



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 27, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Tocatta in D Minor, BWV565”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

JS Bach

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 8)

Rose Koepp

O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens, and you have created each one of us.

When we look at your heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars that you have established;

We wonder: What are human beings that you are mindful of us. Who are we that you care for us?

And yet, you crown us with glory and honor. You walk with us in light and in shadow.

Come, let us worship the One who both stretches out the cosmos and shapes our souls;

Let us worship the one who knows every star by name and also every ache in our hearts.

Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Light, you set the stars in the sky and called them good. You shine your light in the darkness, and yet we confess: we often choose shadows over your light. We close our eyes to the beauty that surrounds us, and we forget your promises when night settles in. Like stargazers without a compass, sometimes we lose our way.

Forgive us, God of the cosmos and the soul. Lift our eyes again to the heavens. Speak your Word into our silence. Shine your light into our fear. And grant us the faith to follow you, even through the dark nights of the soul.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I recognize and focus on God's presence in my life and the world?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Greg Allen-Pickett

Beloved, hear this good news: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not—and will not—overcome it. God's promises are as sure as the stars above. In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, we are forgiven, loved, and made new.

Thanks be to God! 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.)



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us know you were here.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Word and Wonder, you spoke light into being and called forth stars to shine in the night. Speak now by your Spirit, that your Word might illumine our hearts. May the scriptures read and proclaimed guide us through the shadows, and may we behold anew your presence, always radiant and near. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 8

ANTHEM

“The Juggler”
Truman Welsch

Guiliani

“The Bugle Boys”
Wilson Welsch

Faber

“Minuet in G”
Raegan Welsch

Petzold

“Dance of the Irish”
Lincoln Welsch

Faber

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – John 1:1-5 & Genesis 15:1-10

SERMON

“Starry Night of the Soul”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rose Koepp

We believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth, whose fingers stretched the heavens and scattered stars across the night sky. God is mindful of us: breathing life into our dust, crowning us with glory, and walking beside us through light and shadow.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word who was with God in the beginning, the Light that shines in the darkness, and the Love that no night can overcome. He meets us in our fear, speaks peace to our troubled souls, and leads us by faith when the path is unclear.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God’s presence dwelling with us and within us, opening our eyes to wonder, guiding us by starlight, and comforting us in the starry nights of the soul.

***We trust in the promises of God: as vast as the sky, as certain as the dawn, as near as our own breath.
Thanks be to God. Amen.***

OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY

“Calvary”

arr. Marietta Simpson

Sarah Wolf, Flute – Mary Plock, Piano

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of the galaxies and the grains of sand, we bring these gifts as signs of trust in your promise. Like stars scattered across a dark sky, may these offerings shine with your justice and mercy. Use these gifts and our lives to bring light where there is need, hope where there is despair, and love where there is fear. In the name of Christ, the light of the world, 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

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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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

“Rondeau”

Mouret/arr. Diane Bish

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS

Sunday, August 3:
9am Worship in the Park with Communion
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

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 FLOWERS are given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling and also in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Payne and Hubert Payne.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

July	Memorial Room	Narthex
27	C.L. & Sandra Wimer	Jan Ham

August Ushers (Team #6) Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker, Chanda Essink

August Greeters

August Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
3	Jill Kramer	Mary Kay LaMaster
10	Linda & Richard Johnson	Julie Thomsen
17	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie	Jean Barber
24	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Stephanie Bliss
31	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske	Sue Medsker



“The Starry Night” by Vincent van Gogh
1889 oil-on-canvas

Go & Serve trip 7/26/25-8/2/25			
Sunday 7/27	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 7/28	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Foundation Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 7/29	12pm	Bible Study (cancelled)	Anderson Room
Wednesday 7/30	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thursday 7/31	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	3-5pm	Summer Youth Group	
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 8/1	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 8/3	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am-1pm	Hastings College 1965 Class Reunion	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30a	HAW Store Open	Library
	5pm	South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale concert	Sanctuary

Just a reminder that there **will not** be noon Bible Study on Tuesday, July 29.







Worship in the Park

July 27

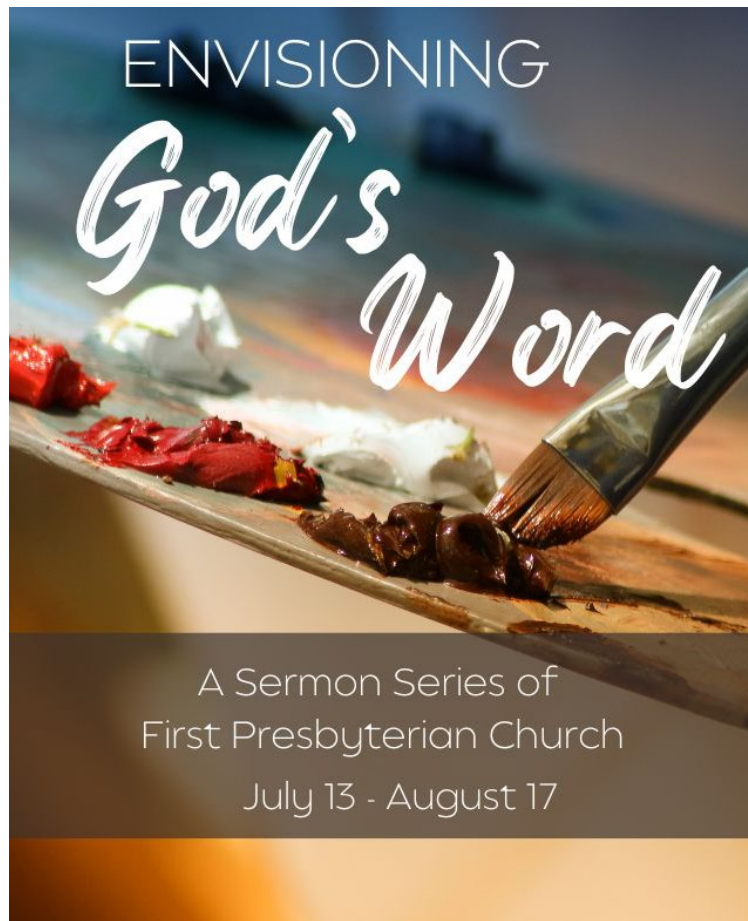
August 3, 10, 17

9:00 a.m.

Alexander Park

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!



ENVISIONING
God's Word

A Sermon Series of
First Presbyterian Church
July 13 - August 17

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Mary Lewis	Willis Horton
Carter Johnson	Judd Carrier	Pam Canady
Tarah Davis & family	Alyssa Donley	Kathy (Adams) Carrier
Matt Campbell	Nytha & Dave Glass	Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Mary & Ken Fisk	Dave Henderson & family
Bob Wolf	Carl Utley	Gayle Struss
KyMani Riek	Barry Thomson	Go & Serve Participants &
Janelle Baideme	family of Dorothy Larabee	Sponsors
Nadine Hunnicutt	Greg Howard	
Jim Harrenstein	Monte Malouf	
Eli Struss	Lexi Longshore	
Carole Pedersen	Don & Marie Rasmussen	

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
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Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
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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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