



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

# Home Page Newsletter

### Why Sunday Morning Still Matters—Even in Summer

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

As the sun stays out longer and summer vacations beckon, it's easy to slip into a rhythm where Sunday mornings feel like just another chance to sleep in, work in the garden, or to head out on a weekend getaway. And while rest and recreation are important (God, after all, created both Sabbath and summer!), our Presbyterian tradition reminds us that worshipping together each Sunday is not just a habit—it's a vital part of our faith.

At its heart, Sunday worship is not about obligation, but about *invitation*. Each week, God calls us to gather—to hear the Word, to lift our voices in song, to pray for the world and for one another, and to be renewed in grace. Church isn't just something we go to; it's something we do together. We gather together in fellowship as the body of Christ. In Reformed theology, we are *formed by* worship, shaped over time by showing up and participating in the rhythm of God's story.

So even as your summer fills with travel and outdoor adventures, we hope you'll make time for the holy rhythm of Sunday morning worship. And to make it even more special, we're excited to offer a series of musical gifts each weekend for the next five weeks—read on for more details!

**Saturday, June 7 at 7pm:** A free concert in the Sanctuary with artist Daniel Christian. He is a former English teacher who is a storyteller and a singer-songwriter. He has played at *The Lark* in the Listening Room series and has also played at Flatwater Music Festival. He does a great job sharing his faith with beautiful music, thoughtful lyrics, and interesting stories. Join us for this free concert and invite a friend or two. You can learn more about Daniel and hear samples of his music here:  
<https://www.danielchristianmusic.com/>

**Sunday, June 8 at 10:30am:** Pentecost Sunday! Join us in the sanctuary for a meaningful Pentecost Sunday worship. Our music will be led by Daniel Christian and we will be joined by our friends from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and their Pastor, Rev. Elba Nazario. This promises to be a meaningful morning of worship, and don't forget to wear red!

**Sunday, June 15 at 10:30am:** Bluegrass/Americana worship! Our music will be led by the band *Gracie's Uncles* featuring Matt Dwyer (Rose's dad), Amy Sandeen, and Craig Dewalt. It will include some classic bluegrass and gospel pieces and an original song that I will preach on.

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**Sunday, June 22 at 10:30am:** Vacation Bible School preview! Our own Hannah Jensen-Heitmann is writing original music for Vacation Bible School this year. She will share her new songs and teach them to the congregation as part of this very special worship service.

**Sunday, June 29 at 10:30am:** Campfire Folk Sunday! The band that is headlining *Flatwater Music Festival* on Saturday night will be joining us on Sunday morning to help lead worship. The band is called *A Brother's Fountain* and is out of Fort Collins, Colorado. They write, "We believe that music is the great connector, the great equalizer, and a powerful healing force we all need to feel hope, joy, and connection." They bring a "campfire folk" sound with songs that range from big and upbeat to reflective, laid-back sing-alongs. You can learn more about them and hear samples of their music here: <https://www.abrothersfountain.com/>

**Sunday, July 6 at 10:30am:** Local composers Sunday! This will be Dr. Brett Epperson's last Sunday with us and he is pulling together a group of local composers who will share their original music with a small choir. You won't want to miss this very special Sunday of music and a chance to say good-bye to Brett before he leaves for his new job at University of the Pacific in California.

**Sunday, July 13 through Sunday, August 17,** we will bring back our tradition of "Worship in the Park." We will gather at 9am in Alexander Park on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln for an informal outdoor worship service, along with our traditional service at 10:30am in the sanctuary.

In all these gatherings—whether through bluegrass, campfire folk, children's songs, choral compositions, or worship in the park—we are reminded that worship is alive. It moves with the Spirit, it speaks in many voices, and it meets us right where we are. So this summer, whether you're here every Sunday or checking in between travels, know that your presence matters. When we show up, we're not just attending a service—we're strengthening the bonds of a community grounded in God's love.

We hope you'll join us for these joyful and spirit-filled Sundays. Come as you are, bring a friend, and let the music, the message, and the fellowship renew your soul.

See you Sunday,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Greg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Greg

<b>Tuesday 6/3</b>	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	TBD
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 6/4</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 6/5</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 6/6</b>	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
<b>Saturday 6/7</b>	3pm	Daniel Christian Songwriters Workshop	Fellowship Hall
	7pm	Daniel Christian Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 6/8</b>		Pentecost Sunday	Wear Red!
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
<b>Monday 6/9</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 6/10</b>	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	2pm	Ron Bourke Celebration of Life Reception	Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees	Middle School Youth Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
<b>Wednesday 6/11</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 6/12</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Friday 6/13</b>	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	5pm	Health Department Meeting	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday 6/15</b>	Father's Day		
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



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



## 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!



Christian Ed  
Summer Events:

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO



# WATERPARK NIGHT

SUN. JUNE 22

7-9 PM

HASTINGS AQUACOURT

The church has reserved the waterpark from 7-9pm. Bring your family and friends to a fun evening at the pool!

This event is FREE to the Community!





## Relay For Life

Relay for Life has been a way for our church family to remember loved ones we have lost to cancer and to honor those who have survived. At the same time we support the American Cancer Society.

Luminaries can be purchased by filling out a form and submitting it with your donation (\$10 each) to our First Presbyterian Church team through our church office or to our team captain, Susie Graham. (402) 469-2638. Please make checks payable to American Cancer Society.

Luminaries will be displayed in our Sanctuary in early June and at the Relay for Life in Kearney at Harmon Park on June 6. Thank you.

American Cancer Society  
Relay for Life of Central Nebraska

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_ luminaries at \$10 each.

Name of Individual being honored or remembered	In Honor	In Memory	Donation
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FREE ADMISSION

Evening of  
WORSHIP

AN EVENING TO GATHER THE COMMUNITY  
OF HASTINGS AND SURROUNDING AREAS TO  
LIFT UP THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST  
THROUGH WORSHIP AND THE WORD OF GOD!

**SUNDAY**  
JUNE 8, 2025 | 5:30-7:30 PM  
BRICKYARD PARK, HASTINGS NE

Gather :: Hastings

**SPEAKERS:**

- NOLAN KOHMETSCHER - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
- JONATHAN BARRIOS - YOUTH FOR CHRIST

**FOOD TRUCKS AT 5:00 PM:**

- MEAN BONE BBQ & BURGERS
- IRMA'S AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD
- SPECIAL SCOOPS

**MUSIC:**

- OUR COMMUNITY PRAISE BAND THAT LED WORSHIP AT GATHER25!

*Free will donations will be accepted with a portion of the proceeds donated back to FCA and Platte Valley YFC.*

Save the  
DATE

**SUNDAY**  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | 5:30-7:30 PM  
BRICKYARD PARK, HASTINGS NE





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.



**KEN STEIN**




*food trucks*

Special Scoops

Serrano's

P's Lunch Box

Angus Mcgee

Le Vi Kettle Corn

**MEMORIAL PARADE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025**

**Parade begins at 10:00am**

Check in starts at 9am @ Corner of 4th Street and Hastings Ave

Pre-Entry forms can be picked up at 2975 S Baltimore Ave

Not responsible for any accidents



## *Please pray for*

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

## *In memory of*

Jane Tushaus, who passed  
away on 4/9/25  
Ron Bourke, who passed  
away on 5/9/25



## Presbyterian Women Father's Day Offering

Presbyterian Women will be collecting a Father's Day Offering. We will be set up in the Memorial Room on Sundays, June 1, and June 15 to take donations. You may donate in honor of a father or in memory of a father. Proceeds will go to Living Waters for the World.

Living Waters for the World (LWW) **trains volunteers** to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to **implement and operate** sustainable water purification systems and health education programs.

[LWW Networks](#) come alongside water teams and partners throughout every phase of a water project. They provide essential support for **sustainable** water systems that produce **clean water for a generation**.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Living Waters for the World. Unlike organizations that rely on paid staff to initiate and execute water projects, Living Waters for the World relies on volunteer teams trained by volunteer instructors working within volunteer-led networks. LWW's small staff of 3 full-time and 3 part-time employees exists to facilitate the activity and long-term impact of this volunteer force.

Over 2,000 individuals have trained at [Clean Water U](#), and they have engaged an estimated 10,000+ volunteers as members of LWW water teams. Volunteers have also guided the establishment of international networks, the development of Clean Water U's curriculum, and much more!

Volunteers have made LWW what it is today and will play an integral role in ensuring clean water for generations in the communities LWW serves.

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## June Ushers and Greeters

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

### June Greeters

June Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
<b>8</b>	May & Ira Wierenga	Kim Hermann
<b>15</b>	Brent & Erica Brooks	Carol & Jim Harrenstein
<b>22</b>	John & Linda Carllson	Melissa Davis
<b>29</b>	Karen & Roger Doerr	Cathy & John Pershing

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Return Service Requested

***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