

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Season of Epiphany January 18, 2026

PRELUDE

“The Sweet Sounds of Snowfall”

Cathedral Brass

Cait Nishimura

Erin Beave and Josh Brooks: Trumpet, Amy Schneider: French Horn
Nathan LeFeber: Trombone, Dan Sodomka: Tuba

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Chancel Choir, director Robin Koozer

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Arthur Messiter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

The light of God shines into the world,

Not to flatter us, but to reveal the truth.

God's light exposes what is broken, distorted, and unjust,

And calls us toward what is faithful, whole, and true.

Come and see: God is at work among us.

We come to worship the One who purifies, restores, and renews.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

“Let Us Build a House” (vs. 1-2, 4)

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Organist Linda Vollweiler

OPENING SCRIPTURE

John 2:13–25

CALL TO CONFESSION

Today our confession will be more than words. As we name what needs to be confessed, we will place symbols on this table: signs of greed, injustice, idolatry, and lack of integrity. These things can distort our worship, our discipleship, and our lives. And as we ask for God's mercy, we will remember that Jesus does not ignore what is broken; he overturns it so that true discipleship and new life can take root.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and righteous God, you call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. Yet too often, we bring into your house and our lives what does not belong there.

This morning, we confess our greed: our desire to have more than we need, our willingness to profit while others go without, our temptation to measure success by accumulation rather than faithfulness. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our confession.

We confess our participation in unjust systems: systems that advantage some and harm others, systems we inherit, benefit from, and rarely question, systems that trade compassion for convenience. We confess how easily we center ourselves at the expense of others. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our confession.

We confess our idolatry: the ways we give our loyalty to comfort, power, nation, ideology, or security instead of trusting fully in you. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our confession.

We confess our lack of integrity: the gap between what we say on Sunday and how we live the rest of the week, the distance between our words of faith and our daily choices. We confess our willingness to be distracted instead of engaging the world around us. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our confession.

We confess our silence in the face of injustice: the times we have looked away, stayed quiet, hardened our hearts, or chosen peace over truth when love required courage. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our confession.

Merciful God, we lay these burdens before you, not to hide them, not to excuse them, but to name them truthfully.

Like Jesus in the temple, turn over what does not reflect your holiness. Disrupt what has grown comfortable. Clear away what obscures your justice and grace.

Forgive us, O God. Cleanse us. Restore us. Make room in us again for true discipleship: discipleship that leads to justice, mercy, and transformed lives.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the true temple, who overthrows sin and raises us to new life. Amen.

SYMBOLIC OBJECTS FOR THE TABLE

1. Treasure Chest

Confessing: Greed, exploitation, commodifying faith

2. A Mirror

Confessing: Self-centeredness, image, pride

3. A crown

Confessing: Idolatry of ideology, power

4. A Smartphone and a sports jersey

Confessing: Idolatry, Distraction, misplaced attention, performative righteousness

5. Bricks

Confessing: Hardened hearts, resistance to change

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: The table is overturned, but grace is not.

Jesus does not flip the tables to shame us, but to free us.

Not to drive us away, but to clear a space for mercy, truth, and new life.

In Christ, what was distorted is being restored. What was burdened is being lifted. What was broken is being made new.

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are renewed, and we are called again into lives of justice, integrity, and love.

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

Rose Koepp

While the children are coming forward, we will sing “This Little Light of Mine.”

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“How Can I be a Bringer of Peace”

Brett Epperson

How can I be a bringer of peace? What can I do? Who can I be?

How can I be a bringer of Justice that we so endlessly need?

Open my eyes and my ears and my hands and my heart,

That they might open others.

How can I be a bringer of peace? What can I do? What can I be?

Make me a bringer of Justice and Peace.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Amos 5:21-24

SERMON

Turning Tables: A Zeal for Justice

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“For Everyone Born” (vs. 1-3, 5)

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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.



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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 "How Great Thou Art" *arr. Chris Woods*
 The Cathedral Brass

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundance and justice, all that we have comes from your hand. As we offer these gifts, we pray that they would be more than ritual. May they be signs of our commitment to lives shaped by your truth. Use these offerings to tear down what harms, to build up what heals, and to bear witness to your kingdom where justice flows and love abounds. We dedicate ourselves along with these gifts, through Jesus 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.

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Rejoice, ye Pure in Heart”

Arthur Messitter

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, Give thanks, and sing!

POSTLUDE

“Contrapunctus IX”

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

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

Sunday, January 25:**NO 8:30 SERVICE****9:15 Sunday School for all ages**

**10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with guest organist
Jens Korndoerfer followed by Annual Congregational Meeting**

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 all departed parents and grandparents given anonymously.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Atha Borley by family and friends.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Molly Gosda

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

USHERS (Team #5) Captain – Melissa Davis, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Justin Brader

GREETERS

January 2026	Memorial Room	Narthex
18	Cheryl & Ed Lockwood	Susan Cole
25	Karen Doerr	Jan Bolliger

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 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)

Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Lexi Longshore
family of Dave Henderson
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
The Unger family
Judd Carrier
Nytha & Dave Glass
Elladée Ronhovde
Carol Harrenstein
Pam Canady

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

In memory of

Yvonne Ziembra, who passed away on November 13, 2025

*The Langenberg Concert Series of
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings presents*

Jens Korndörfer *Organ*



German American organist Dr. Jens Korndörfer is the Joyce O. Bowden Professor of Music and Associate Professor of Organ at Baylor University in Texas and is regularly invited to perform and teach at prestigious venues and festivals around the world.

Praised as “a virtuoso in the grand Romantic tradition” who creates “performances that are deeply musically satisfying as well as exciting” (The American Organist), highlights of Korndörfer’s performance career include Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco, the Cadet Chapel in West Point, Duke University Chapel, the Cathedral-Basilica in St. Louis, the Montreal Bach Festival, the Cathedrals in Washington, Berlin, Bremen, Paris, Salzburg, Oslo, and Moscow, Westminster Abbey in London, the Royal Chapel in Versailles, the Frauenkirche in Dresden, Suntory Hall and Metropolitan Art Space in Tokyo, Kyoto Concert Hall, and the Cultural Centre in Hong Kong.

Concert: January 24, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
Free admission • Reception to follow

Worship: January 25, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Both events at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings • 621 N. Lincoln Avenue



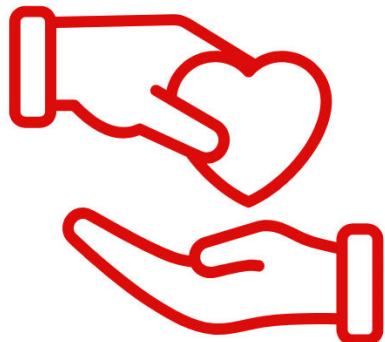
COACH'S CORNER GIVE BACK MONDAY

On Monday, January 19th Coach's Corner Convenience/Gas Station at 3212 Osborne Drive East, Hastings is hosting a fundraiser for United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry.

For every gallon of gas purchased that day, Coach's Corner will donate 5 cents to United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry.

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry along with support from the Omaha Food Bank hosts a food dispersal program the third Saturday of the month to 395 individuals/families facing food insecurity in the Hastings area.

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry appreciates your support of this Give Back Monday Fundraiser.



Sunday 1/18	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	HAW Store Open	Library
	3pm-9pm	HC Honor Choir & Band Rehearsal	Various
		Church Offices Closed-Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
Monday 1/19	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	HC Honor Band & Choir Concert	Sanctuary
	6-10pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/20	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 Youth and Choir Rooms
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
Wednesday 1/21	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	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
Thursday 1/22	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
Friday 1/23	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
Saturday 1/24 Sunday 1/25	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	3pm	Jens Korndörfer Organ Recital	Sanctuary
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, You Tube, Radio
	11:30am	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

FORUM

Between the Testaments
led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
January 11, 18, 25
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Lydia Room

How did we get from the Old Testament to the New Testament? Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, will explore the time period and theological developments that took place in ancient Israel between the compilation of the Older Testament and the New Testament. In what is sure to be a very interesting series, Dan will trace how we get from the writings of the Old to the New.



The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Hastings College Honor Choir & Band Concert

Monday, January 19
5:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

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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 & 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 Koepf
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh