



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

April 6, 2025 - 10:30 a.m. Service Lent Week 5

PRELUDE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *arr. Diane Bish*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Lord, May Your Spirit Enter" *Brett Epperson*
Chancel Choir & Nebraska Festival Singers
Brett Epperson, conductor
Lord, may your spirit enter. Good Lord, guide our way.
Lord, open up our hearts for you. Hear our prayers today

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rose Koepp
Come, all who long to see Jesus!
We come this morning, hoping that Jesus will restore our sight so that we can see clearly.
Christ meets us on the road, calling us by name.
He opens our eyes, transforms our hearts, and leads us in his way.
Let us worship the one who brings salvation to the lost and sight to the blind!
Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" 451

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we confess that we do not always see as you see. Like the crowds who tried to silence the blind man, we sometimes silence those who cry out for mercy. Like Zacchaeus, we are tempted to cling to what we have instead of seeking transformation. Yet you stop, you call us by name, and you invite us into your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to your presence, and turn our hearts to follow you in faith and love. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

What are my blind spots in the practice of my faith? How can I let Jesus heal those blind spots?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost.

To the blind man, he said, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you."

To Zacchaeus, he declared, "Salvation has come to this house."

Friends, through Christ, our sins are forgiven!

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

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory Be to the Father"

581

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy and light, as we turn to your Word, open our eyes to see your truth. Break through our blindness, remove the barriers in our hearts, and let your Spirit reveal what we need to hear today. May your Word transform us, that we may walk in faith and bear fruit in love. Through Jesus Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 18:31-43

ANTHEM

"Non nobis, domine"

Rosephanye Powell

Dr. Marques L.A. Garrett, conductor

Non Nobis, Domine, non nobis,
sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to your name be the glory.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 19:1-10

SERMON

See, Seek, & Save
Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

450

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

“Come to Me”

Dan Forrest

Dr. Adam Zrust, conductor

Christa Speed, cello; Stacie Haneline, piano

Come to Me, all you who labor
Come to Me, and I will give you rest;
Come to Me, all you who are weary and
burdened and you will find rest for your souls.

Come, my child, learn my heart:
For I am gentle and lowly.
See how great my love for you,
that I have called you my child.

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundant grace, You have given us everything: sight when we were blind, love when we felt unworthy, a new way when we were lost. With grateful hearts, we offer these gifts, that they may be used to seek the lost, lift up the lowly, and bring healing in your name. Bless them, O Lord, that through our giving, your kingdom may come near. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, You have opened our eyes to your presence, You have fed us with your grace, You have welcomed us to your table. Now send us out as transformed people: to walk in your ways, to seek the lost, and to proclaim that salvation has come near. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION & RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You”

Brett Epperson

Brett Epperson, conductor

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

“Fanfare”

Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of O.J. McDougal by family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Karen Huber by Duane Huber.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Esther Allen-Pickett

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

USHERS (Team 2) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Steve Illingworth, Julie Thomsen

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

Easter Greeters needed: We are in need of Greeters for the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services 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!

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
Nytha & Dave Glass
Bev Stein

Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Pam Canady
Kathy (Adams) Carrier
Darcie (McDonald) Brink
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
Nathan Lunstrum

In memory of

Jane Johnson,
who passed away
on 2/11/25

Sunday 4/6	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
Monday 4/7	9-11am	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 4/8	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustee Meeting	Middle School Youth Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 4/9	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	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 Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 4/10	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6pm-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 4/11	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 4/12	9am-12pm	Church Work Day	
Sunday 4/13	Palm Sunday		
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
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April Communion Offering



March Communion Offering Update

We are pleased to announce that the March communion offering raised a total of \$1,095, which will benefit the enCourage Community Safety Team. This generous contribution will go towards supporting their vital work in our community.



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

First Presbyterian Church
of Hastings

Church Work Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

PLEASE WEAR WORK
CLOTHES, AND BRING
GLOVES, RAKES,
SHOVELS, AND
GARDEN TOOLS

GAME NIGHT

WNL Fellowship

A time for adults
to hang out and
play games!

This event is
FREE for
everyone

Wednesdays
5:30 - 7 PM

Cafeteria-style
Dinner 5-5:30



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



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 to register!



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

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

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.

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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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

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Director of Children & Family

Ministries: Rose Koepf

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Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey