



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

First Presbyterian Church September 7, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“To God Be the Glory”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

“I Was Glad”
Soloist-Chancel Choir-Congregation
Director Dr. Robin Koozer

Robin Koozer

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is what we know, and this is what we trust:

That God is in all and through all.

This is what we hope, and this is what we believe:

That the creator of the cosmos cares for us.

This is the assurance that we have received:

That God brings chaos into order,

That our lives have meaning,

That the earth and all that is in it is good.

CELEBRATION OF THE CHOIR LOFT

CHORAL ANTHEM

“For Everyone Born”
Christa Speed, Cello

arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

(Refrain) And God will delight when we are
creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of
justice,
Justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share, with
wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for
woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are
wrinkled,

for young and for old, the right to belong
(Refrain)

for everyone born, the right to be free!
(Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we live more like twisted, funhouse mirror reflections of you than the true images you created us to be. We bear your power to shape the world around us, but we use it to serve our own needs. Where you created space and habitat for the creatures of the world, we take that space away. Where you brought order to the chaos of the universe, we unleash destruction. Where you saw the good in all that is, we see obstacles or resources or things too small for our attention. You created humans to reflect your heart, your compassion, and your love in the world. Forgive us for our failings and help us to bear your likeness once more.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What “good” is God calling you to see in the world?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God loves. God forgives.

Through failings and mistakes,

God loves. God forgives.

Praise be to God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

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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

HYMN

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reveal unto us your wisdom. Make known in our minds and hearts your truth. Give us, O God, a guiding word for our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 1:1-2:4a

MESSAGE “And it Was Good” or “Of Heavens and Earth”

*HYMN “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Kansas City Statement)

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness, and love, and in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord and Savior, who for us and our salvation lived and died and rose again and lives evermore, and in the Holy Spirit, who partakes in the things of Christ and reveals them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring our souls.

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the holy scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of God, made known or to be made known to us. We work and pray for the transformation of the world into the kingdom of God, and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness, and the life everlasting.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY Bell Peal on “All Creatures of our God and King” *Linda R. Lamb*
Chancel Bell Choir
Director Dr. Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We have received more than our daily bread, more than what we need to get by. So we return some of what we’ve been given to you. May it be used to bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN	"All Creatures of Our God and King"	15
	(Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)	

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE	"We Are the Church"	Avery & Marsh
<i>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!</i>		

POSTLUDE	"Psalm 19"	Benedetto Marcello/arr. Diane Bish
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(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

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

Sunday, September 7:
8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15am Sunday School for All Ages
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 Dr. and Mrs. William A. McCall by family.

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

NURSERY Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

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

PEACE Center Rain Garden – Volunteers Needed!

The PEACE Center Rain Garden has finally been upgraded with new drains to better handle heavy rains. Now it's time to bring it to life with native plants!

We need volunteers to help with both planting and ongoing care. The initial planting must be completed by mid-September, so we need your help!

Interested? Please contact John Nelson at 402-469-6001 or nelsonjc48@hotmail.com to join the effort.



Join the Church Landscape Committee!

Do you enjoy planning and design? The Landscape Committee is forming to help shape updates to our church grounds. Members will work with landscape designers and nursery staff to create a master plan, with changes beginning in spring 2026.

Interested? Please contact John Nelson at 402-469-6001 or nelsonjc48@hotmail.com.



A promotional poster for a cruise. The top half features a large image of ancient ruins by the sea. In the top right corner, there is a circular portrait of a man with a beard and glasses, identified as the guest speaker. Text at the top right reads 'GUEST SPEAKER Rev. Wes Olds'. Below the main image, the dates 'FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 9, 2026' are displayed. The title 'PAUL'S JOURNEYS' is in large, bold, white letters, with 'Cruise' in a yellow script font below it. Further down, it says '10 Nights Aboard Celebrity Infinity • Round Trip from Piraeus, Greece' and 'with Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett'. The bottom section contains three smaller images: a cruise ship at night, a portrait of a man with glasses, and another view of ancient ruins. Below these images, contact information for Jimmy Steele is provided.

GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Wes Olds

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PAUL'S JOURNEYS
Cruise

10 Nights Aboard Celebrity Infinity • Round Trip from Piraeus, Greece
with Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

Jimmy Steele | STS Travel | 904-513-0085 | jsteele@cruiseplanners.com

Info Sessions in the Anderson Conference Room:
Thursday, 8/28 at 12noon & Sunday 9/7 at 12noon
For more information visit: <http://bit.ly/PaulCruise>



A poster for a contemplative worship service. It features a light gray background with a decorative border of green leaves and a gold-colored frame. The text is centered and reads 'CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE' in a serif font. Below this, it says '8:30am Sundays in the Chapel' in a bold, sans-serif font.

CONTEMPLATIVE
WORSHIP
SERVICE

**8:30am Sundays
in the Chapel**

August Communion Offering Update

The August communion offering raised a total of **\$739.00**, which will benefit **Threads of Grace**. Thank you for your generous support.

PW Women will be in the in the Memorial Room September 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12 collecting items or monetary donations for CWS Clean Up buckets. Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.



CWS CLEANUP BUCKET

UPDATED

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- ☐ One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. Brand labels on the outside are acceptable)
- ☐ Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging)
- ☐ Seven sponges, including one large
- ☐ One scrub brush (With or without handle)
- ☐ 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose cleaning towels (Not paper towels. Remove from packaging)
- ☐ One 16-34oz bottle of liquid dish soap (antibacterial preferred)
- ☐ One 12-40oz bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles)
- ☐ One 50-100 ft clothesline (Cotton or plastic line)
- ☐ Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks)
- ☐ Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free preferred. Durable for multiple use. Remove from packaging)
- ☐ One pair of heavy-duty, reusable work gloves (Such as Nitrile, cotton with leather palm, or all leather)
- ☐ 20-28 heavy-duty or contractor-type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging)

All cleaning items must be new and all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.



For more information, including where to ship or drop off your CWS Kits, how to support the Shipping and Processing Fund to help get CWS Kits to their final destinations, and answers to other Frequently Asked Questions, scan this QR code or visit cwskits.org.



VALUE: \$75

PROCESSING FEE: \$3 per bucket

BLESSING OF THE PETS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Each year at First Presbyterian Church, we hold a service in which we talk about how animals are a wonderful part of God's creation. During this service, Pastor Greg offers a blessing for any pets present.



 **WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 1ST**



We will be holding this special service in place of our typical Wednesday Night Live programming.

5:00–6:00 pm Dinner/Fellowship for everyone


6:00–6:30 pm Service/Pet Blessing

6:30–7:00/15 pm Regular WNL Bible Time

WHAT TO BRING

If you'd like to bring your pet, please do! But please keep it on a leash or in a carrier. You could also bring a picture of your pet.



 For questions, call the church office
(402) 462-5147

CONGREGATIONAL
LIFE
PRESENTS:

Wednesday
Evening

Game Night at FPC

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

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 question: "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



**American
Red Cross**

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.

Sunday 9/7	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Ice Cream Social	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	12pm	Cruise Information Session	Anderson Room
Monday 9/8	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	Choir Room
Tuesday 9/9	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	12-6pm	Red Cross Blood Mobile	Fellowship Hall
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustee Meeting	Middle School Youth Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
Wednesday 9/10	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Adult Game Night at FPC	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Practice	Bell Room
Thursday 9/11	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 9/12	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 9/14	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
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Ice Cream Social

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

Free

All are welcome!



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 (alphabetical by last name)	DEACON	PARISH #	PARISH MEMBERS (alphabetical by last name)
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			

FPC AT:

MELODY ROUND-UP

PARADE

We will be participating in Hastings College's annual "Melody Round-up" parade. We would love to have church members of all ages join us on their bike, scooters, rollerblades, or whatever else!

When: Saturday, September 28th;

Parade starts at 10:30am.

Where: Downtown Hastings - gather spot TBD

Who can come: Anyone is welcome to join us!

What to bring: Your bike, scooter, your family...

RSVP: Call the church office to let us know you'll be joining!

(402) 462-5147

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 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