



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

March 9, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. Service Celebrating the Gifts of Women Sunday

PRELUDE

“Meditation”

Matthew Naughtin

Hastings Symphony String Quartet
Jeana Peterson & Amy Brooks, Violin
Marla Rischling, Viola; Christa Speed, Cello

WELCOME

Rose Koeppe

CHORAL INTROIT

"Hamisha Asar"

F. Jagoda/arr. Nick Page

Women of Chancel Choir
Sara Cowan, Director

Hamisha Asar, Hamisha Asar
Come to visit us, we will sing

Fruits of Israel

The hostess awaits us
With 15 platters of fruit

Hamisha Asar, Hamisha Asar
Come to visit us, let us dance

Blessed by his name, Lord of the Universe

The hostess awaits us
With baklava and coffee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PW Member Hannah Hafer

Come, people of God, let us worship the One who calls us to love without limits.

We come to lift our voices in praise and open our hearts to God's Word.

In every age, God has raised up women of wisdom, courage, and compassion – servants, leaders, and bearers of mercy.

We give thanks for the women who have shown us faith in action, loving God and neighbor with boldness and grace.

Like the Good Samaritan, we are called to see those in need, to bind up wounds, and to extend mercy beyond boundaries.

May we follow Christ's command: to love as He loves, to serve as He serves.

Come, let us worship the God of boundless love and justice!

With grateful hearts, we come to worship!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PW Member Joy White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet too often, we turn away from those in need, choosing comfort over compassion, hesitation over action. You have gifted women throughout history to lead, serve, and proclaim your Word, but we have not always honored these gifts. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see as you see, our hearts to love as you love, and our hands to serve as you call us. In your mercy, make us new. Amen.

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Who is God calling me to see, love, and serve more fully this week?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting! When we turn to God with repentant hearts, we are forgiven and made new.

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

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”

*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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESENTATION

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PW Member Nancy Grams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PW Member Morgan O’Neill

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 – 1 John 3:16-18

ANTHEM

"Sukkat Shelomekha"
Women of Chancel Choir
Jeana Peterson, violin

Marjan Helms

Translation: Spread over us, Lord our God, the shelter of your peace. Let us lie down in peace and rise again to life.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 10:25-37

PW Member Sarah Wolf

SERMON

“Who Is My Neighbor?”
The Good Samaritan

Lisa Ewald

*HYMN

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PW Member Susie Graham

(This affirmation of Faith is inspired by scripture, including Luke 10:27 and Galatians 3:28, as well as the Confession of Belhar.)

We believe in God, whose love knows no boundaries and whose mercy extends to all people.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who taught us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. He showed us that true faith is found in acts of compassion, justice, and grace.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls and equips people of every race, gender, and generation to lead, serve, and proclaim the good news.

We believe that in Christ, there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, but we are all one in him.

We believe that the Church is called to be a community of love and reconciliation, where the gifts of all people are honored and where mercy is lived out each day.

This is our faith. This is our hope. Thanks be to God! 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

“Be Thou My Vision”
Hastings Symphony String Quartet

arr. Catherine McMichael

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PW Member Merry Williams

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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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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

“Recessional”

Matthew Naughtin

Hastings Symphony String Quartet

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in loving memory of Carl Sanderson by his family.

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Peyton Mitchell

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

USHERS Lois Hafer, Carla Fike, Nancy Grams, Kim Creech, Elaine Specht, Julie Thomsen

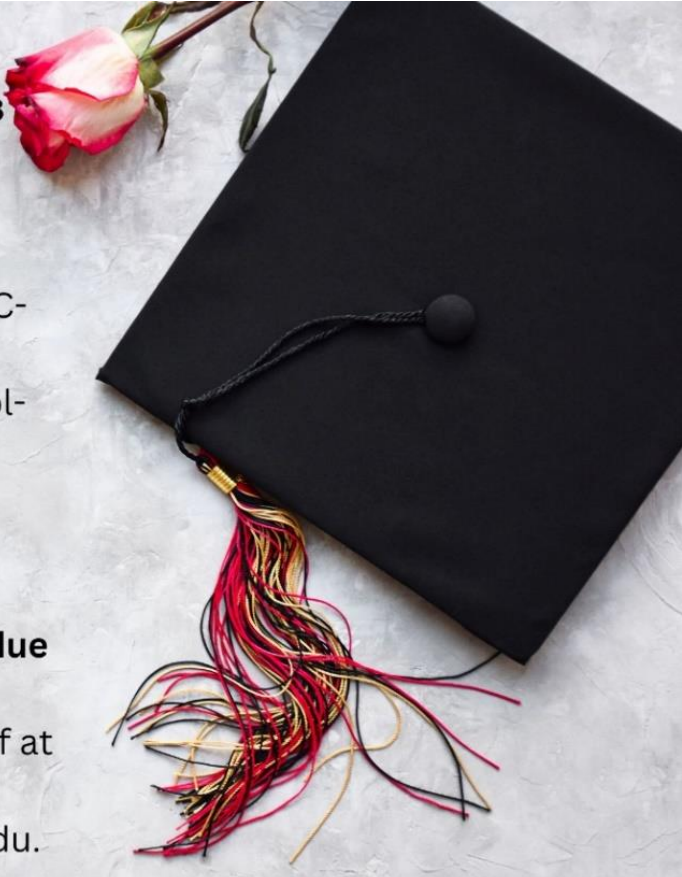
GREETERS Phyllis O'Dey, Jane Bauer, Flossie Sanderson, Jill Kramer, Marie Rasmussen, Nan Huey

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

Meal Train for the Overmiller family

On February 12, Lauren & Matt Overmiller welcomed their daughter, Bliss, into the world. Siblings Rosie & Hal are excited! Let's support the Overmiller family by sharing some meals with them. Please visit the website below to sign-up!

<https://mealtrain.com/539qrr>



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.

Sunday 3/9	<i>Gifts of Women Sunday</i>		
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	No Sunday School		
10am	HAW Store Open	Library	
10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio	
11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library	
Monday 3/10	9am-11am	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 3/11	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	12pm-6pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Middle School Youth Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meets	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 3/12	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
		NO WNL	
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Meets	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Meet	Bell Room
Thursday 3/13	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Columbarium Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 3/14	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 3/15	1-3pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
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

Change of Date for United Harvest Distribution
 United Harvest will take place on March 22, 2025.

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



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>

EASTER LILIES 2025



Easter Lilies are \$12 each. Monies raised above the cost will be donated to Leapfrog Village.

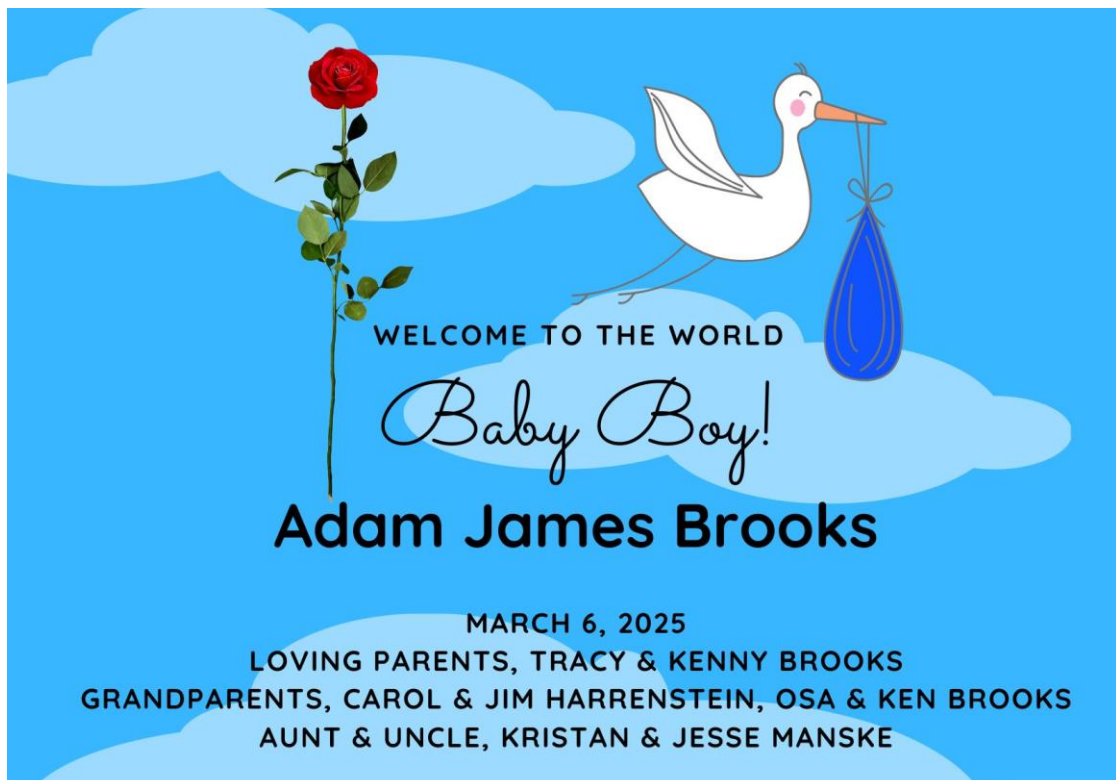
Lily in memory of: _____

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



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

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

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