

# First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

## Season of Epiphany January 25, 2026

PRELUDE

Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Wherever we are,

**God meets us.**

On couches or pews,

**in sanctuaries or living rooms, God sits beside us.**

However we are,

**God is with us.**

In the midst of our joy, God dances with us.

**In the shadow of our grief, God offers us comfort.**

Amid our doubts and questions, God listens to our queries.

**Through worry and fear, God responds with assurance.**

Our longings and our searchings are met with God's living water.

**God sees us. God meets us wherever we are.**

Praise be to God.

**Amen.**

\*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Robin Koozer, song leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We are well aware, O God, that we have been seen by you. You know us. You call us. You reach out to us and ask us to follow in your ways. We just don't always like it. Sometimes we'd rather not be known by you. And it isn't just because you see us in our failings and in our fallings. It is also because you know that we are capable of acts of tremendous love and abounding kindness, and unrelenting mercy and that we often shrink and hide from such things. Forgive us, O God, for the gap between what we can be and what we are. Assure us again that you see us through loving eyes and know us with a forgiving heart.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

*What are you happy that God knows about you?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The heart of God is merciful and kind.

***To those who repent, God grants forgiveness.***

Jesus, the living water, refreshes our souls and forgives our sins.

***Alleluia! Amen!***

\*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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Open our eyes to your vision. Open our hearts to your truth. Open our lives to your guidance. Meet us where we are and help us to find our joy in you. Amen.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – John 4:1-26

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – John 4:27-42

SERMON

*Living Water: Seen & Known*

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A creed for Epiphany by Greg Allen-Pickett)

***We believe in one God, creator of all that is, whose light shines in the darkness and whose love never fails.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the light of the world, who reveals God's grace and glory. We believe that in Jesus Christ, the broken are made whole, the blind receive sight, the lost are found, and grace upon grace is poured out for the life of the world. Through his life, death, and resurrection, God's love is made visible and God's light is revealed.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to see and our hearts to believe, calling us to follow Christ and to bear his light in the world.***

***We believe the Church is called to live as a sign of God's grace, to love boldly, to serve faithfully, and to trust in God's renewing work.***

***With hope and joy, we affirm this faith and commit ourselves to come and see as we seek to follow Jesus. Amen.***

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY            "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"            609

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***We bring these gifts to you, O God, in gratitude and joy for all that you have given us. We pray that all that we bring you may be used to bring about ever more joy, ever more peace, and ever more hope in the world. 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

"Come! Live in the Light!"

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## \*BENEDICTION AND 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

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

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

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

**8:30 a.m. Contemplative Worship Service  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages**

**10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary followed by Annual  
Congregational Meeting**

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Gretchen Lainson by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and Overmiller families.

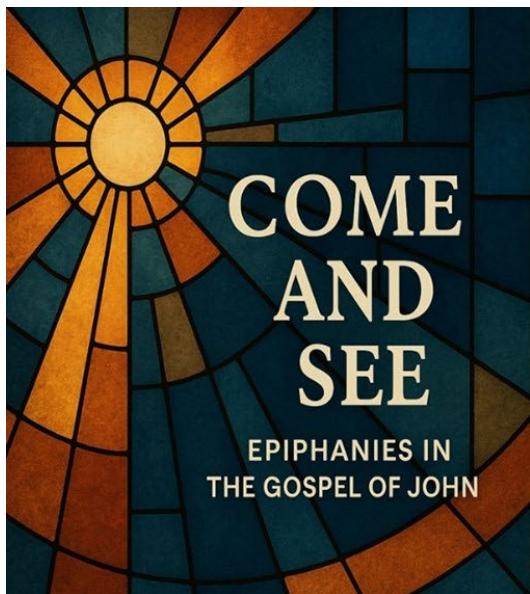
**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling.

### **February Ushers and Greeters**

**Ushers (Team #6)** Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

February Greeters 2026	Memorial Room	Narthex
1	Melissa Davis	Volunteers Needed
8	Jeni & George Howard	Julie Thomsen
15	Mary Fisk	Kim Creech
22	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	Volunteers Needed

<b>Monday 1/26</b>	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-10pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 1/27</b>	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting	Middle School Youth Room
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
<b>Wednesday 1/28</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
<b>Thursday 1/29</b>	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Practice	Bell Room
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Friday 1/30</b>	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	10am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
<b>Sunday 2/1</b>	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	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, Radio, You Tube
	11:30am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



Six-week Epiphany series that traces a journey of awakening, revelation, and transformation through key stories in the Gospel of John.

- January 11: John 2 – Grace poured out
- January 18: John 2 – A Zeal for Justice
- January 25: John 3 – The Spirit Enters
- February 1 – John 4 – Seen and Known
- February 8 – John 4-5 – Rise and Walk
- February 15 – John 9 – Open eyes & Hearts

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE**



**2/18/26  
7:15 PM**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SANCTUARY**

MOVED TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 11:30AM,  
FPC SANCTUARY

# Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



## Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher  
Tarah Davis & family  
Matt Campbell  
Janey Nottage-Tacey  
Bob Wolf  
KyMani Riek  
Janelle Baideme  
family of Gayle Struss  
Carole Pedersen  
Charles Hermes  
Tony Glenn  
Francisco Diaz (Beto)  
Pam Canady

Carter Johnson  
Alyssa Donley  
Ken Fisk  
family of Elmer Heeren  
Gary & Connie Whitcomb  
Sammy Nahorny  
Mary Lewis  
Bruce Batterson  
family of Yvonne Ziembra  
Molly Kammerer and family  
Willis Horton  
Kathy Reimer  
Carl Utley

Barry Thomson  
Greg Howard  
Lexi Longshore  
family of Dave Henderson  
Zsuzsanna Fazakas  
The Unger family  
Judd Carrier  
Nytha & Dave Glass  
Elladee Ronhovde  
Carol Harrenstein  
Cassidy Georgiana

## In memory of

Elmer Heeren, who passed away on January 17, 2026

**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's Choir Director:** Teresa Canady  
**Children's Bells 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