



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

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# Home Page Newsletter

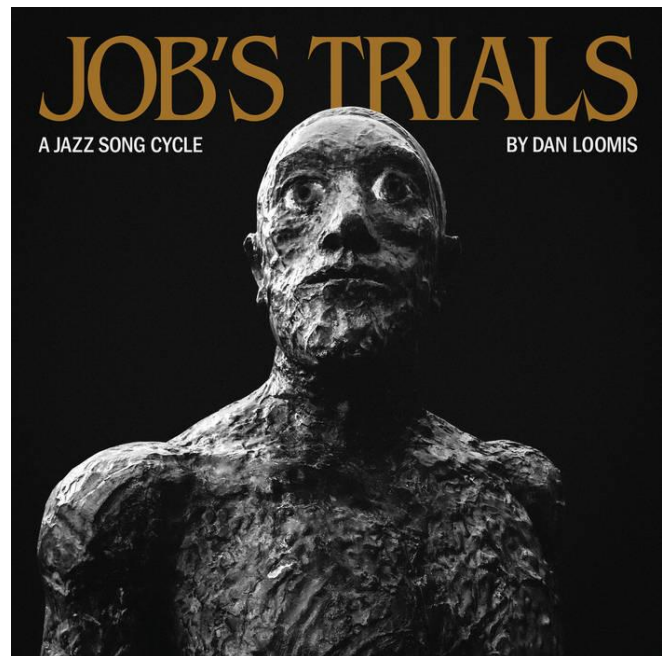
### **Job's Trials: A Jazz Concert – Thursday, September 25 at 7:30pm**

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

Over the last few weeks, our worship and adult education series has taken us deep into the story of Job. Together we have wrestled with the age-old questions: Why do bad things happen to good people? Where is God when we suffer? What does it mean to hold fast to faith when life feels unfair?

Now, we have the privilege of continuing this journey in a new way: through music. On **Thursday, September 25 at 7:30pm in our sanctuary**, we will host *Job's Trials: A Jazz Song Cycle* by bassist and composer **Dan Loomis**. Following the concert, we will have a conversation with Dan Loomis and our scholar-in-residence, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh. The event is free and open to the public.

This evocative work brings the ancient story of Job to life in a fresh and powerful way. Loomis has created a new kind of jazz song cycle, blending soulful bass, daring improvisation, rich choral textures, and theatrical narration. Each movement explores a theme from Job's story: the injustice of suffering, the righteousness of rebellion, the fleeting value of virtue. At the center stands Job himself, daring to demand that God be held to account. Through the language of jazz and blues, Loomis illuminates both the despair and the hope of Job's journey.



Some of you may remember Dan from his visit to our church in October 2023 with the Theodicy Jazz Collective, which included our own Ann Phelps. After that concert, Dan shared with me that he was working on a major new project: setting the book of Job to jazz. He asked if we might be interested in hosting it when it was ready. Two years later, we are honored to be one of the first churches to present this bold and inspiring work.

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This event is made possible by the **Langenberg Concert Series**, which enriches the life of our congregation and community through outstanding musical experiences. The

series is supported by the legacy of Luella Langenberg, who gave generously to support special music at First Presbyterian Church. Through her vision and generosity, and the faithful stewardship of our Worship, Arts, and Music Committee and Session, we are able to offer concerts like this free of charge to the entire Hastings community.

I encourage you to come and to invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague to join you. This promises to be an unforgettable evening where faith, art, and music intersect; an evening that will challenge us, move us, and perhaps even transform us as we hear Job's story told in a new voice.

Grace and peace,



Pastor Greg

## September & October Ushers and Greeters

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

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Memorial Room</b>	<b>Narthex</b>
<b>28</b>	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jan Bolliger

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

<b>October Greeters</b>	<b>Memorial Room</b>	<b>Narthex</b>
<b>5</b>	Cathy & John Pershing	Kili & Justin Wenburg
<b>12</b>	Kim Creech	Kathy Utter
<b>19</b>	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Marnie & Doug Soderquist
<b>26</b>	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](mailto: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](mailto:nelsonjc48@hotmail.com).

## **IN LOVING MEMORY MEMORIAL WALL**

**The Pray 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 Pray 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](mailto:johnpershing1@me.com)**



## Calendar 9/23/25-9/26/25

<b>Tuesday 9/23</b>		NO Staff Meeting	
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm-8:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth/Choir Rooms
<b>Wednesday 9/24</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	5pm-7pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm-7pm	FPC Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 9/25</b>	10:30am	Jim Harrenstein's Funeral Service	Sanctuary
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	4pm-6pm	Hastings College Choir Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth/Choir Rooms
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Daniel Loomis "Job's Trials" Jazz Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Friday 9/26</b>	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room



## Hastings College Sunday Forum

**Sunday, September 28**

9:15 a.m in the Lydia Room

Presenters:

Dr. Wayne Riggs-Updates on HC  
Alumna Laura Boesen-Prison Ministry

Learn about life on campus and hear the exciting story of life after  
HC from one alumna!

## Calendar 9/28/25-10/5/25

<b>Sunday 9/28</b>		<b>Hastings College Sunday</b>	
	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
<b>Monday 9/29</b>	3pm	Hastings College Concert	Sanctuary
	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Tuesday 9/30</b>	7pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School/Choir Rooms
<b>Wednesday 10/1</b>	11am	PW Coord Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Program/Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> 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
<b>Thursday 10/2</b>		No Chancel Bell Practice	
	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
<b>Friday 10/3</b>	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
<b>Sunday 10/5</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Presbyterians 101 (and 201)	Lydia Room
	9:15am	Sunday School Classes for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

# 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!

**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>

## *Please pray for*

Elaine Schumacher	Carl Utley	Willis Horton
Tarah Davis & family	Barry Thomson	Pam Canady
Matt Campbell	Greg Howard	Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Lexi Longshore	Carter Johnson
Bob Wolf	Mary Kay LaMaster	Sharon Brooks
KyMani Riek	Dave Henderson & family	Alyssa Donley
Janelle Baideme	Zsuzsanna Fazakas	Lynden Hall
family of Jim Harrenstein	The Unger family	Ken Fisk
Gayle Struss	Judd Carrier	Nytha & Dave Glass
Carole Pedersen	Adam Brooks	

## *In memory of*

Jim Harrenstein, who passed away on September 16, 2025



CONGREGATIONAL  
LIFE  
PRESENTS:

Wednesday  
Evening

# Game Night at FPC

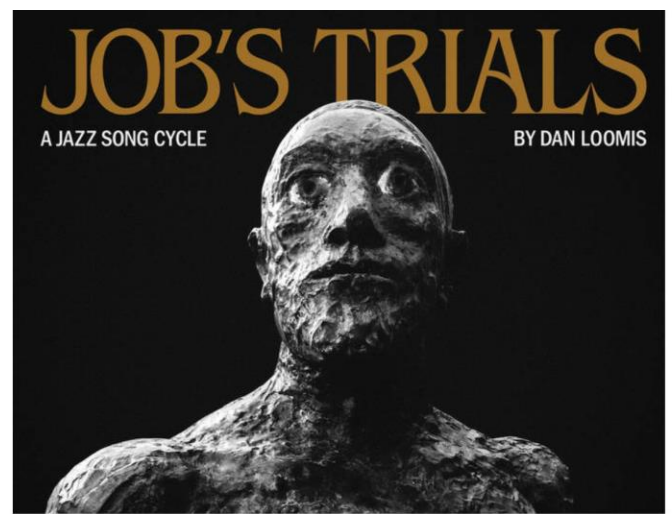


**JOIN US FOR:**  
Dinner  
Games  
Fellowship

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**



## Job's Trials: A Jazz Song Cycle by bassist/composer Dan Loomis

An evocative musical journey into the ancient story of Job, wrestling with the timeless question: Why do bad things happen to good people? Loomis's soulful bass and groundbreaking jazz song cycle bring Job's struggle and resilience to life. With the blues' honesty and jazz's depth, the music explores despair, truth, and transformation.

**Thursday, September 25**  
**First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary**  
**621 N. Lincoln Ave.**  
**7:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.**

followed by Q&A with Dan Loomis and  
theologian-in-residence Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh



Free Concert!  
All are welcome!




**FPC**  
**POTLUCK**

**October 12**  
following the 10:30 a.m.  
worship service

Congregation asked to bring food items based on  
the first letter of their last name:

**A-G** Salad or Vegetable  
**H-M** Main Dish  
**N-Z** Dessert



GUEST SPEAKER  
*Rev. Wes Olds*

**FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 9, 2026**  
**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





Fiona Eckhardt 10/2  
 Dwight Marsh 10/2  
 Laura Kate Oliver 10/2  
 Luke Brooks 10/3  
 Karen Dielman 10/3  
 Molly Gosda 10/3  
 Jason Hafer 10/3  
 Paxton Rhodes 10/3  
 Jim Donohue 10/5  
 LeRoy Echternach 10/5  
 Elizabeth Klaassen 10/5  
 Vonda Essex 10/6  
 Emma Redinger 10/6  
 Steve Crolepy 10/7  
 Virginia Davis 10/7  
 Heather Gosda 10/7  
 Rose Koepp 10/7  
 Scott Snell 10/7

Elmer Heeren 10/8  
 Neylan Ellerbee 10/8  
 Kris Horton 10/8  
 Sue Horton 10/8  
 Junko Jurgena 10/8  
 Katharine Davis 10/9  
 Vicki Howard 10/9  
 Patty Kingsley 10/9  
 Ava Klug 10/9  
 Brooks Borrell 10/10  
 Jade Guiai-Lou 10/10  
 Scott Kummer 10/10  
 Roger Doerr 10/11  
 Jeff Hermann 10/11  
 Tanner Lay 10/12  
 Jan Ham 10/13  
 Mia Ahlers 10/14  
 Ryan Barker 10/14

Nathan Jensen 10/14  
 Lucy Nielsen 10/15  
 Madalynn Redline 10/15  
 Kim Bogan 10/16  
 Nyabong Duang 10/16  
 Sally Hatcher 10/16  
 Carter Wenburg 10/16  
 Eli Struss 10/16  
 Nan Huey 10/17  
 Grant Hunter 10/17  
 Jim LaMaster 10/17  
 Tyler Adam 10/18  
 Cindy Fricke 10/18  
 Susan Hoff 10/18  
 Chris Schukei 10/18  
 Linda Hall 10/19  
 Bev Rader 10/19  
 Margaret Hermes 10/20

Richard Johnson 10/21  
 Justin Wenburg 10/22  
 Nancy Ziemba 10/22  
 Liesel Hogan 10/24  
 Paige Redline 10/24  
 Jeanne Reynolds 10/24  
 Mark Funkey 10/26  
 Selah Wenburg 10/26  
 Ruei Duang 10/27  
 Amy Hermes 10/27  
 Matt Fong 10/28  
 Kristen Eckhardt 10/29  
 LaVern Franzen 10/29  
 Maddie Gosda 10/29  
 Tim Redline 10/29  
 Milrae Korb 10/30  
 Stephanie Brader 10/31







Hastings CROP Hunger Walk      Register on the south side of the Lake  
Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 2 p.m.      25% raised goes to Food 4 Thought/Backpack  
Lake Hastings      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.



# 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



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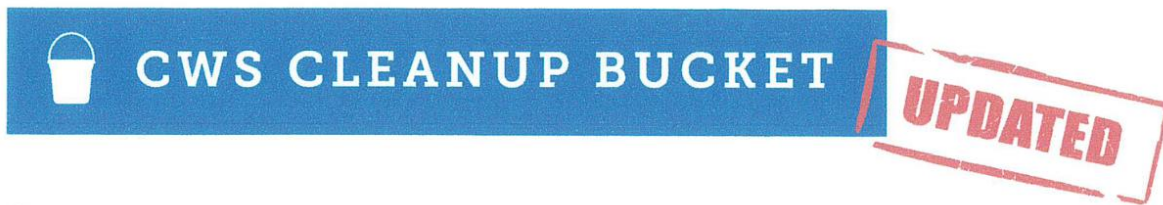
**9.28.25 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
SUN | 3PM 621 N Lincoln Ave, Hastings, NE 68901

FREE ADMISSION

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



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](http://cwskits.org).



VALUE: \$75

PROCESSING FEE: \$3 per bucket



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Return Service Requested

***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