



PALM SUNDAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF HASTINGS

April 13, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. Service

PRELUDE

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. John Innes

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

PROCESSION OF PALMS AND HYMN

“Hosanna! Blessed Is the King!”

Lloyd Larson

Children and Youth of First Presbyterian Church
Teresa Canady and Linda Johnson, Directors
Mary Plock, Accompanist

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
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Hosanna, hosanna! Blessed is the King!
Hosanna, hosanna! Come rejoice and sing!

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koeppe

Look! Your King is coming-- humble and riding on a colt. The people gathered along the road, waving palms and shouting with joy:

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Children ran to greet him. The crowd laid down cloaks and branches. Even the stones were ready to cry out with praise.

This is the day the Lord has made—Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come, let us join the procession! With hearts full of wonder, with voices full of praise, let us welcome Christ our King!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Glory to God in the highest! Come let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you rode into Jerusalem with peace in your heart, but the city was blind to your coming. We confess that we, too, often miss your presence. We sing “Hosanna” on Sunday, but by Monday, our hearts have turned. We praise you with our lips, but our lives do not always reflect your reign. Forgive us, O King of Glory. Enter our hearts anew, turn our fear into faith, and lead us in the way of peace.

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

How can I carry the joy of Christ into my daily life?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even if we were silent, the stones would shout aloud with this good news: God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.)



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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koeppe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, as we wave our palms and cry “Hosanna,” open our hearts as well as our ears. By your Spirit, make the ancient story live in us today. Speak, Lord, through your Word--that we may follow you, not just to the city gates, but all the way to the cross and beyond it, to the joy of resurrection. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

ANTHEM

"He Comes!"

Michael Jothen

Combined Children and Youth Choirs, directors Linda Johnson and Teresa Canady

Mary Plock, Accompanist

He comes, sing loud hosanna!

He comes, blessed is he.

He comes, sing loud hosanna!

Blessed, blessed, blessed blessed, blessed blessed,

Blest is he who comes in the name,

Who comes in the name,

Blest is he, is he!

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 19:29-40

SERMON

Glory to God from the margins to the center

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

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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

"He Leadeth Me"

Bradbury/arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Chancel Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord Jesus, you did not enter Jerusalem in splendor but in humility and love. You gave yourself not only in word but also in sacrificial action. As we offer these gifts, we pray that they may bear witness to your kingdom: not one of might, but of mercy; not one of gold, but of grace. Use them—and use us— to proclaim your reign with every step we take. 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**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

***BELL RESPONSE**

“Ride On, King Jesus” *Spiritual/arr. Valerie Stephenson*
Calvin/Westminster Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

***POSTLUDE**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

arr. David Paxton

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Lois & Lester Beahm by Cindy and Terry Beahm and family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Henrietta Morhart, Frank Morhart, Doris Kovar Morhart, and Dr. Louis J. Kovar.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

ACOLYTE Charlie Stout

USHERS (Team 2) Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Dick Brader, Lois Hafer

GREETERS

	April	Memorial Room	Narthex
	13	Jan Ham	Mary Kay LaMaster
Easter 8:30 a.m.	20	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Easter 10:30 a.m.	20	Jan Bolliger	Jill Kramer
	27	Mary Kay LaMaster	Melissa Davis

Sunday 4/13	Palm Sunday		
	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
Monday 4/14	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres. Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:30-8pm	Prayer Calls	
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
Tuesday 4/15	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
Wednesday 4/16	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	at Lynette Krieger's home
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for the link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	5-7pm	Adult Game Night	Meal-5pm-5:30pm Games-5:30pm-7pm Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thursday 4/17	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE Gym
	7:15pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Memorial Room
Friday 4/18	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	7pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Saturday 4/19	8pm-11:59pm	Prayer Vigil	Chapel or Home
	12am-11:59pm	Prayer Vigil	Chapel or Home
	9:30-11:30am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sunday 4/20	Easter		
	12am-8am	Prayer Vigil	Chapel or Home
	8:30am	Easter Service	Sanctuary
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



Prayer Calls



On Monday, April 14 from 6:30pm-8pm, your church leaders and staff will be calling every family in the church. We will be collecting prayer requests, joys, and concerns, so that we can pray for you. So, if your phone rings on Monday night, please answer it. You will have a chance to talk with a church leader and they will pray for you.

Thank you

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.



- 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.

4/19/2025 Easter Weekend		
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM



Sachtleben-Throckmorton

**Faith & Science
Symposium**

**JOIN US FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL
SACHTLEBEN-THROCKMORTON
FAITH AND SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM**

Astronaut and Hastings College Alum Clayton Anderson will be joining us at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings on Sunday 4/27 for an exciting conversation, worship service, and free public lecture about the complementary relationship between faith and science.

Anderson graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from Hastings College, Nebraska, in 1981. He had Dr. Sachtleben and Dr. Throckmorton as his professors. He went on to work for NASA as an engineer for 15 years and then became an astronaut for 15 years, going on two space flights, and spending 167 days in space.

Anderson will talk about his time as a scientist and astronaut and how that connects with his faith. *"To see God's creation from that vantage point did give me a different perspective. What I really took away from this experience was that my life and all its accomplishments are gifts from God. And viewing Earth from space showed me that none of this is random. My faith was only strengthened by my time in outer space."*

Schedule for Sunday, 4/27

9:15am Conversation at the Adult Ed Forum in the Fellowship Hall
10:30am Worship with a reflection by Clay Anderson in the Sanctuary
3:00pm Free Public Lecture in the Sanctuary

Holy Week at First Presbyterian

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

Prayer Monday 4/14 6:30-8pm

Maundy Thursday 4/17 at 7:15pm

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
Palm Sunday & Easter 10:30am service will be livestreamed at www.facebook.com/fpchastings



Two Months of Sacred Music at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings



March 2025

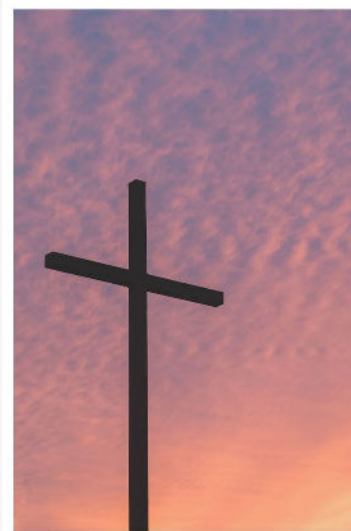
- Sunday, March 2, 10:30am:
Cathedral Brass
- Ash Wednesday, March 5, 7pm:
Chancel Choir & Bells
- Sunday, March 9, 10:30am:
Women's Choir and String Quartet
- Sunday, March 16, 10:30am:
Men's Choir singing "De Profundis"
- Sunday, March 23, 10:30am:
Children's Choir and Bells
- Sunday, March 30, 10:30am:
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

Prayer Vigil April 18 – April 20 (Chapel or at Home)

We will hold a prayer vigil from the close of Good Friday worship until Easter morning. Sign up for an hour timeslot to pray in the Chapel (or at home) during this time at this link:
<https://bit.ly/ChapelVigil>



Easter Greeters needed: We are in need of Greeters for the 8:30 a.m. service on Easter. Please let Melissa (melissa@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147) know if you are able to help out. Thank you!

Easter Ushers needed: We are in need of Ushers for the 8:30 a.m. service on Easter. Please let Melissa (melissa@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147) know if you are able to help out. Thank you!

Your DONATION STATIONS in the Fellowship Hall are missing all of you. We need long-sleeved shirts for our migrant workers coming later this spring, displaced spouses need soaps and shampoos, etc. to lift their spirits (Encourage/SASA), babies and toddlers always need a fresh diaper (Happy Nappies), small children always love a new story book (Brooks' Books), and the Food Pantry always welcomes non-perishables for those in need. All of our bins are clearly marked, and your Mission Committee tries to deliver your contributions promptly. Thanks!



Noonday Book Group

The Noonday Book Group will begin discussion of Paula Fredriksen's book ***Ancient Christianities: The First Five Hundred Years*** beginning April 2nd. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will lead the weekly conversations online. All are welcome to login at 11:55 a.m. every Wednesday. Please contact Sharon Brooks at sbbrooks52@gmail.com for more information about connecting online.

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

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Carl Utley	Judd Carrier
Carter Johnson	Barry Thomson	family of Jane Tushaus
Tarah Davis & family	Greg Howard	Charlene Cebell
Matt Campbell	Pam Canady	Alyssa Donley
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Kathy (Adams) Carrier	Nathan Lunstrum
Bob Wolf	Darcie (McDonald) Brink	Willis Horton
KyMani Riek	Monte Malouf	Jim Boeve
Ken Fisk	Eli Struss	Nytha & Dave Glass
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves	Louie Eckhardt and family	Bev Stein
Janelle Baideme	Carole Pedersen	Ashley Ibach
John Pershing	Lexi Longshore	Mary Lewis
Susan Oliver and family	Doug Rasmussen	Mary Northrop

In memory of

Jane Tushaus, who passed away on 4/9/25

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