

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *arr, John Innes*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT “Lord, May Your Spirit Enter” *Brett Epperson*

Chancel Choir, Director Brett Epperson

Lord, may your spirit enter. Good Lord, guide our way. Lord, open up our hearts for you. Hear our
prayers today

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 22) Rose Koepf

From you, O God, comes our praise in the great congregation.
All who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord!
The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.
All the families of the nations shall worship before God.
***Come, let us worship the God of resurrection hope, who draws the
welcome circle wider and wider still!***

*HYMN	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	611
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and mercy, we confess that we do not always love as you command. We draw lines of belonging too narrowly, turning away from those who seem strange, those whose stories we do not understand, those whom the world has pushed to the margins. Forgive us for the walls we build and the bridges we fail to cross. Teach us to love, not in word or speech only, but in truth and action. Widen our hearts with your Spirit, so we may welcome all your beloved children into the full joy of resurrection life.

SILENT CONFESSION

When have I limited my welcome of people different than me? How can I do better?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved of God, hear the good news: God's perfect love casts out fear.

In Jesus Christ, love was made flesh to dwell among us,

And through Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free.

Thanks be to God! We are forgiven. We are loved.

Let us forgive and love others!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

582

*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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, speak to us in scripture read and proclaimed. Open our eyes and hearts, that we may hear your voice and see your truth and be moved to draw the welcome circle wider still. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 John 4:7-21



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us know you were here.

ANTHEM

“For the Beauty”

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

Chancel Choir and Praise & Alleluia Choir

Directors Brett Epperson & Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

For love, for bread to share, for time, for being
there, for the beauty.

Lord of all to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For breath, for memories, for joy, for days of
ease, for the beauty.

For this I sing, for this I rise:
For the beauty gifted by the divine.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all,

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:

For this I pray, for this my thanks I raise:
For the beauty, for the gift of each day.

For the beauty.
For the beauty of the earth.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

“Drawing the welcome circle wider!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Let us Build a House”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Greg Allen-Pickett)

We believe that God is love, and all who love are born of God and know God.

We believe that God’s love was revealed among us when God sent Jesus into the world so that we might live through him.

We believe that there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. We believe that we love because God first loved us.

We believe that love must be lived—not only in word or speech, but in truth and action.

We believe we are called to draw the welcome circle wider, to extend and expand God’s love into the world.

We believe that Christ is risen—and in him, love has conquered death. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERING

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

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OFFERTORY

Theme from “Finlandia”

Jean Sibelius

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of generous welcome, you meet us on wilderness roads, at desert crossroads, and in the open hearts of strangers. Bless these gifts we bring— that they may be signs of your love, seeds of your justice, and instruments of your wide and widening welcome. In the name of Christ, our Risen Lord, 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

“Draw the Welcome Circle Wider”

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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

“Trumpet Tune”

Robert Lau

*(*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 18:

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with the celebration of baptism!

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at 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 in memory of Rogene Wenburg, beloved mother and grandmother, by Justin, Kili, Selah, and Carter Wenburg.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Helen C. Mathews by the Oliver family and in memory of Phyllis Glass & Dorothy Christensen.

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Peyton Mitchell

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

GREETERS

May	Memorial Room	Narthex
11	Kili & Justin Wenburg	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
18	Ginny & Will Locke	Dixie & Gale McDonald
25	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Sue Medsker



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!



Featuring:
Gracie's Uncles

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings presents:

Bluegrass/Americana Worship!

Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 10:30am
621 N. Lincoln Street

Join us in-person, on KICS 1550 AM radio, or on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/fpchastings



First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Presents:

Singer/Songwriter Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

Leading us in worship and teaching us original new songs from Vacation Bible School!

Sunday, June 22 10:30am

In-person, on KICS 1550 AM or on Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/fpchastings All are welcome!



"Campfire Folk Music" Sunday
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Featuring:



Join us at 10:30am on Sunday, June 29 – All are welcome!

In-person, on KICS 1550 AM or on Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/fpchastings

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.

May 17, 2025		
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Christian Ed

Summer Events:

JUNE 1 5 PM - 7 PM Movie Club @ FPC	JUNE - JULY THURSDAYS 3 PM - 5 PM Youth Group Game time @ FPC
JUNE 8 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Gather Hastings @ Brickyard Park	JUNE 22 7 PM - 9 PM FPC WaterPark Night Aqua Court
JUNE 27 7 PM - 9 PM END of VBS Activity Night (Location TBD)	JUNE 23-26 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Scuba! VBS
JULY 6 5 PM - 7 PM Movie Club @ FPC	JULY AUG 26 - 2 Sr High Go & Serve
AUG 3 5 PM - 7 PM Movie Club @ FPC	AUG 7 8 AM - 6 PM Jr High Zoo Trip
AUG 24 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Sunday School Kickoff	

Updated April, 2025

FPC PRESENTS
**ELEMENTARY
MOVIE CLUB**

5-7PM

In-coming Kindergarteners - 5th graders are invited to join us for a monthly movie showing and related Bible lesson.



**FREE
EVENT**

JUNE 1

JULY 6

AUG 3

PIZZA AND POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (402) 462-5147

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF HASTINGS

PRESENTS

Daniel Christian

Saturday, June 7, 2025

7 p.m.

*First Presbyterian Church
of Hastings*

Sanctuary



Daniel Christian is a Nashville recording artist known for his heartfelt lyrics, storytelling, and Americana charm. A former high school English teacher, he's spent over a decade touring nationally, performing at venues like the Bluebird Cafe and SXSW. Daniel has opened for acts including The Fixx, Selah, and Montgomery Gentry, and earned two National Country Music Festival awards along with nine Omaha Entertainment Award nominations. A member of NARAS, the Nebraska Arts Council, and a founding member of NSAI Nebraska, he continues to write, record, and inspire audiences across the country.



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
Ron Bourke

In memory of

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

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
Monday 5/12	1-3pm	1 st 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 5/13	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meeting	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
	7pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 5/14	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:00pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 5/15	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Session Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/16	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	6pm	HC Baccalaureate	Sanctuary
Saturday 5/17		United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sunday 5/18	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	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 Koeppe
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

Happy Mother's Day

From Presbyterian Women

DONATION IN HONOR OF:

Mary Fran Asmus
Aaltje Baumgart-Grams
Kendra Grams
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann
Jessica Klaassen
Patty Kneale
Carol Kyle
Renee Miller
Robyn Nedderman
Marsha Nelson
Whitney Petersen
Judy Reimer
Colleen Schukei
Angela Graham Scott
Madeline Weiland
The young mothers we know
Olive Madrid
All Mothers

DONATION IN MEMORY OF:

Margaret Blair
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Caroline Luman Dorr
Madelaine Fulton
Luella Grams
Annabelle Hafer
Joan Knowlton
Frances Koozer
Myrtle-Ida Kramer
Gretchen Lainson
Mary Lou Leymaster
Dama Lind
Olive Lockwood & Olive Koepke
Alvis Magill
Julia McDougal
Carol Medsker
Edna Nelson
Victoria Nieves
Our parents
Our parents
Isabel Perrie
Leone Porter
Jake & Marietta Vollweiler
ReNelda Wenburg
Rogene Wenburg
My Mother & Mother-in-law
My Mother & Mother-in-law
Billie Johnson & Virginia Metzger

GIVEN BY:

Janet & Gary Brandt
Kenton & Bonnie Grams
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Deb & Byron Jensen
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Curtis & Kathy Reimer
Bee, Meghan & Morgan Kyle
Mary Fisk
Calvin Nedderman
John Nelson
John Nelson
Curtis & Kathy Reimer
Roger & Cheryl Schukei
Susie Graham
Max & Beatrix Nedderman
Ira & May Wierenga
Carla Fike
Cathy & John Pershing

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Mary & Jorn Olsen
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Sally Hatcher
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Charlie & Lois Hafer
Kenton & Bonnie Grams
Ann & Robin Koozer
Jill Kramer
Mary & Jorn Olsen
Charlie & Lois Hafer
John & Marsha Nelson
Ed & Cheryl Lockwood
Nan Huey
Ann & Robin Koozer
Sue Medsker & Nan Huey
John & Marsha Nelson
Mary Fisk
Doug & Marnie Soderquist
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Phyllis O'Dey
Linda Vollweiler
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Katharine Davis
Linda & Richard Johnson

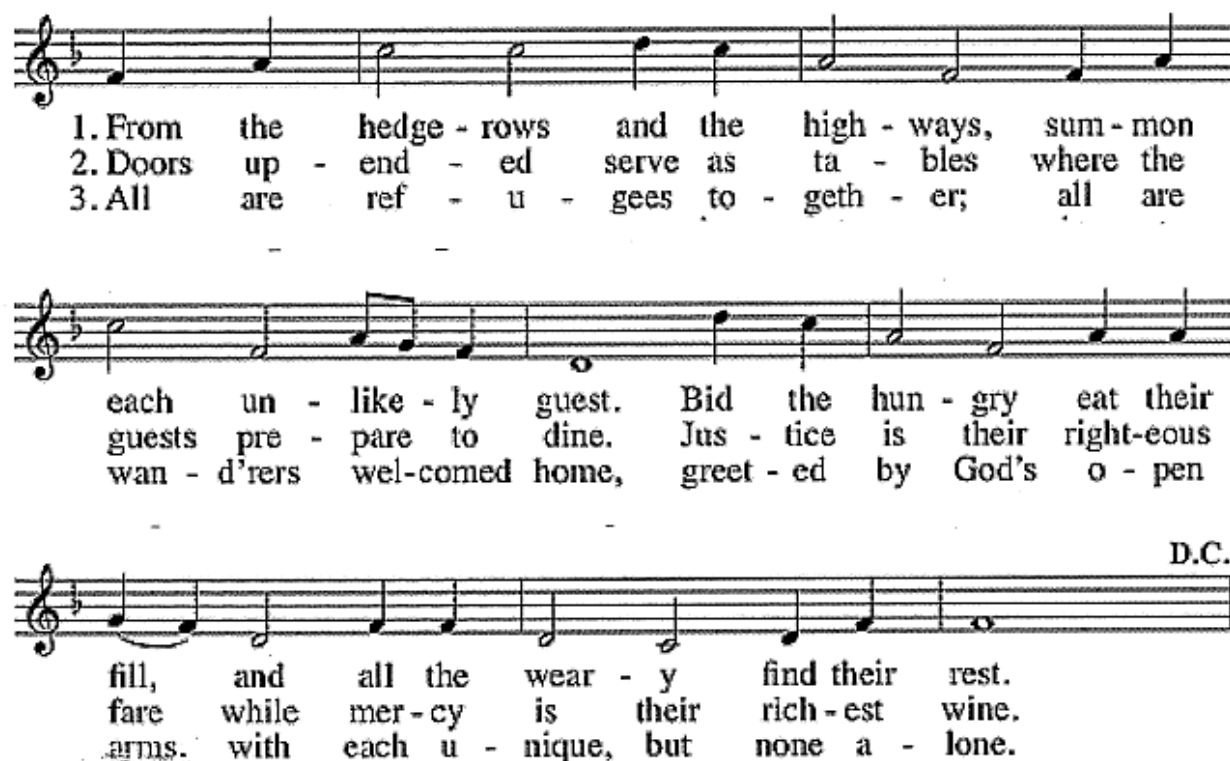
Draw the Welcome Circle Wider

Refrain



Draw the wel - come cir - cle wid - er. Gath - er
friends and stran - gers in. Formed of ho - ly breath and
star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

Verses



1. From the hedge - rows and the high - ways, sum - mon
2. Doors up - end - ed serve as ta - bles where the
3. All are ref - u - gees to - geth - er; all are
each un - like - ly guest. Bid the hun - gry eat their
guests pre - pare to dine. Jus - tice is their right - eous
wan - d'ers wel - comed home, greet - ed by God's o - pen
fill, and all the wear - y find their rest.
fare while mer - cy is their rich - est wine.
arms. with each u - nique, but none a - lone.

D.C.