



Hastings College Sunday September 28, 2025 – 10:30am

PRELUDE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Matt Limbaugh

WELCOME

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
The Hastings College Choir, Directed by Christian Yost

arr. Fritz Mountford

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Through prayer, and hymn and scripture, the voice of God calls to us:

Listen to my teaching.

Through handshakes and hugs and warm smiles, the voice of God is heard:

You are my child.

A light in the darkness appears to all of us, and the voice of God is known:

Follow me. Serve the world.

We gather to remember our calling.

We gather to worship our God.

*HYMN

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground" (Sung twice through)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that if we listened more often to the cries of others, we'd hear your voice more quickly. If we observed the needs of our neighbors and strangers, we'd notice our own calling tucked in among them. We see the world as though it is composed of "us" and "them" when really, we are all one, all of us bound and linked together. Help us, O God, to remember that our calling and the needs of others are the same thing.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION Whose cries are falling on your ears?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our sins are forgiven.

Our hearts are restored.

Let us live in the new life God offers us each day.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.) The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

Dr. Rich Lloyd

REFLECTION ON HASTINGS COLLEGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy word, O God, is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. May these lessons and reflection help to guide our lives as we strive to follow in your ways. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 25:37-40

ANTHEM "All Things New"

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

Elaine Hagenberg

SCRIPTURE READING - Exodus 2:23-3:12

MESSAGE "Seeing God's People"

Laura Boesen, Hastings College Class of 2016

*HYMN "Come! Live in the Light!" 749

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the consistency of God, the one who was, who is, and who shall be. We believe that God calls us to live beyond ourselves, always looking to the needs of others. We are invited to overflow with grace, to share mercy with others, and to live lives of empathy

and joy. God provides for us all that we need. We rest contented in the hope and challenge of Jesus' birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. We are guided by the Holy Scriptures and the continued revelation of the Holy Spirit. We are intricately bound up with one another. May we believe and live accordingly.



OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries 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

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Irish Blessing"

arr. Ryan Block

POSTLUDE

"March in D"

Handel/arr. George Blake

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

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK & INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30am: Contemplative worship in the Chapel with Communion 9:15: Sunday School Hour for all ages 10:30am World Communion Sunday

The 10:30am service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM
And on Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/fpchastings
(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of William Jensen, Claudina Jensen, Emory and Emma Halloway from Byron, Deb, Hannah, and Nathan Jensen, and in loving memory of Kurt Unger from Lisa Unger.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Thelma and Lester D. Pedersen by their family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Raegan Welsch

ACOLYTES Briella Borrell, Matthew Klug

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

GREETERS

September	Memorial Room	Narthex
28	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jan Bolliger

October Ushers (Team #2) Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

October Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex	
5	Cathy & John Pershing	Kili & Justin Wenburg	
12	Kim Creech	Kathy Utter	
19	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Marnie & Doug Soderquist	
26	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie	C.L. & Sandra Wimer	

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY

MEMORIAL WALL

The Prayer Garden Columbarium & Memorial Wall is nearing completion. Memorialization of those persons who have had a connectional relationship with First Presbyterian Church can be remembered on the Memorial Wall. We are gathering names to be remembered at this time.

Dedication of the Prayer Garden Columbarium & Memorial Wall is planned for All Saints Sunday November 2nd.

If you wish to remember someone please contact John Pershing for further information.

John Pershing 402-984-6442 johnpershing1@me.com

Presbyterians 101 (and 201!)

- Explore our church history
- · Learn about Presbyterianism
- · Discover the ministries of FPC Hastings



WHEN: Sundays, October 5, 12, 26 – 9:15am-10:15am WHERE: Lydia Adult Education Room (next to the church office)

New members welcome. Long-time members encouraged!







Hastings CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 2 p.m. Lake Hastings

Register on the south side of the Lake 25% raised goes to Food 4 Thought/Backpack Sponsored by Church Women United

CWS/CROP

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It's a movement that's 55 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S.

The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools, and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.

Sunday 9/28		Hastings College Sunday	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9am-2pm	HC Event	Fellowship Hall
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	3pm	Hastings College Concert	Sanctuary
Monday 9/29	1-3pm	1st 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
Tuesday 9/30	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School/Choir Rooms
Wednesday 10/1	11am	PW Coord Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Program/Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm-6pm	Dinner/Fellowship	Parking Lot
	6pm-6:30pm	Pet Blessing Service	Parking Lot
	6:30pm-7pm	Regular WNL Bible Time	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
		No Chancel Bell Practice	
Thursday 10/2	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School/Choir Rooms
	6pm-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/3	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 10/5	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Presbyterians 101 (and 201)	Lydia Room
	9:15am	Sunday School Classes for all ages	Various
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Langenberg Lesson Scholarship Applications are available on the shelf outside of the Church Offices or on the Church website at: https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Langenberg-form-Fall-2025.pdf



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THE HASTINGS COLLEGE CHOIR

CHRISTIAN YOST CONDUCTOR

DR. JONATHAN SOKASITS COLLABORATIVE PIANIST

in

BEYOND AIN

HONORING FUHR HALL

featuring the works of

FELICIANO | ORFF | BEATCH | ALTHOUSE DEBUQUE | BLOCK | BAKER | HAGENBERG | OLSEN



9.28.25 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUN I 3PM 621 N Lincoln Ave, Hastings, NE 68901

FREE ADMISSION

The Choir will also be offering music for the 10:30AM Hastings College Sunday service at First Presbyterian Church.





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 IST



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.





Forquestions, call the church office (402) 462-5147

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



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



Please pray for

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

Carole Pedersen

Carl Utley Barry Thomson Greg Howard Lexi Longshore Dave Henderson & family Zsuzsanna Fazakas The Unger family Judd Carrier Adam Brooks Nytha & Dave Glass

Willis Horton Pam Canady Francisco Diaz (Beto) Carter Johnson Sharon Brooks Alyssa Donley Lynden Hall Ken Fisk



In memory of

Jim Harrenstein, who passed away on September 16, 2025

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