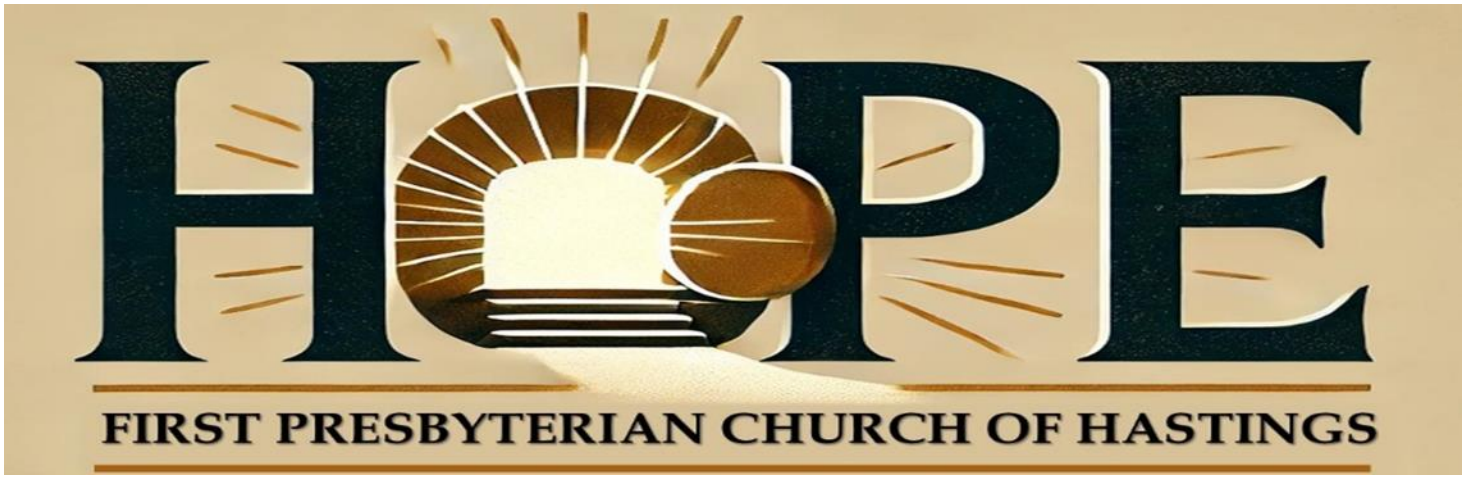

Third Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday
May 4, 2025

PRELUDE "Toccata in D Major" *Johann Krueger*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "He Is Exalted" *Twila Paris/arr. Michael Ryan*
Alleluia Children's Bell Choir; Director Susan Oliver

*CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett

Who gathers in this place?
The assured doubters. The questioning believers.
Who are they who call this place home?
The timid proclaimers. The brashly meek.
Who belongs in this community?
Grudge-holding peacemakers. Sinning saints.
Who is welcome in the heart of God?
All of us. In our wisdom and in our folly, in our failure and in our success, in our heartache and in our joy, we are welcome in the heart of God.

*OPENING HYMN "Here in This Place" 401
(Verses 1 & 2)
Dana Miller, song leader

SCRIPTURE READING – Proverbs 2:1-11

THE SEAS OF FAITH: A STATEMENT OF FAITH Gabe Snell

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our lives do not reflect our beliefs. We believe in peace but sow seeds of discord. We believe in forgiveness but hold grudges. We believe in generosity but store up treasures for ourselves. Have mercy, O God, for our sometimes-shallow faith. Encourage within us both true faith and true lives. Deal graciously, we pray, for we are stuck on ourselves.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

Question for contemplation: How can your living more fully match your belief?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let not your hearts be troubled.
God forgives. God restores.
Rejoice and be glad.
In God, our sins are forgiven.

*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.

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 13:1-9

THIS IS LOVE: A STATEMENT OF FAITH Meredith Oliver

ANTHEM "A Future with Hope" *Mark Burrows*

Calvin & Westminster Choir
Director Linda Johnson
Mary Plock, Accompanist

Surely I know, surely I know,
I know the plans I have for you,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope,
to give you a future with hope.

When you call on me, I will answer,
I will hear your every prayer.
When you seek me with all your heart,
you will find me, you will find me,
you will find me, I will be there.

Surely I know, surely I know,
I know the plans I have for you,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope,
to give you a future with hope.
A future with hope.

SCRIPTURE – Matthew 13:19-23

I DO NOT DANCE ALONE: A STATEMENT OF FAITH Maddie Gosda

*HYMN "A Sower Came from Ancient Hills" 171

*CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God?
I believe in God.
Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ.
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
And?
And I shall uphold the integrity of this holy community and live, as best as I am able, according to the ways of God.

First Presbyterian Church

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

OFFERTORY "Timbrel and Dance" *Kevin McChesney*
Calvin and Westminster Bell Choir; Byron Jensen, Director

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God: We offer you our tithes and gifts, and we offer you our lives. We thank you for these confirmands and the commitment that they are about to make to your church. Accept these gifts and our lives for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world. Amen.

CONFIRMATION

Maddie Gosda
Mentor: Dana Miller
Parents: Heather & Rick Gosda
Date of Birth: 10/29/2010
Baptism Date: 4/14/2019

Meredith Oliver
Mentor: Kathy Reimer
Parents: Susan & William Oliver
Date of Birth: 2/9/2011
Baptism Date: 10/2/2011

Gabe Snell
Mentor: Justin Brader
Parents: Sarah & Scott Snell
Date of Birth: 6/30/2010
Baptism Date: 10/17/2010

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Confirmands: *I do.*

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: *Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these confirmands have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

Congregation: *With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.*

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

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

*HYMN "Here in This Place" 401
(Verses 3 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Worthy!" *Mark Burrows*

Worthy! I will live a life worthy;
worthy of the calling I have received!
Worthy! I will live a life worthy;
Worthy of the calling I have received!
Worthy of the call,
God calls us all!

POSTLUDE "Triumphal March" *Paul Fey*
(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Edna Perry and Shirley Johnston by family.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mabel C. and Frank E. Weyer by family.

ACOLYTES Maddie Gosda, Molly Gosda

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

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

May Communion Offering
Open Table

April Communion Offering Update
The April communion offering raised a total of **$1,293**, which will benefit **One Great Hour of Sharing**.
Thank you for your generous support.

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 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.

Please pray for

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

In memory of

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

Join us for the last two Adult Education Forums before summer break!

Sunday 5/4 at 9:15am

Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday!

Pastor Greg and Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh share a conversation about the "liturgical trifecta" of three key Sunday celebrations in the church calendar

Sunday 5/11 at 9:15am

What is the trinity and why does it matter?

Join Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as he dives deeper into the theological concept of the Holy Trinity

Sunday 5/4	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
	11:30am	Confirmation Reception	Fellowship Hall
Monday 5/5	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 5/6	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-9pm	Hastings High School Spring Concert Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 5/7	11am	PW Coord Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm-7pm	WNL end-of-year picnic	Libs Park
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 5/8	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/9	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 5/10	7pm	Hastings High School Spring Concert	Sanctuary
Sunday 5/11	Mother's Day		
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

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Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
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