



Our eyes, O God, are easily clouded and confused. But not really any more so than our hearts. Every flash of power, every spark of influence, every glare of notoriety and financial gain catches our attention, lures us further away from your principles of humility, kindness, and patience. What we often think is beautiful and worth holding on-to are really just the things that serve our own selfish purposes and ambitions. Forgive us, O God, and help us to look upon the world with your vision instead of our own.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION
Where do you and God see things differently?

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)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BAPTISM

Dale Ethan Lemburg
(Cherie and Sam Lemburg)

(While the family is coming forward, children in the congregation are invited to gather around the baptismal font as well. The congregation may sing “Jesus Loves Me” as everyone gathers.)



BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ’s church, and we all have a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God’s help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying, “We do.” ***We do.***

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM SONG

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow in our lives this day. Clear out the cobwebs of closed minds and outworn ideas. Fill us with the freshness of your living love. In the reading and interpretation of these ancient words, renew our vision and draw our hearts into evermore perfect alignment with you. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 22:35-40

ANTHEM

“All Good Gifts” (from “Godspell”)

Stephen Schwartz

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land.
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand..
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...

All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!

All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above..
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

MESSAGE

“A Prophet’s Vision”

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Fantasy on RESTORATION”
Chancel Bells, Director Byron Jensen

arr. Brian Childers

*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 vision and your response to the cries of the world. Amen.

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

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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*BLESSING

*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

"Trumpet Voluntary"

Gordon Young

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

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

Sunday, October 26:

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15am Sunday School for all ages

**10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with Chancel Choir
and Cathedral Brass**

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 Ruth and Hayes M. Fuhr by friends.

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

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Meredith Oliver

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

October	Memorial Room	Narthex
19	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Marnie & Doug Soderquist
26	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie	C.L. & Sandra Wimer

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>

FAITHFUL FOUNDATIONS:
Trusting, Listening, Aligning, Building
2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS



**Trusting in
God's Provision**
Exodus 16:1-18



**Listening
for God's Call**
1 Samuel 3:1-21



**Aligning with
God's Vision**
1 Samuel 16:1-19



**Building
for
God's Glory**
1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:1-13

TOP 5 REASONS TO TURN IN A PLEDGE CARD

1. Pledging is an act of faith

It says, "I trust God & want to be part of what God is doing through our church."

2. Pledging helps you grow spiritually

Giving is a spiritual practice that forms us in gratitude and deepens trust.

3. Pledging strengthens our ministry

Your commitment helps us plan faithfully for worship, mission, education, and outreach.

4. Pledging supports people

Our incredible staff and volunteers are empowered by your generosity.

5. Pledging builds our future

Your giving helps us grow now and bless the next generation of believers.

**Every pledge matters. Every gift makes a difference.
Commitment Sunday is October 26!**

WHAT YOUR GIVING SUPPORTS AT FPC HASTINGS

Ministry Area

Your Impact

Worship & Music

Inspiring services, choir, bells, musicians, technology

Staff & Leadership

Faithful pastoral and program leadership for all ages

Mission & Outreach

United Harvest, Open Table meals, mission partners

Children & Youth Ministry

Sunday school, WNL, Youth Group, Confirmation

Pastoral Care

Hospital visits, deacons, prayer ministry, home communion

Facilities & Utilities

Maintains 50,000+ sq ft of space for church & community

Hospitality & Fellowship

Meals, gatherings, new member welcome, and more!

Faithful giving changes lives!

Thank you for being part of God's work through FPC Hastings.

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!

IN LOVING MEMORY

MEMORIAL WALL

The Prayer Garden Columbarium & Memorial Wall is nearing completion. 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
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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

Pastor Appreciation Month

THANK YOU
PASTOR GREG AND
PASTOR DAMEN
FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR
CONGREGATION

Sunday 10/19	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		No Sunday School	
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 10/20	10am	Community Safety Team Meeting	Anderson Room
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 10/21	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School and Choir Rooms
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
Wednesday 10/22	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Practice	Bell Room
Thursday 10/23	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School and Choir Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 10/24	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 10/26	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Presbyterian 101 (and 201)	Lydia Room
	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

Thank You!

Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone for your donations for the disaster buckets. We were able to put together 9 buckets and had money for shipping and for a donation for other materials that might be needed. With the bad storms this summer, the buckets and donations are needed. Thank you for your generosity!

150th Book Distribution



Pick up your free copy of the 150th
Anniversary book today in the
Memorial Room or in the Church
Office during the week.
(one per family please)

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	Dave Henderson & family	Sharon Brooks
KyMani Riek	Zsuzsanna Fazakas	Alyssa Donley
Janelle Baideme	The Unger family	Ken Fisk
family of Jim Harrenstein	Judd Carrier	Jean Stinnette
Gayle Struss	Adam Brooks	Gary & Connie Whitcomb
Carole Pedersen	Nytha & Dave Glass	
Charles Hermes	Cynthia Sheppard Jordan	

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 & Youth Bells
Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Youth Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Children Choir Director: Teresa Canady
Children Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-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