



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Stewardship Commitment Sunday October 26, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "My Spirit Be Joyful" *J.S. Bach/arr. Herforth*
Cathedral Brass Quintet
Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn;
Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

*INTROIT HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is our God" 275
Congregation will sing verse 1, choir will sing verse 2
Chancel Choir, Director Dr. Robin Koozer
Organist Linda Vollweiler

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 127 and Psalm 24) Damen Jensen-Heitmann
We come to build our lives on God's firm foundation.
God is our mighty fortress.
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.
Though powers and kingdoms rise and fall, God's truth abides still.
God's Word above all earthly powers remains, guiding and grounding us in love.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Christ, who is our refuge and strength.
Come, let us worship the Lord with thankful hearts!
With gratitude and joy, we worship God and dedicate our gifts and our lives to God's glory, for God's kingdom is forever!

*HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is our God" 275
Choir will sing verse 3, congregation will sing verse 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of every generation, you have called us to build lives of faith, communities of compassion, and a world shaped by your justice and love. Yet we confess that we often build on shaky foundations, trusting in our own strength rather than yours, clinging to comfort instead of committing to your call. We have hesitated to give, to serve, to trust.

Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen our faith. Renew our courage. Set us again on the foundation of your grace so that together we may build something that lasts, for your glory and the good of your world.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I seek to build my life on the sure foundation of God?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: Christ is our cornerstone, firm and true.

In him, we are forgiven, restored, and made new. Thanks be to God!

Because we are forgiven, let us live with bold generosity.

We will build our lives on the assurance of Christ's love and forgiveness. 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

Rose Koeppe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, Your Word is our foundation, your truth our compass, your wisdom our guide. As we hear Scripture read and proclaimed, give us ears to hear, hearts to trust, and lives ready to respond. By your Spirit, remind us that you are not confined to the temple, but that your Word lives in us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:1-4, 12-13, 22-23, 27-28

SERMON

Building for God's Glory

Greg Allen-Pickett

2025 Stewardship Campaign Sermon Series:

Faithful Foundations: Trusting, Listening, Aligning, Building

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Stewardship Creed by Greg Allen-Pickett)

We believe in God, the Master Builder, who laid the foundations of the earth and calls us to build lives of faith, hope, and love.

We follow Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our salvation, who taught us that true riches are found not in what we keep, but in what we give away for the sake of God’s kingdom.

We trust the Holy Spirit, who makes us one body, binding us together in grace and equipping us to serve with joy.

We believe that stewardship is not a season but a way of life, a grateful response to God’s abundant grace.

With God’s help, we commit to building a church that proclaims good news, serves neighbors near and far, and lives for God’s glory. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERING AND PLEDGE CARD COMMITMENT

Today we stand on the faithful foundations laid by those who came before us, those who trusted, listened, aligned, and built in the name of Christ.

We give thanks for their witness and faithfulness and step forward in faith to build for the future.

God has been generous to us, providing for our needs, surrounding us with love, and calling us into purpose.

With grateful hearts, we respond to God’s grace.

What we give and dedicate today is more than financial giving: it is a reflection of our faith, our hope, and our commitment to Christ.

We bring our pledges as signs of trust in God’s future.

We pledge to build a community where Christ’s love is known, where the stranger is welcomed, the hungry are fed, the grieving are comforted, and justice is practiced.

We commit to building something that lasts: a legacy of faith for the generations to come.

These gifts we offer are seeds of ministry, planted in faith and watered by God’s Spirit.

May they bear fruit in lives changed, hope restored, and grace shared.

Let us pray.

Holy God, receive our gifts and our pledge commitments as signs of our love for you and your church. Strengthen us to keep our promises, to live generously, and to serve joyfully. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous and faithful God, everything we have comes from you: our lives, our talents, our resources, our hope. Today we offer our gifts and our pledge commitments as signs of our gratitude and our trust. As we place our offerings and pledge cards before you, we dedicate not just our finances, but also our lives, our energy, and our hearts. Build in us a spirit of generosity.

Build through us a community of compassion.

Build among us a church that endures because it stands on Christ, our sure foundation.

Use us, O God, to build something lasting for your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

***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

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” J.S. Bach Arr. Empire Brass
A Mighty Fortress is our God from Cantata BWV 80

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

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

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints' Day:
8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15 Sunday School for all ages
10:30am All Saints' Day Worship in the Sanctuary
with candle lighting ritual, string quartet, and choir

Stay-at-Home Broadcast live on YouTube: www.youtube.com/@FPCHastings

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 Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Clarke by family.

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

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Esther Allen-Pickett

ACOLYTES Ivy Cooper, Maebry Moore

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

GREETERS

October	Memorial Room	Narthex
26	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie	C.L. & Sandra Wimer

November Ushers (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Doug Soderquist

November Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
2	Linda & John Carllson	Melissa Davis
9	Lois Hafer	Erica & Brent Brooks
16	Sue Medsker	Melissa Davis
23	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Melissa Davis
30	Kim Hermann	Melissa Davis

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>



T-shirt Fundraiser

**SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL AND OUR
CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME!**

**Available in FOUR colors
and THREE styles!**

**Order forms are available from the Sr.
High students in the Memorial Room.**



150th Book Distribution



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



Elaine Schumacher
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Janelle Baideme
family of Jim Harrenstein
Gayle Struss
Carole Pedersen
Charles Hermes
Tony Glenn

Please pray for

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



Willis Horton
Pam Canady
Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Carter Johnson
Sharon Brooks
Alyssa Donley
Ken Fisk
Jean Stinnette
Gary & Connie Whitcomb
Sammy Nahorny

In memory of

Jim Harrenstein, who passed away on September 16, 2025



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.**

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
402-984-6442
johnpershing1@me.com

Congregational Life Committee presents:

BINGO NIGHT

Free
Event!

All are
Welcome!



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

*This event is intended for adults. Students will be at their regular WNL activities.

thank you

We had another successful year with the Coat Give Away! The generosity of the coats donated warmed over 300 people in our community. Every person that selected a coat was so appreciative of all of you.

Our Middle school youth did a super job sorting and hanging coats for the event. It really helps having all the extra hands. Thank you!

Please remember in the Spring, or anytime, to donate your gently used coats for next years event.

Warmth and comfort,
The Mission Committee

Hanging of The Greens

Sunday,
November 23
11:30 a.m.

All are welcome!



**Hands Around the World
Gift Shop**

**Open Sunday Mornings
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
and
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Come check out our new items from
SERRV, Café Justo coffee,
decorations, etc.

**Please remember your
purchase also helps our local
mission partner United Harvest,
to whom we donate monthly.**



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

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
Monday 10/27	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Hastings Literacy Program Orientation	TBD
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Tuesday 10/28	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wednesday 10/29	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7:15pm	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
Thursday 10/30	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Practice	Bell Room
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School and Choir Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 10/31	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 11/1	Langenberg Scholarship Applications Due		
Sunday 11/2	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
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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
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