



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost September 21, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "You Are My All in All" *arr. Glenda Austin*  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Breathe on me, Breath of God" *arr. Anna Laura Page*  
Youth Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 46 and Psalm 34) Damen Jensen-Heitmann  
God's Spirit is as close as our very breath.  
***Breathe on us, breath of God, and fill us with life anew.***  
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
***Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change.***  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.  
***We come carrying our sorrows and our questions, trusting in God's steadfast love.***  
Come, let us worship the God who is present with us.  
***Together we will lift our voices, for God is our comfort, our hope, and our peace. Come, let us worship God!***

\*HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" 819  
Angie Amaya, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Merciful God, you call us to bear one another's burdens, to weep with those who weep, and to sit in silence with those who suffer. Yet we confess that we often turn away. We rush to fill the silence with easy words, we avoid the pain of others because it unsettles us, and we try to explain what we do not understand. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us the grace of presence, the patience to listen, and the courage to simply show up. In Christ, who is God with us, we pray.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

How can I show up for people in need?

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: The same God who was present with Job in his suffering is present with us now.

Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, mercy is given, grace is poured out, and love will not let us go.

***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved. 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.)



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

## SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Breathe on us, breath of God, and open our hearts to your Word. When the text unsettles us, give us courage. When silence feels heavy, give us patience. When suffering seems senseless, remind us that you are present. By your Spirit, fill us with life anew, so that we may love as you love and live as you call us to live. Amen.***

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Job 2:11–13, Job 16:1–4

ANTHEM

“Wonderful Words of Life” Philip Bliss/arr. Steven V. Taylor  
Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson  
Mary Plock, Accompanist  
Kade Jorgensen, soloist

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life.  
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and beauty;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ the blessed one gives to all, wonderful words of life;  
Listen well to the loving call, wonderful words of life.  
Jesus only Savior, sanctify forever.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Job 42:1–11a

SERMON

“The Gift of Showing Up” Greg Allen-Pickett  
Part of the series “Wrestling with God: Faith, Suffering, Blessing”

\*HYMN

“Together We Serve”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from Romans 8 and a Brief Statement of Faith)

***We believe that nothing not hardship or distress, not loss or grief,  
not powers or principalities, not even death can  
separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our  
Lord.***

***We believe that God is with us: a refuge in times of  
trouble, a companion in the valley of the shadow, a  
presence that brings comfort and hope.***

***We trust in the God who calls us to show up for one  
another, to share bread and tears, and to embody  
steadfast love in the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.***



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

arr. Mark Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***Gracious God, you meet us in silence and in song, in sorrow and in joy. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude, and use them to bring comfort to the hurting, companionship to the lonely, and hope to those in despair. In all we give and all we do, may your presence be made known. Through Christ our Lord, 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**

**"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

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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**

**"Jubilant Fanfare"**

*Craig A. Penfield*

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

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

**Sunday, September 28:**

**HASTINGS COLLEGE SUNDAY!**

**8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel**

**9:15am Sunday School for all ages**

**10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with the Hastings College Choir**

**Stay-at-Home Broadcast live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://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 Marilyn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan

**ACOLYTES** Maddie & Molly Gosda

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

September	Memorial Room	Narthex
21	Gayle Fandry	Flossie Sanderson
28	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jan Bolliger

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**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







# 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!

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**

### 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.

# 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

**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**



## 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.



# 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>



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



Presbyterian Women will be in the in the Memorial Room September 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](http://cwskits.org).



VALUE: \$75

PROCESSING FEE: \$3 per bucket

<b>Sunday 9/21</b>	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	HAW Store Open	Library
<b>Monday 9/22</b>	1-3pm	First 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
<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>	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
<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
	3pm	Hastings College Concert	Sanctuary



## **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!





*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	Mary Lewis	Nytha & Dave Glass
Carole Pedersen	Judd Carrier	Adam Brooks

*In memory of*

Jim Harrenstein, who passed away on September 16, 2025

## 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  
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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