



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

First Sunday After Pentecost June 15, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Canaan’s Land”

Gracie’s Uncles: Matt Dwyer, Amy Sandeen, Craig DeWalt

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 103 and Luke 15)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Come, all who are weary, all who have wandered far.

God is watching the road, waiting to welcome us home.

Come, all who feel lost, ashamed, or unworthy.

God runs to meet us with arms open wide.

Come and rejoice, for the one who was lost is found!

We gather to celebrate the grace of God—a love that forgives, restores, and never lets go. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“I’ll Fly Away”

Some glad morning when this life is o’er,

I’ll fly away

To a home on God’s celestial shore,

I’ll fly away

When the shadows of this life have grown,

I’ll fly away

Like a bird from prison bars has flown,

I’ll fly away *Chorus*

Chorus: I’ll fly away, O glory, I’ll fly away

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then,

I’ll fly away

To a land where joys shall never end,

I’ll fly away *Chorus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, sometimes we are like the prodigal son. We confess that we have wandered from Your ways. We have squandered Your gifts and trusted in our own strength. We have doubted Your love and questioned our place in Your family. Sometimes we are like the elder brother. We have judged others harshly and forgotten that all we have comes from Your hand. Forgive us, Lord. Welcome us again with grace, and teach us to walk in the joy of Your embrace.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I embrace God's grace poured out to me? How can I share it with others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—

Everything old has passed away; everything has become new.

Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

The old life is gone; the new life has begun! Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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*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

Holy God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. As we open Your Scriptures, open our hearts to receive Your grace. Help us to hear again the story of Your love— a love that runs to meet us, a love that calls us home. By Your Spirit, shape us into people of compassion and joy. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:11-32

SERMON

“Welcome Home and Well Done!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

The sermon will include the song “Welcome home and well done”
written by Matt Dwyer and shared by Gracie’s Uncles

Welcome Home and Well Done

Chorus:

Will there be any stars any stars in my crown
When my last long race is run
Will He greet me there with His arms open
wide
Will He say welcome home and well done

Verse 2

There are many who claim salvation’s way
By their works and their good deeds done
But it’s only through Christ and Calvary’s blood
That eternal life is won

Chorus

Verse 1

As I walk through this life with its sorrow and
pain
Will I walk in His light everyday
With some poor lost soul will I share His love
Will I show them that He is the way
Chorus

Verse 3

Now I’ll spend all my days on the Kings
highway
Til my life here on earth is o’er
On that pilgrim’s road He’ll lead me home
There I’ll sing His praises evermore

Chorus

*HYMN

“I Saw the Light”

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn’t let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his
sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light - *Chorus*

Chorus: I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I’m so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray
For straight is the gate and narrow’s the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light - *Chorus*

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

We believe in a God who waits for us, who watches the road with hope, and runs to meet us with open arms.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the One who told stories of lost sheep and prodigal sons, who welcomed sinners and dined with outcasts, who bore our sin and brokenness, and by his grace made us whole.

We believe that we are saved by grace alone, not by our own efforts or good deeds, but through the mercy of God made known at the cross.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who walks beside us on the pilgrim road, reminding us who we are and whose we are, calling us to share Christ’s love with the world in word and deed.

We believe that at the end of our journey, when our race is run and our days are done, we will be welcomed home, not with judgment, but with joy. Not with shame, but with celebration. And we will hear the words of our Savior: “Well done, good and faithful servant. Welcome home.”

Thanks be to God. Amen.



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Three Men on a Mountain”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving and generous God, You have welcomed us with mercy and clothed us with grace. You run to meet us with joy and call us not servants, but beloved children. Receive now these offerings— a portion of what You have given us. Use them to extend Your welcome, to feed the hungry, shelter the lost, and sing of Your love. May our giving be a sign of our gratitude and a reflection of Your boundless grace. In Christ’s name we pray, 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**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE “We Are the Church”**

Avery & Marsh

***The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place; the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we’re the church together!***

POSTLUDE

“Take Your Shoes off Moses”

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AS WE CONTINUE THE SEASON OF LENT &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

Sunday, June 22:

**10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with special music by
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann and a preview of Vacation Bible School!**

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 Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by the
Lutkemeier family.

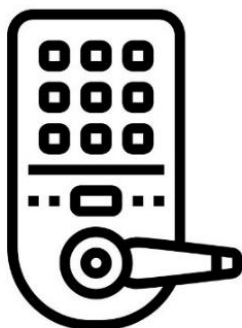
THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Dr. Bob and Darlene Howard by their family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
15	Brent & Erica Brooks	Carol & Jim Harrenstein
22	John & Linda Carlison	Melissa Davis
29	Karen & Roger Doerr	Cathy & John Pershing



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.



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!




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!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tailgate

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



*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!

*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.

June 21, 2025		
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Happy Father's Day

From Presbyterian Women

DONATION IN HONOR OF:

Kenton Grams, our grandfather
Our sons, Ted Carroll & Braden Grams
Rob Kyle
Robin Koozer
Chris Nedderman
Drew Nedderman
Pastors Greg & Damen & all FPC fathers
Our fathers
James Darrell Scott

DONATION IN MEMORY OF:

George Putnam Dorr
Alexander Grams
Dale Grams
Mike Kneale
Franklin Knowlton
Robert Koozer
Asa "Ace" Kramer, my dad
Julian (Jay) Lind
O J McDougal
Frank Medsker
Findrew Nelson
James Perrie
O. P. Porter
Rich Reimer
J. Dudley Stewart
Elton Trehern, my dad
George Wierenga
My father & father-in-law
Our dads
Our fathers

GIVEN BY:

Toby, Luella, Anika, & Marian
Kenton & Bonnie Grams
Bee, Meghan & Morgan Kyle
Maggie & Mac, CJ & Dan
Calvin Nedderman
Max & Beatrix Nedderman
Jill Kramer
Jane & Chuck Bauer
Kenny & Susie Graham

GIVEN BY:

Sally Dorr Hatcher
Nancy & Bob Grams
Kenton & Bonnie Grams
Curtis & Kathy Reimer
Kenton & Bonnie Grams
Ann & Robin Koozer
Jill Kramer
John & Marsha Nelson
Ann & Robin Koozer
Sue Medsker & Nan Huey
John & Marsha Nelson
Nancy & Bob Grams
Phyllis O'Dey
Curtis & Kathy Reimer
Mary Fisk
Lisa Unger
Ira & May Wierenga
Katharine Davis
Doug & Marnie Soderquist
Mary & Jorn Olsen

Sunday 6/15	Father's Day		
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 6/16	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 6/17	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 6/18	12pm	Noonday Book Club	sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers meet	basement
Thursday 6/19	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	3-5pm	Summer Youth Group	
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 6/20	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 6/21	9:45am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sunday 6/22	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

Please pray for

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

In memory of

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



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