



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## SCUBA Vacation Bible School June 22, 2025

PRELUDE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
Pianist Linda Vollweiler

*arr. Lavawan Riley*

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

SCUBA Memory Verse – Proverbs 18:24

**“There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”**

INTROIT

“What a Friend”  
What a friend, what a friend we have in Jesus,  
what a friend, what a friend he is to me.  
What a friend, what a friend we have in Jesus,  
what a friend he is, indeed.

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koepp

There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

***There is a God whose presence I can trust.***

There is a house filled with love from floor to rafter.

***There is a table where forgiveness is always offered.***

There is a body that embraces all.

***There is a Christ who saves us from ourselves.***

OUR FIRST DIVE

Jesus is a Friend Who is Real

VBS SONG

“One Fish, Two Fish, Follow Jesus”

1 2 1 2 3

Who is the voice that's calling me?

1 2 1 2 3

That is Jesus and he loves me

1 2 3 4 5

Into the water I will dive

1 2 3 4 5

Swim in the love of Jesus Christ

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Jesus says to follow him

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

All my sins are forgiven

5 6 7 8 9 10

My net is filled time and time again

5 6 7 8 9 10

Forever I'll pray then say amen

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***There may be a friend who sticks closer than a brother and nearer than a sister, but it is not always me. I indulge myself at the cost of helping others. I pretend that I didn't see that person in need or didn't hear that call for help. The faithfulness, O God, that you have shown me I do not always extend to others. The love that you have offered I frequently keep to myself. You call me to feed your sheep, but often I am so lost in myself that I don't even know where they are. Thank you, O God, for sticking close to me. Help me to stick close to others.***

### SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

*How does God stick close to you? How do you stick close to God?*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The desires of those who fear God are fulfilled.

***Their cries are heard.***

They are saved.

***Hallelujah. Amen.***

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“What a Friend”

### \*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

### OUR SECOND DIVE

Jesus is a Friend Who Loves

## VBS SONG

I know that I am stronger.  
In Jesus, I have a brother.

Oh, the love of God is a big bold love that can  
put a skip in my step  
Oh, the love of God shows me what I've got  
Every day I am thankful that

I am love  
And I am stronger for that  
I am peace  
And I am stronger for that  
I have grace  
I have faith  
And I'm stronger for that  
I am joy  
And I am stronger for that  
I am hope  
And I am stronger for that  
I have faith every day  
And I am stronger for that

I know that I am stronger.  
In Jesus, I have a brother.

## "I Am"

Oh, the love of God is a steady love  
It can make the waves be still  
Oh, the love of God shows me how to love  
Every day, every way I will know

I am kind  
And I am stronger for that  
I'm a friend  
And I am stronger for that  
I am light  
I am might  
And I am stronger for that  
I am fun  
And I am stronger for that  
I am calm  
And I am stronger for that  
I am me  
I belong  
And I am stronger for that

I know that I am stronger.  
In Jesus, I have a brother.

## OUR THIRD DIVE

## Jesus Is a Friend We Can Trust

## HYMN

## "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

465

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

## OFFERTORY

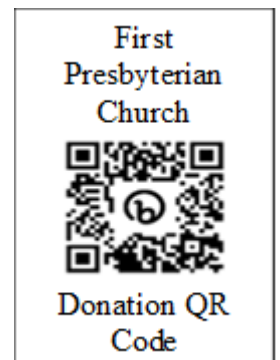
Storms will come  
Fear will cry louder than the calm you have  
inside.  
You'll want to hide,  
and you won't know why.  
But instead of just standing by,

You can dive in, put your trust in Jesus.  
You can dive in,  
swim around and see that when the waters  
seem too deep,  
it is Jesus you will meet  
when you dive in and trust the lord.  
It's okay to be afraid  
Scared doesn't mean that you aren't brave

## "Dive In"

So, on those days take a  
breath and pray,  
For light and love and  
strength,

so, you can dive in, put  
your trust in Jesus.  
You can dive in,  
swim around and see that  
when the waters seem too deep,  
it is Jesus you will meet  
when you dive in and trust the lord.



## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***To the church of Christ we give ourselves. To the things of peace we give our minds. To the things of hope we give our hands. To the things of love we give our voices. May we, O God, be a blessing in the same way that you have blessed us. 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.***

## OUR FINAL DIVE

“Jesus is a Friend for Everyone”

## \*HYMN

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

722

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Through the Love of God”

Oh, I know, yes I know that I am stronger  
because I am seen and loved and heard.  
And I know, in the Lord I have a brother  
I can lean on, who will keep on loving me.

He’s a friend I have when I am troubled  
And a friend when I’m smiling joyfully.  
He’s a friend, not just for certain people,  
but for you, and your neighbor and for me.

And with the love he has for me,  
I will love the whole wide world  
reach out a hand to everyone in need  
And with the love he has for me,  
I can turn sand into a pearl:  
make beauty through the love of God.

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## POSTLUDE

“Great Is the Lord”

arr. Glenda Austin

*(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 Frank Northrop by the Northrop family.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of John Sheppard by Becky and Mike Meyer and in loving memory of Frank Northrop by the Northrop family.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan

**USHERS (Team #4)** Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald

### **GREETERS**

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Memorial Room</b>	<b>Narthex</b>
<b>22</b>	John & Linda Carllson	Melissa Davis
<b>29</b>	Karen & Roger Doerr	Cathy & John Pershing

**July Ushers (Team #5)** Captain- Melissa Davis, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Justin Brader

### **July Greeters**

<b>July Greeters</b>	<b>Memorial Room</b>	<b>Narthex</b>
<b>6</b>	Teresa Luther	Jenna Jorgensen
<b>13</b>	Kay Georgiana	Paula Crozier
<b>20</b>	Lesa & Steve Copley	Amy & Joe Black
<b>27</b>	C.L. & Sandra Wimer	Jan Ham



*Coming  
Soon*  
*Worship in the Park*

**July 13, 20, 27  
August 3, 10, 17**

**9:00 a.m.  
Alexander Park**

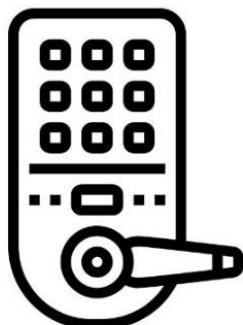
Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!



**American  
Red Cross**

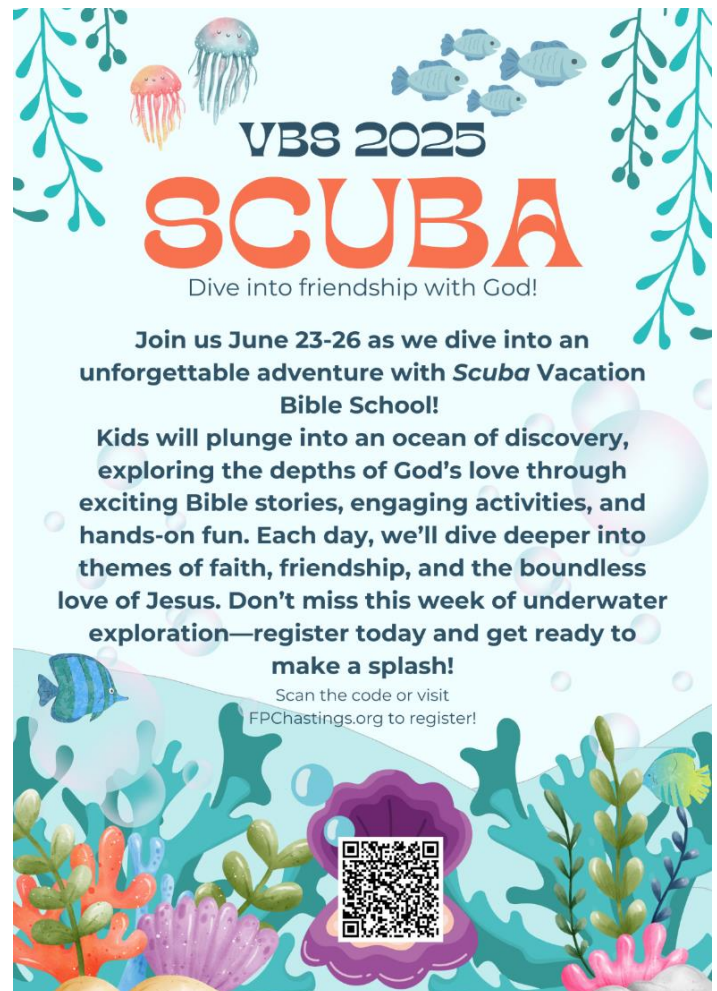
The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Thursday, July 10, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.



## Door Codes

Our door code system has been updated on our church, kitchen, and PEACE Center doors. You will now need your own individual code to access the church after hours. If you need to access the kitchen door or the PEACE Center, please contact the church office to get a code.









# "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](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)




# HASTINGS SODBUSTERS

Sunday, July 20  
 5:30pm picnic at Harms Park  
 6:30pm first pitch @ Duncan Field  
 \$5.00/ticket (includes meal)  
 Tickets available at church starting June 29 and in the office

## Thank You

The Presbyterian Women would like to thank you for your generous contributions to our Father's Day Offering. We were able to collect \$600 to send to Living Waters for the World. Living Waters trains, equips, and supports volunteers in forming global, clean-water mission partnerships. Thank you!

## 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

Mary Lewis  
 Judd Carrier  
 Charlene Cebell  
 Alyssa Donley  
 Nathan Lunstrum  
 Nytha & Dave Glass  
 Ashley Ibach  
 Stacey Eddleman & family  
 Mary & Ken Fisk  
 Carl Utley  
 Barry Thomson

Jody Stutzman  
 Carole Pedersen  
 Lexi Longshore  
 Doug Rasmussen  
 Willis Horton  
 Pam Canady  
 Kathy (Adams) Carrier  
 Monte Malouf  
 Zsuzsanna Fazakas  
 Eli Struss  
 Greg Howard

## In memory of

Ron Bourke, who passed away on 5/9/25



<b>Sunday 6/22</b>	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	7-9pm	FPC Water Park Night	Hastings Aquacourt
<b>Monday 6/23</b>	8:30am-11:30am	VBS	
	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 6/24</b>	8:30am-11:30am	VBS	
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Board	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 6/25</b>	8:30am-11:30am	VBS	
	12pm-1pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrook52@gmail.com">Sbbrook52@gmail.com</a> for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
<b>Thursday 6/26</b>	8:30am-11:30am	VBS	
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	3pm-5pm	Summer Youth Group	
	5:30pm-7pm	End of VBS Activity Night	Church Parking Lot
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Friday 6/27</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
<b>Sunday 6/29</b>	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



# Thank You



The First Presbyterian Church Hastings Relay for Life team collected \$1,370 for this year's donations given to American Cancer Society for research and patient support. The many names of Cancer affected friends and family members were on

our luminaries at the Relay for Life celebration walk June 6 and displayed in our sanctuary Sundays, June 1 and 8.

Thank you from the team leaders for supporting the fight against cancer. Our loved ones are our focus.

Thoughts and prayers are needed for all those experiencing cancer and the caregivers supporting them. We also need thoughts and prayers for those who have experienced a loss due to cancer and the caregivers who have been by their side.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life continues to provide help to cancer patients and caregivers since 1985.

## *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