

standard of humility, gentleness, patience, and love that was set for us by Jesus the Christ. Forgive our sins, O God. Give us new hearts that are worthy of your love once more.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

To what worthy or worthwhile thing is God calling you?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Good news, my friends: God loves us,
Not in spite of who we are but because of who we are.

We are forgiven. We are restored.
Alleluia! Amen!



Scan to sign-in and let us know you were here.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

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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)

LANGENBERG SPECIAL MUSIC

“Cardigan”
Esther Allen-Pickett

Taylor Swift

“Le Petit Ane Blanc”
Meredith Oliver

Jacques Ibert

(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.)

WORTHY OF THE CALLING

Caleb Schukei & Charlie Ratzlaff

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

These words still have truth. These words still have meaning. These words can still change the lives of the faithful. Help us, O God, to hear them, to hold them, and to treasure them. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 4:1-6

WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED

McKain Ratzlaff & Henry Black

*HYMN

“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

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*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 "Shout to the Lord" arr. John Carter

This service was organized and prepared by members of the Go & Serve 2025 Team. We thank and commend all of the members for the work they did on behalf of God's Kingdom on this year's trip. If you see any of the following folks, please thank them for their loving acts of kindness. Students: Henry Black, Ruet Duang, Kade Jorgensen, Peyton Mitchell, Charlie Ratzlaff, McKain Ratzlaff, Paxton Rhodes, and Caleb Schukei. Sponsors: Kim Creech, Chris Wray, Leah Ratzlaff, and Damen Jensen-Heitmann.

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

Sunday, August 31:
10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

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 Phyllis and John Lainson by family and friends.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

August	Memorial Room	Narthex
24	Lori & Ted Schroeder	Stephanie Bliss
31	Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske	Sue Medsker

September Ushers (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Elaine Specht, Kim Creech

September Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
7	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	Jeni & George Howard
14	Clyde Sachtleben, Carolyn Nowka	Susan Hoff
21	Gayle Fandry	Flossie Sanderson
28	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jan Bolliger



ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WNL VOLUNTEERS:

Save the Date!

Sun. 8/17; 9:15–10:15 am
OR
Wed. 8/27; 6:00–7 pm

Mandatory Safety & General Training

Child Protection Policy *Volunteer Roles*
Emergency Procedures *Curriculum*

*A meal will be provided at both events.
*Child Care available for 0-5th grade.
*This will be our primary training event of the year; please make plans to attend one of the dates. If you are unable to make either date work, just let me know! We can schedule something together.
*More details will be sent out in a few weeks!



Ice Cream Social

Free All are welcome!

Sunday, September 7
11:30a.m.
Fellowship Hall



Deacon



MEET
AND
GREET



The Congregational Life Committee has planned an Ice Cream Social following worship on Sunday September 7th. We encourage you to stay for ice cream and use the opportunity to meet your Deacon and enjoy fellowship with other Parish members. If you are unsure which Parish you are in or who your Deacon is, check out the list below (grouped alphabetically by the first three letters of your last name.)

DEACON	PARISH #	PARISH MEMBERS <small>(alphabetical by last name)</small>	DEACON	PARISH #	PARISH MEMBERS <small>(alphabetical by last name)</small>
Betty Johnson Smith	1	Ada...Bor...	Brady Rhodes	9	Loc....Med
Lois Hafer	2	Boy...Cza...	Milrae Korb	10	Mee...Nor
Neil Kerr	3	Dav...Ess	Laurie Johnson	11	Not...Pic
Melissa Karloff	4	Fan...Gos	Linda Johnson	12	Plo...Sch
Lisa Unger	5	Gra...Hem	Byron Jenson	13	Schi...Spe
Lois Meeske	6	Her...Hun	Chris Schukei	14	Ste...Utt
Janet Brandt	7	Hunt...Ker	Chris Wray	15	War....Zie
Mary Plock	8	Kin....Lit			

CONGREGATIONAL
LIFE
PRESENTS:

September
3, 2025

Game Night at FCC



JOIN US FOR:

Dinner
Games
Fellowship

Dinner 5-5:30
GAMES
5:30-7:00

**This event is intended for
adults. Students will be at their
regular WNL activities.

For Questions, contact the office: (402) 462-5147



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, INC.
CWU Celebrations 2025
Human Rights Day

HELP OTHERS AT ALL TIMES

Human Rights Day

Psalm 82:3

People Helping People



Celebration

Friday, September 5, 2025
10 a.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
2810 W. 7th St. Hastings, NE

Human Rights Special Recognition

Jayson Stoddard

All are Welcome!

A promotional poster for 'Paul's Journeys Cruise'. The background is a scenic view of ancient ruins by the sea. A circular inset shows a portrait of Rev. Wes Olds, the guest speaker. The text includes the dates 'FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 9, 2026', the cruise name 'PAUL'S JOURNEYS Cruise', and the host 'with Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett'. At the bottom, there are three smaller images: a cruise ship, a portrait of Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, and another view of ancient ruins. The contact information for Jimmy Steele at STS Travel is provided at the bottom.

Info Sessions in the Anderson Conference Room:
Thursday, 8/28 at 12noon & Sunday 9/7at 12noon

For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/PaulCruise>

Wrestling with God: Faith, Suffering, and Blessing

This September, join us for a special two-week adult education and sermon series on the Book of Job where we ask the questions: “*Why do bad things happen to good people?*”

We’ll gather during the adult forum on **Sundays, September 14 & 21** to explore this theme together, followed by sermons in worship that dig into Job’s story. Copies of Rabbi Harold Kushner’s book *The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happen to a Good Person* are available in the church office if you’d like to do some pre-reading (optional but encouraged!).

The series culminates on **Thursday, September 25** with a free jazz concert: *Job’s Trials—A Jazz Song Cycle* by Dan Loomis, an inspiring musical journey into Job’s story through the language of jazz.

Pick up a book • Join the forum
Worship with us • Come to the concert!

The Book of Job

When Bad
Things
Happened
to a Good
Person

Harold S.
Kushner

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Janelle Baideme
Jim Harrenstein
Gayle Struss

Carole Pedersen
Willis Horton
Pam Canady
Kathy (Adams) Carrier
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
The Unger family
Mary Lewis
Judd Carrier
Alyssa Donley
Lynden Hall

Nytha & Dave Glass
Ken Fisk
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Lexi Longshore
Mary Kay LaMaster
Dave Henderson & family

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

AUGUST 24, 2025

Kindergarten

Lennon Ellerbee
Elise Koepp
Jeremy Struss

3rd Grade

Briella Borrell
Maebry Moore
Addalyn Randone
Rory Stout

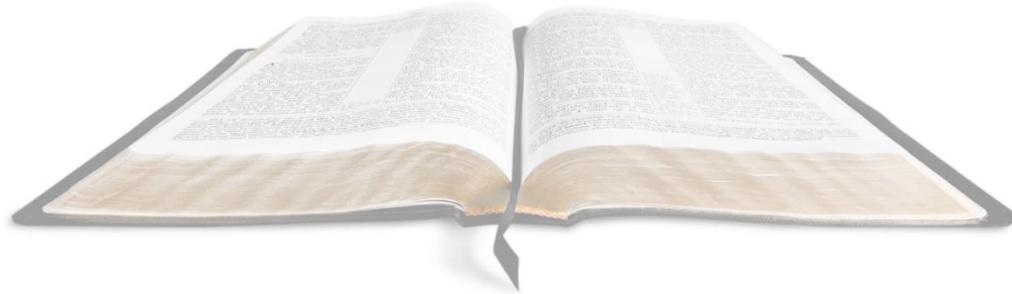
8th Grade

Ian Erickson
Vivian Fong
Madilyn Graves
Raegan Welsch



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CHURCH OF HASTINGS**

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873



Go & Serve

LUNCH

Sunday, August 24

All Are Welcome

Free Will Donation



Sunday 8/24	9:15am	Sunday School Kick-off	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Go & Serve Lunch	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 8/25	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 8/26	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Meeting	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 8/27	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6pm	Sunday School & WNL Volunteer Training	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal	Bell Room
Thursday 8/28	12pm	Cruise Information Session	Anderson Room
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 8/29	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 8/31	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 9, 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, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

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
Interim Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
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 Heitmann
Director of Children & Family Ministries: Rose Koepf
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