



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2025 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Fantasia”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”

Ken Medema

Children’s Choir, director Teresa Canady, accompanist Mary Plock

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 85)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to the people.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground;

Righteousness will go before the Lord and make a path for God’s steps.

Come, let us worship God;

Not with empty words or hollow praise,

But with hearts set on justice, mercy, and faith. With gratitude and hope, we worship the God who makes righteousness roll down like waters.

*HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”
Dana Miller, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth and mercy, you call us to seek good and not evil, to love our neighbors, to do justice, and walk humbly with you. But too often we prefer appearances over obedience. We speak your name with our lips but deny your love to others in our hearts. Forgive our hollow words. Turn our hearts toward compassion, our hands toward service, and our lives toward justice and mercy. Make us a people whose worship is pleasing to you, not because of what we say, but because of how we love.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

Christ comes not to condemn, but to restore; not to shame, but to save.

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free to seek justice, to love mercy, and to walk in the way of peace.

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 & SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come to the Table of Grace"

Barbara Hamm

(Children's Choir will sing verses 1-4, Congregation is invited to sing verse 5)

1. Come to the table of *grace*.
Come to the table of *grace*.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of *grace*.

2. Come to the table of *peace*.
Come to the table of *peace*.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of *peace*.

3. Come to the table of *love*.
Come to the table of *love*.

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of *love*.

4. Come to the table of *hope*.
Come to the table of *hope*.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of *hope*.

5. Come to the table of *joy*.
Come to the table of *joy*.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of *joy*.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by your Spirit, open your Word to us and open us to your Word. Break through our defenses, silence our excuses, and speak truth with love. Give us not only ears to hear, but hearts to follow and courage to act, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

ANTHEM

“Be Strong”

Trilby Jordan & Sandy Wilkinson

From wisdom in the Bible we know God
loves us so.
We know that God is by our side
wherever we may go.
But when we look around us at problems
on parade
Sometimes we need to hear and heed:
“Be strong! Don’t be afraid!”

Chorus: Be strong. Be strong: our God
has given this command.

Be strong. Be strong: We are held in
God’s righteous hand.

Oh, Joshua had courage and Bible
readings show
In days long past, with trumpet blast, he
conquered Jericho.
God strengthened him with courage to
see the challenge through.
Take up the song, “Be strong! Be
strong!” There’s so much we can do.

Chorus

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 23:1-7, 23-24 (CEB)

SERMON

Let Justice Roll

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“For Everyone Born” (vs. 1-3, 5)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (An affirmation drawn from Amos and Jesus’ teachings)

We believe in God, who calls the world to justice and mercy, who lifts up the poor and hears the cry of the oppressed.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who exposed false religion, confronted hypocrisy, and announced good news to the poor. He showed that true faith is known not in outward show, but in love of neighbor, not in empty worship, but in lives of compassion.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, moving through prophets and teachers, through ordinary people and unexpected voices, calling the church to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. We commit ourselves to this calling, trusting that God’s righteousness will flow, God’s mercy will prevail, and God’s hope will endure. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“A Celtic Pastoral”

George LeRoy Lindsey

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of every good gift, we offer our gifts to you, not to earn your favor, not to impress you, but in gratitude for your grace.

Use what we give to lift up the lowly, to feed the hungry, to comfort the broken, to seek justice and love mercy, to build a world that reflects your compassion.

As we dedicate these offerings, dedicate us also: our time, our courage, our voices, and our lives so that in all we do, your righteousness will roll down like waters and your love will flow through us for the sake of 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

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

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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

“Postlude”

Carl Wilhelm Kern, Op. 661

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

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

Sunday, November 16:

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15 Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

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 Randall Fandry, David Fandry, and Richard Fandry by Gayle Fandry and daughter Mickie Day.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Dixie and John Kerr by the Kerr family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Molly Gosda

ACOLYTES James Ellerbee, Maebry Moore

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

GREETERS

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



Celebrate the Advent Season at First Presbyterian Church Hastings at the

Congregation Nativity Set Share

Display opens in Fellowship Hall at
8:00 a.m. on
Sunday, December 7
and closes at 1:00 p.m.

Instructions:

Bring your family's nativity set to
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 6
between 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Be sure to provide a written description
and history unique to your creche.

**Enjoy the wonderful variety,
art forms, and unique stories of these
special representations of
the Nativity.**

A special project of the
Worship, Arts, and Music Committee

Three Week Fall Series on the Old Testament Prophets



**LET JUSTICE
ROLL**

**November 9:
AMOS 5**



**A LIGHT
IN THE
DARKNESS**

**November 16:
ISAIAH 9**



**A FUTURE
WITH HOPE**

**November 23:
JEREMIAH 29**



T-shirt Fundraiser

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

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

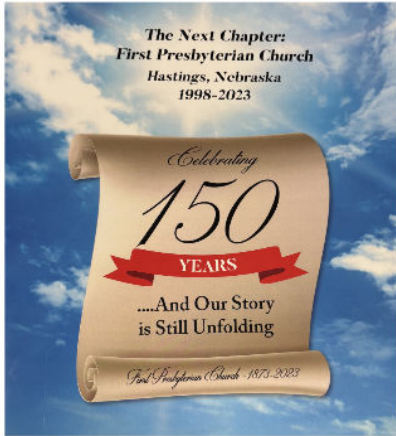
Order forms are available from the Sr.
High students in the Memorial Room.

Hanging of The Greens

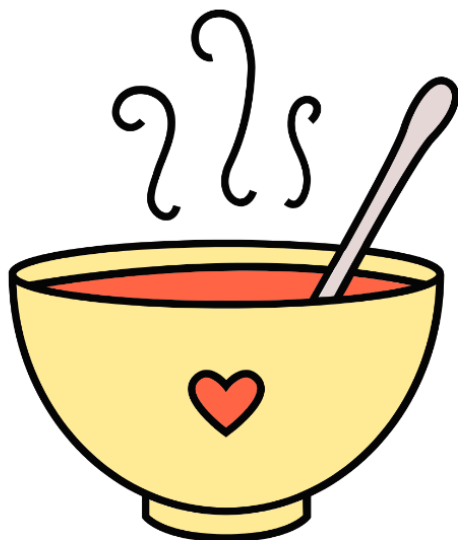
Sunday,
November 23
11:30 a.m.
All are welcome!



150th Book Distribution



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



Community-Wide Soup Supper

*Thursdays
6pm-8pm
Fellowship Hall*

Please Bring Soup by 5:30 p.m.
Please plan to stay and help host!

This is an opportunity for our church to help those in the community who are experiencing food insecurity.



9:45am-11:30am
Third Saturday of each month
at the PEACE Center

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.

- If you need food, please feel free to come. The distribution is on a first-come, first-serve basis effective with the September 2025 distribution.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.

The entire flyer is framed by a decorative border of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, with some leaves scattered across the background.

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.

Sunday 11/9	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
Monday 11/10	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	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 11/11	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 & Choir Rooms
	5:30pm	Trustees	Basement Youth Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
Wednesday 11/12	12pm	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	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 11/13	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School & Choir Rooms
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm-8pm	Community-Wide Soup Supper	Fellowship Hall
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE Gym
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 11/14	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 11/15	9:45-11:30am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sunday 11/16	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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Prophetic Words for Today

November 9, 16, & 23

9:15 a.m. in the Lydia Room

As we continue to work our way through the Older Testament, Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will lead a study of the lives and messages of the prophets. In their ancient words and context, Dan will help us to find God's word speaking to us today.

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Carl Utley	Pam Canady
Tarah Davis & family	Barry Thomson	Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Matt Campbell	Greg Howard	Carter Johnson
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Lexi Longshore	Sharon Brooks
Bob Wolf	family of Dave Henderson	Alyssa Donley
KyMani Riek	Zsuzsanna Fazakas	Ken Fisk
Janelle Baideme	The Unger family	Jean Stinnette
family of Jim Harrenstein	Judd Carrier	Gary & Connie Whitcomb
Gayle Struss	Adam Brooks	Sammy Nahorny
Carole Pedersen	Nytha & Dave Glass	Mary Lewis
Charles Hermes	Cynthia Sheppard Jordan	Bruce Batterson
Tony Glenn	Elladee Ronhovde	
Molly Kammerer and family	Willis Horton	

In memory of

Jim Harrenstein, who passed away on September 16, 2025

Dave Henderson, who passed away on November 2, 2025

Hastings College Meal Assistance over Thanksgiving Break

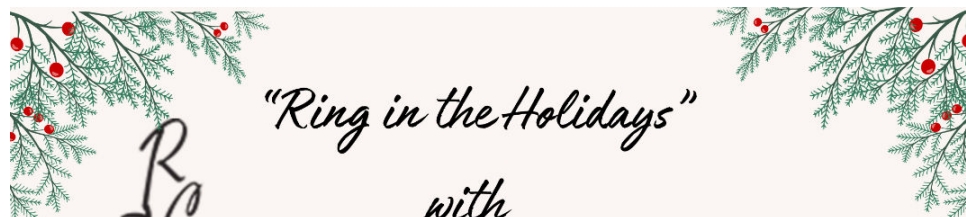
Hello local churches,

We are now looking forward to Thanksgiving Break! During this break, our cafeteria closes and we will have several students on campus (mostly international students) who might appreciate any meals! We are asking this year that meals be delivered to Hazelrigg Student Union!). You may stay and eat with the students or deliver and we will serve. We'll have around 25 students on campus, but they may not all come to all meals!

Please consider providing lunch (11:30-12:30) or dinner (5:30-6:30) on November 21st-28th. Please email me at doodle.harris@hastings.edu, by November 7th, if you are interested in providing a meal or to donate food. If you'd simply like to donate food, we'll pass it out to students staying campus (Mac and Cheese and boxes of cereal are favorites!). Those items can be delivered any time before November 17th!

Thanks so much! I am grateful for all of the support you all show our Hastings College Students!

-Doodle Harris



"Ring in the Holidays"
with
The River City Ringers



Free Concert!

**First Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary
Saturday, December 6
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

All are welcome!



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 Koepf
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