kleiber, who passed
away on 12/27/24
Wayne Ganow, who passed
away on 1/17/25
Jane Johnson, who passed
away on 2/11/25

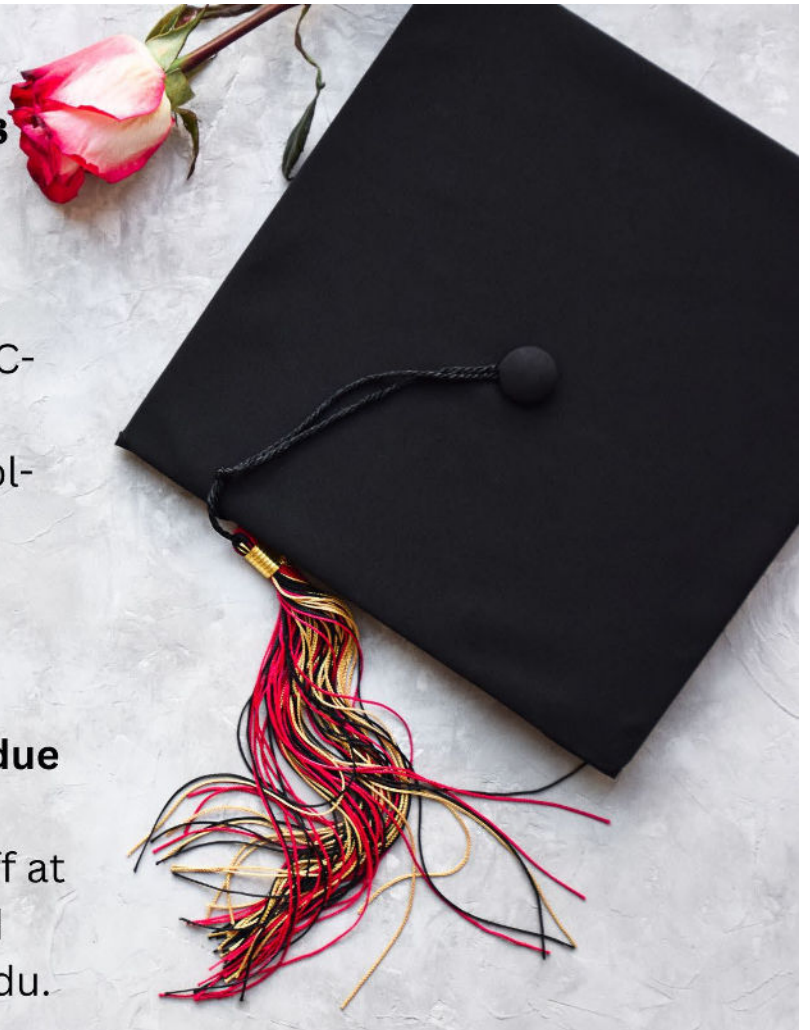
Sunday 2/16	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 2/17	Church Office Closed-President's Day		
	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	2pm	Jane Johnson's Memorial Service	Sanctuary
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE quilting room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/18	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 2/19	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 2/20	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 2/21	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	11am	PEO-G	Fellowship Hall
	4pm	SCDHD Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 2/22	1pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
Sunday 2/23	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
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The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day

College Scholarship Applications

are available on
the church website at
<https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/FPC-Scholarship-Application-2025-2026-school-year.pdf>
or
in the Church Office

The application and essay are **due March 3, 2025**. Completed applications can be dropped off at the church office or emailed directly to rstruss@hastings.edu.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Baby Boy!

David William Jensen-Heitmann

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

LOVING PARENTS, HANNAH & DAMEN JENSEN-HEITMANN
GRANDPARENTS, DEB & BYRON JENSEN; KAREN & DAVID HEITMANN

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>



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?

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 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