



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## March 23, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. Service Lent Week 3

PRELUDE

“God of Grace”  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

*Paul Manz*

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Jesus Remember Me”  
Praise & Alleluia Choir, Director Teresa Canady  
Mary Plock, Accompanist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koepp

Rejoice with me, for that which was lost has been found!

***We come to celebrate God’s boundless grace.***

Like a shepherd searching for a lost sheep, like a woman searching for a lost coin—

***God seeks us, finds us, and always welcomes us home.***

Let us worship the One whose love never gives up, never runs out, and never lets go.

***With joyful hearts, we come to worship God, who is full of grace!***

\*HYMN

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”  
Carter Pursley, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Merciful God, we confess that we stray like lost sheep, wandering from Your ways, seeking our own desires instead of Your will.***

***We squander the gifts You have given us, failing to love as You love, hesitating to welcome as You welcome.***

***Like the older brother in the story of the prodigal son, we begrudge Your mercy to others, forgetting that we, too, are in need of grace. Forgive us, O God. Search for us, find us, and draw us back into Your embrace, that we may live as Your redeemed and restored people. Through Christ, our Savior, we pray.***

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

*How can I embrace God's grace? How can I share it with others in gratitude?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Just like the father and the prodigal son, while we are still far off, God runs to meet us with mercy and love.

***In Jesus Christ, we are sought, we are found, we are forgiven!***

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! 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

Rose Koeppe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Gracious God, You seek us out with love and call us by name. As we hear Your Word today, open our hearts to receive Your grace anew. By the power of Your Spirit, may these parables of mercy shape our lives, so that we may reflect Your love to a world in need. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.***



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

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:1-10

ANTHEM

“God Is So Good”

Venita MacGorman

Praise & Alleluia Bell Choir, Director Susan Oliver

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:11-32

SERMON

*Lost and Found, Grace and Gratitude*

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“Amazing Grace” (vs. 1-3, 5)

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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/>

## OFFERTORY

“Lonesome Valley”

*Gilbert M. Martin*

Jesus walked his lonesome valley, he had to walk it for himself;  
Nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it for himself.

Jesus went to stand his trial. He had to stand it for himself;  
Nobody else could stand it for him, he had to stand it for himself.

I must walk my lonesome valley, I have to walk it for myself;  
Nobody else can walk it for me. I have to walk it for myself.

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Loving and generous God, You have poured out grace upon grace, seeking us, finding us, and welcoming us into Your family. With grateful hearts, we bring these gifts, a small offering in response to Your boundless love. Bless them, multiply them, and use them to bring hope and healing to those who feel lost and alone. In the name of Jesus, who welcomes all, 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

“There Is Now a New Creation”

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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

Fanfare on “Salzburg”

*Paul Fey*

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

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan, Laura Kate Oliver

**ACOLYTES** Student Volunteers

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

**GREETERS**

March	Memorial Room	Narthex
23	Kathy Utter	Melissa Davis
30	Clyde Sachtleben & Carolyn Nowka	Volunteers Needed



## *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

## Holy Week at First Presbyterian

Palm Sunday 4/13 at 8:30 and 10:30am

Maundy Thursday 4/17 at 7pm

Good Friday 4/18 at 7pm

Prayer Vigil 4/18-4/20 in the Chapel

Easter Sunday 4/20 at 8:30 & 10:30am



All services held at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, 621 N. Lincoln Street – [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org)  
Good Friday & Easter 10:30am service will be livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

<b>Sunday 3/23</b>	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
<b>Monday 3/24</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Tuesday 3/25</b>	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Board	Room 203 (Middle School Youth Room)
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
<b>Wednesday 3/26</b>	1-3pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL	Various
	5-7pm	Adult Game Night	(5pm-5:30pm meal in Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm-7pm games in Fellowship Hall)
	5-7:30pm	Heartland District Health Department Event	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 3/27</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Christian Ed. Committee	Fellowship Hall
	6pm-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 3/28</b>	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
<b>Saturday 3/29</b>	1-3pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
<b>Sunday 3/30</b>	Senior Recognition Sunday		
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	11:30am	Potluck	Fellowship Hall



# 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

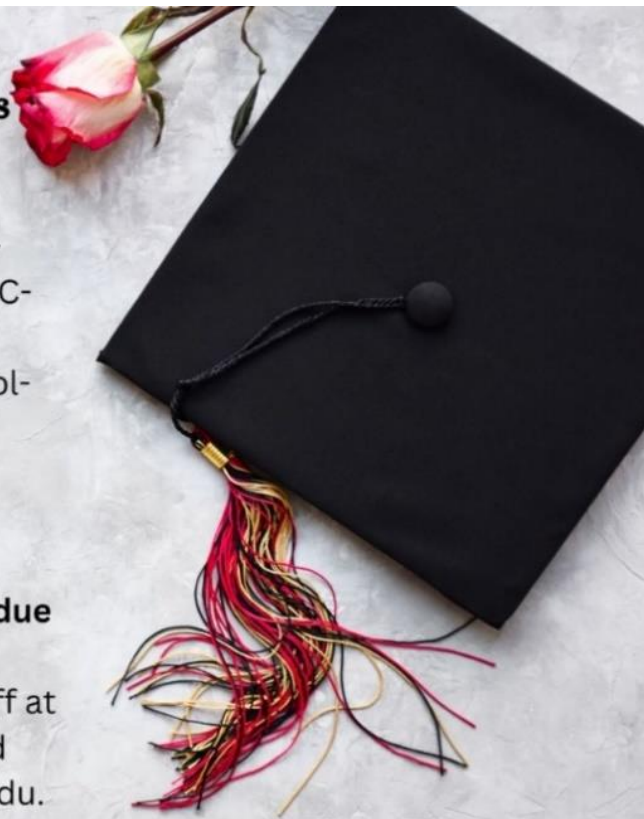
**Sunday, April 27, 10:30am:**

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](mailto:rstruss@hastings.edu).



CONGREGATIONAL  
LIFE  
PRESENTS:

**MARCH**  
26, 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**





*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 Carllson and  
 family  
 Kim Hermann and  
 family  
 Karla Malouf and family  
 Alyssa Donley

*In memory of*

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>

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## 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

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*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