



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

## Second Sunday of Easter: Faith and Science Sunday April 27, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" *arr. Gayden Sikes*  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT Cantata *Der Friede sei mit dir* BWV 158: Movement 1 J.S. Bach  
Chamber Orchestra, Soloist Brett Epperson

1. Der Friede sei mit dir, Du ängstliches Gewissen! Dein Mittler stehet hier, Der hat dein Schuldenbuch Und des Gesetzes Fluch Verglichen und zerrissen. Der Friede sei mit dir, Der Fürste dieser Welt, Der deiner Seele nachgestellt, Ist durch des Lammes Blut bezwungen und gefällt. Mein Herz, was bist du so betrübt, Da dich doch Gott durch Christum liebt? Er selber spricht zu mir: Der Friede sei mit dir!	Peace be with you, O anxious conscience! Your Intercessor stands here, who the record-book of your guilt and the curse of the law has reconciled and torn up. Peace be with you, The prince of this world, which obstructed your soul, is through the Lamb's blood conquered and appeased. My heart, why are you so troubled, when God so loves you through Christ? He himself says to me: peace be with you!
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\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rose Koeppe

The heavens are telling the glory of God; the skies proclaim God's handiwork.

***Day to day pours forth speech; night to night reveals knowledge.***

God's voice goes out through all the earth: in the rhythms of nature, the wonders of science, and the stories of Scripture.

***We come to listen, to learn, and to wonder.***

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus walked beside his disciples, opening the Scriptures and their eyes to his presence.

***Open our eyes and our hearts, O God. Walk with us in faith and discovery. Come, let us worship the God of creation, the Christ of resurrection, and the Spirit who makes all things new!***

\*HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We remember and confess that we have become alienated from our creator God, from God’s beautiful creation, and from one another. We have built false barriers between our intellect and our faith and failed to recognize that God has blessed us with wisdom, understanding, and intelligence. We have not always used these gifts to connect us with God. We have also not left room for the mysterious and miraculous, and we have held a limited view of what God is capable of. Forgive us in all of this. Open our minds and our hearts to acknowledge and see how you are at work in our world and in our lives so that we may truly embrace your love for us through your creation and your creativity. And as we embrace your love for us, O God, may we also freely share it with others.***

SILENT CONFESSION

How have I limited my understanding of God? How can I expand that understanding?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ hears our confessions and forgives our sins.

***Christ, teach us to love God, love others, and love our created world.***

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

***Let us forgive and love others! 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



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of creation and resurrection, the heavens declare your glory, and the skies proclaim your handiwork. Day after day, you speak. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, open our eyes like those on the road to Emmaus. Let our hearts burn within us, and reveal your presence in both Scripture and the wonders of your world. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 19 (CEB)

ANTHEM            Cantata *Der Friede sei mit dir* BWV 158: Movement 2  
Chamber Orchestra, Soloists Brett Epperson & Morgan O’Neill

2. Welt, ade, ich bin dein müde, Salems Hütten stehn mir an, Welt, ade! ich bin dein müde, Ich will nach dem Himmel zu, Wo ich Gott in Ruh und Friede Ewig selig schauen kann. Da wird sein der rechte Friede Und die ewge, stolze Ruh. Da bleib ich, da hab ich Vergnügen zu wohnen, Welt, bei dir ist Krieg und Streit, Nichts denn lauter Eitelkeit, Da prang ich gezieret mit himmlischen Kronen. In dem Himmel allezeit Friede, Freud und Seligkeit.	World, farewell, I am tired of you, the tents of Salem stand before me, World, farewell! I am tired of you, I want to go to heaven, where in rest and peace, forever happy, I shall behold God. true peace and eternal, glorious rest will be there. There I shall stay, there I shall delight to dwell, World, war and conflict are yours, nothing but pure vanity; there I shall sparkle resplendent with a heavenly crown. in heaven eternally is peace, joy, and happiness.
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2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:13-35

SERMON            “Opening our eyes to Christ’s presence”            Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN            “Earth and All Stars”            26

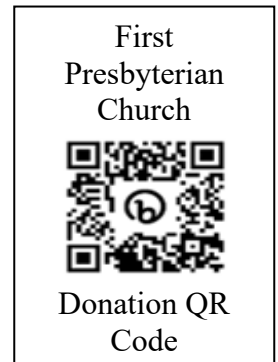
\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (For Faith and Science Sunday written by Greg Allen-Pickett)  
***We believe in the God of all creation, whose glory the heavens declare, whose wisdom is written in the stars, and whose presence is revealed in the intricate beauty of life.***

***We believe that God is love and that God provides for us in love. We discover that love in Scripture, explore God’s loving creation and provision through science, and we experience God’s love in the mysteries of the universe and in one another.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, who walked with his disciples on the road and opened their eyes to his risen presence. We believe that Christ still walks with us— in questions and in clarity, in wonder and in worship, in the sharing of hospitality and the unfolding of discovery.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires curiosity, ignites faith, and binds us together in love as we seek to understand God’s world and live God’s Word.***

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***



#### OFFERING

*(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

#### OFFERTORY Cantata *Der Friede sei mit dir* BWV 158: Movement 3 & 4

3. Nun, Herr, regiere meinen Sinn,  
Damit ich auf der Welt,  
So lang es dir, mich hier zu lassen, noch gefällt,  
Ein Kind des Friedens bin,  
Und laß mich zu dir aus meinen Leiden  
Wie Simeon in Frieden scheiden!

Now, Lord, govern my mind,  
so that I may, in the world,  
as long as it still pleases you to leave me here,  
be a child of peace,  
and let me depart out of my sorrows  
in peace to you like Simeon!

Da bleib ich, da hab ich Vergnügen zu wohnen,  
Da prang ich gezieret mit  
himmlischen Kronen.

There I shall stay, there I shall delight to dwell,  
there I shall sparkle resplendent with a  
heavenly crown.

4. Hier ist das rechte Osterlamm,  
Davon Gott hat geboten,  
Das ist hoch an des Kreuzes Stamm  
In heißer Lieb gebraten,  
Das Blut zeichnet unsre Tür,  
Das hält der Glaub dem Tode für,  
Der Würger kann uns nicht mehr schaden.  
Halleluja!

Here is the true Easter-lamb,  
offered up by God,  
which was, high on the cross' stalk  
roasted in hot love,  
the blood marks our door,  
faith holds it against death,  
the strangler can no longer harm us.  
Hallelujah!

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*God of all truth and beauty, you have given us a world full of wonder—stars that speak, and minds made to explore.*

*We dedicate these gifts to your glory, that they might be used to heal, to teach, to feed, and to love. Use these offerings, and use us, to proclaim your good news—in word and in action, in study and in service, in faith and in discovery. In the name of Christ, risen and revealed, we pray. Amen.*

THE 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

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “The Lord Bless You”

*Brett Epperson*

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, the Lord protect you and guide you in all that you do, our prayer for you.

POSTLUDE

“The Spacious Firmament on High”

*arr. Diane Bish*

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AS WE CONTINUE THE SEASON OF EASTER &  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

**Sunday, May 4: Confirmation Sunday**

**8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion**

**9:15am Sunday School for all ages**

**10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary led by our Confirmands who will read their Statements of Faith and serve Communion**

**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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 memory of Kevin Charles Heineman, Mary Alice and Joe Heineman by family and friends and also in memory of Ty Chapel by the Chapel family.

**ACOLYTES** Student Volunteers

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan, Kade Jorgensen

**USHERS** Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta & Dick Brader, Lois Hafer

**GREETERS**

<b>April</b>	<b>Memorial Room</b>	<b>Narthex</b>
<b>27</b>	Mary Kay LaMaster	Melissa Davis

**May Ushers (Team #3) Captain** – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Doug Soderquist

**May Greeters**

<b>May</b>	<b>Memorial Room</b>	<b>Narthex</b>
<b>4</b>	Daveta & Dick Brader	Lynette & Paul Krieger
<b>11</b>	Kili & Justin Wenburg	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
<b>18</b>	Ginny & Will Locke	Dixie & Gale McDonald
<b>25</b>	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Sue Medsker

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





IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING IN YOUR CLOSET. THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING LONG-SLEEVED SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.

THESE SHIRTS ARE IMPORTANT TO PROTECT OUR WORKERS FROM THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS.

SHIRTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE MIGRANT WORKERS WILL BE ARRIVING IN HASTINGS THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS 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!

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, INC.

CWU Celebrations 2025

May Friendship Day

### God's Daughters Living Powerful Lives

Celebrations 2025 Theme Scripture

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised."

Friends  
Love

YOU'RE INVITED - ALL ARE WELCOME!

*May Friendship Day Salad Luncheon*

At All Times



DATE: May 2, 2025

TIME: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church  
621 N Lincoln Ave, Hastings, NE

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May  
Friendship  
Day  
2025  
Celebration

Colossians 3:12

Sponsored by Church Women United  
of Hastings/Juniata Nebraska

VBS 2025  
**SCUBA**  
Dive into friendship with God!

Join us June 23-26 as we dive into an unforgettable adventure with *Scuba Vacation Bible School!*

Kids will plunge into an ocean of discovery, exploring the depths of God's love through exciting Bible stories, engaging activities, and hands-on fun. Each day, we'll dive deeper into themes of faith, friendship, and the boundless love of Jesus. Don't miss this week of underwater exploration—register today and get ready to **make a splash!**

Scan the code or visit [FPChastings.org](http://FPChastings.org) to register!



## P.W. Mother's Day Offering

Every year for Mother's Day, the Presbyterian Women ask for donations for a special group in honor of, or in memory of all our mothers. This year we are donating to enCourage. Your Mother's Day offering will help meet the immediate needs of the more than 400 survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault served by enCourage each year. About 65% of these individuals are currently parenting children under the age of 19. When survivors flee dangerous situations, they often leave with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Your donations will help enCourage provide immediate necessities like food and personal care items as well as safety-related expenses like replacing locks.

We will be at a table in Memorial Room April 27, May 4, and May 11, to take your donations. Or you may send a donation to the church addressed to the Presbyterian Women. Checks should be written to Presbyterian Women.

We thank you in advance for all of your donations.

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Elaine Schumacher  
Carter Johnson  
Tarah Davis & family  
Matt Campbell  
Janey Nottage-Tacey  
Bob Wolf  
KyMani Riek  
Janelle Baideme  
John Pershing  
Susan Oliver and family  
Mary Lewis  
Mary & Ken Fisk (death of daughter, Vicki (Fisk) Nieves)

### Please pray for

Carl Utley  
Barry Thomson  
Greg Howard  
Pam Canady  
Kathy (Adams) Carrier  
Darcie (McDonald) Brink  
Monte Malouf  
Eli Struss  
Louie Eckhardt and family  
Carole Pedersen  
Lexi Longshore



Doug Rasmussen  
Judd Carrier  
family of Jane Tushaus  
Charlene Cebell  
Alyssa Donley  
Nathan Lunstrum  
Willis Horton  
Jim Boeve  
Nytha & Dave Glass  
Ashley Ibach



### In memory of

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



<b>Sunday 4/27</b>		Faith & Science Sunday	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	3pm	Faith & Science Lecture by Clay Anderson	Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday 4/28</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 4/29</b>	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 4/30</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL	Various
	5-7pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 5/1</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	Anderson Room
	6pm-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 5/2</b>	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	12pm	Church Women United	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday 5/4</b>		Confirmation 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
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

***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