



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

March 16, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. Service Lent Week 2

PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Matt Limbaugh

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koepf

Come, all who long for God’s grace!

We come, drawn by God’s love.

God’s arms are open wide, welcoming all who seek refuge and renewal.

God calls the rich and the poor, the strong and the weary, the certain and the searching.

In God’s Kingdom, the last are lifted up, and the humble find their place.

We come with open hearts, ready to receive God’s abundant grace.

Then come, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Let us worship the God of radical love and boundless welcome!

*HYMN

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have invited us to your table of grace, yet we confess that we have often failed to extend that invitation to others. We have drawn lines where you have built bridges, excluded where you have embraced, and turned away those whom you welcome with open arms.

Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have put our own comfort above your calling. We cling to our possessions, our status, and our own plans, making excuses when discipleship feels too costly. Turn our hearts toward your abundant grace, that we may joyfully welcome all whom you welcome and follow you without hesitation. Amen.

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Is there anything that is stopping me from sitting at God's table today? Is there anyone whom I am not inviting to sit with me?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God's grace is abundant, and Christ's invitation remains open to all. Though we have failed to love as Christ loves, God is always ready to forgive, renew, and welcome us again.

In Jesus Christ, we are invited, we are forgiven, and we are made new.

May God's grace strengthen us to love boldly, serve faithfully, and do good to all.
Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory Be to the Father"

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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

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 14:1-14



Scan to sign-in and let us know you were

Rose Koeppe

ANTHEM

" De profundis"
Men of the Chancel Choir
Director Brett Epperson

Arvo Pärt

De profundis clamavi ad te Domine: Domine
exaudi vocem meam. Fiant
aures tuae intendentes in vocem deprecationis
meae. Si iniquitates observave-
ris Domine : Domine quis sustinebit. Quia
apud te propitiatio est: et propter
legem tuam sustinui te Domine. Sustinuit
anima mea in verbo eius: speravit
anima mea in Domino. A custodia matutina
usque ad noctem, speret Israel in
Domino. Quia apud Dominum misericordia: et
copiosa apud eum redemptio.
Et ipse redimet Israel ex omnibus iniquitatibus
eius.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, o
Lord. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears
be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If
thou, Lord, shouldst mark in-
iquities, o Lord, who shall stand? But there is
forgiveness with thee, that thou
mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul
doth wait, and in his word do I hope.
My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they
that watch for the morning: I say, more
than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel
hope in the Lord: for with the Lord
there is mercy, and with him is plenteous
redemption. And he shall redeem Israel
from all his iniquities. Psalm 130 (129)

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 14:15-24

SERMON

Humility and Hospitality

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Gather Us In”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*This affirmation of Faith is drawn from the Confession of 1967 and A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We believe that God’s reconciling love breaks down every wall that divides us. In Christ, God opens the way of new life to all people, calling us to be a community of faith, hope, love, and witness.

The Spirit gives us courage to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

We trust in God, who has created and is creating, who came in Jesus to reconcile and redeem, and who calls us to embrace all whom God welcomes.

In sovereign love, God invites everyone to the banquet of grace—the poor and the rich, the lost and the found, the outsider and the insider—so that all may feast at God’s table.

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. Amen.

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/>

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Donation QR
Code

OFFERTORY “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *arr. Dale Wood*

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

*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.

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 “Take My Life” 697

*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 “Scherzo” *Beethoven*
arr. Richard Brasier

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Isabelle and Chester Gates by their daughter, Ann, and their son, Jerry.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Laura Kate Oliver

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

March	Memorial Room	Narthex
16	Margaret & Charles Hermes	Sue Medsker
23	Kathy Utter	Melissa Davis
30	Clyde Sachtleben & Carolyn Nowka	Volunteers Needed



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PRESENTS:

MARCH
19, 2025

Game Night at FPC

JOIN US FOR:
Dinner
Games
Fellowship

Dinner 5-5:30
GAMES
5:30-7:00

**This event is intended for adults. Students will be at their regular WNL activities.

For Questions, contact the office: (402) 462-5147

The poster features a central graphic of a game board with a red background and yellow and black pieces. A die is shown in the upper left and middle right. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with horizontal lines separating sections.



Journey to the cross...

A Lenten Sermon Series

Journey to the cross

- March 9: **Love and Mercy**
 - Luke 10:25-42 The parable of the Good Samaritan
- March 16: **Invite and Welcome**
 - Luke 14 The parable of the wedding feast
- March 23: **Lost and Found**
 - Luke 15:1-32 Parables of lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son
- March 30: **Reflect and weep**
 - Luke 16:19-31 Parable of the rich man and Lazarus
- April 6: **Seek and Save**
 - Luke 18:31-19:10 Healing a blind man, meeting Zacchaeus
- April 13: **Enter and Prepare**
 - Luke 19:29-44 Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem



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

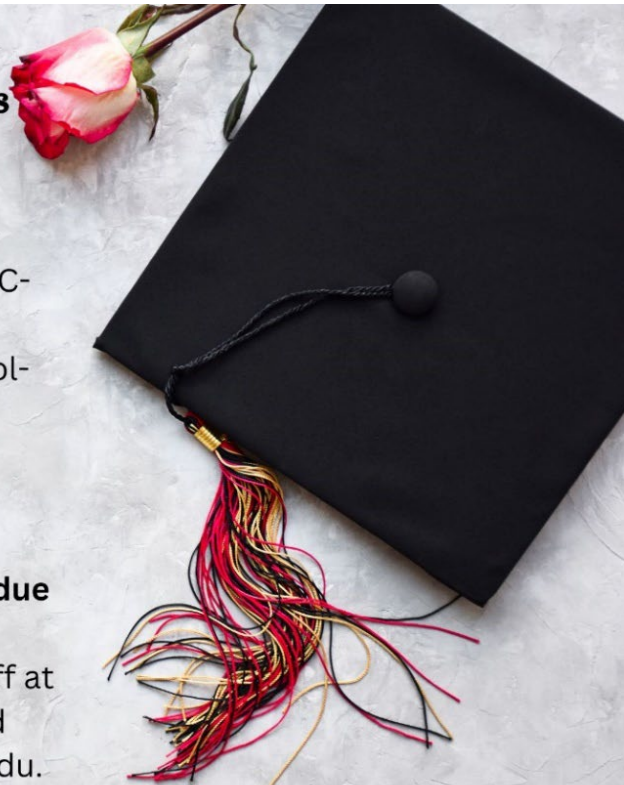
April 2025

- 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

**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 April 1, 2025**. Completed applications can be dropped off at the church office or emailed directly to rstruss@hastings.edu.



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
Willis Horton
Jim Boeve
Candice Unger
Nytha & Dave Glass
Bev Stein

Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Pam Canady
Kathy (Adams) Carrier
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
Mary Lewis

John Pershing
Doug Rasmussen
Judd Carrier
Jane Tushaus
Charlene Cebell
Linda Carlsson and family
Kim Hermann and family
Karla Malouf and family
Alyssa Donley

In memory of

Wayne Ganow, who passed
away on 1/17/25
Jane Johnson, who passed
away on 2/11/25

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>

EASTER LILIES 2025



Easter Lilies are \$12 each. Monies raised above the cost will be donated to Leapfrog Village, a free early childhood family engagement program that provides meals, fun activities, and access to resources so that families can focus their time, hearts, and attention on engaging with each other and strengthening their relationships.

Lily in memory of: _____

Lily in honor of: _____

Given by: _____

I will take my Lily home after the Easter Sunday services: Yes No

I will leave my Lily at the church: Yes No

FPC
POTLUCK

March 30, 2025
following 10:30
worship service

Congregation asked to bring food items based on
the first letter of their last name:

A-G Main Dish

H-M Dessert

N-Z Salad or Vegetable

Sunday 3/16	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-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 3/17	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	Memorial Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	1pm	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 3/18	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 3/19	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	5-7:30pm	Heartland District Health Department Event	PEACE NE Classroom
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	
	5-7pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday 3/20	7:30pm	Bell Choir	Bell Room
	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
Friday 3/21	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 3/22		United Harvest	
Sunday 3/23	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

Change of Date for United Harvest Distribution

United Harvest will take place on March 22, 2025.

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 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