

First Presbyterian
Church of Hastings
Season of Epiphany
February 1, 2026

Annual Congregational Meeting

PRELUDE

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. John Innes

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty”
Chancel Choir, director Robin Koozer
Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of salvation!
O our souls, praise him, for he is our health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near;
Join us in glad adoration!

Lobe Den Herren

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalms 36 & 118)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

How precious is your steadfast love, O God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

With you is the fountain of life,

And in your light, we see light.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, let us worship God,

The one who makes us new and calls us together as the body of Christ. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation” (vs. 1-2,5)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you call us to be born of the Spirit, to live as a new creation in Christ. Yet too often we cling to old ways: to habits that divide, to fears that hold us back, to comfort that keeps us from change.

We confess that we sometimes think of the church as something we attend rather than a people we are. We confess that we resist the wind of your Spirit when it blows us toward deeper faith, greater generosity, and bolder love.

Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your Spirit. Breathe new life into your church, that we may live not for ourselves, but as the body of Christ in the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and share the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the Son, not to condemn the world, but to save it.

In Christ, we are forgiven.

In the Spirit, we are made new.

We are born not of our own doing, but of God's grace.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!



Scan to sign-in and let us know you were here.

*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.)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 3:1-21

ANTHEM

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son,
that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.
God so loved the world.

SERMON

“*Being the Church*”

Greg Allen-Pickett and Rose Koepp

While the children are coming down the congregation will sing “This Little Light of Mine.”

*HYMN

“There is Now a New Creation” (vs. 1-2, 5)

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Jason Krug

Chancel Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, all that we have and all that we are comes from you. As we offer our gifts this morning, we give thanks for the ways you have been at work among us: through worship and service, through learning and mission, through care for one another and for our neighbors.



Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and as commitments to your future. Use them, and use us, to be your church in the year ahead: renewed by your Spirit, guided by your love, and shaped as the body of Christ in the world.

And now, as one people, born of water and Spirit, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

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.

TRANSITION TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*HYMN

“Embracing the Future”
Trumpets: Josh Brooks and Matt Jackson

David Stocker

Embracing The Future

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David Stocker



Em - brac-ing the fu-ture, the Lord leads the way, to -
brac-ing the fu-ture! The ral - ly - ing cry will
brac-ing the fu-ture! to serve God a-bove, we're



geth - er we fol - low, to - geth - er we pray. His Word there to guide us from
rise from the moun - tains and ring from the sky. The ban - ner of Je - sus, we
fac - ing the fu - ture con - firmed in God's love. Be bold in the Spir - it, come



night in - a day, Em - brac - ing the fu - ture, the Lord leads the way.
car - ry it high, Em - brac - ing the fu - ture, our ral - ly - ing cry.
down, Ho - ly Dove. Em - brac - ing the fu - ture, to serve God a - bove

*CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 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!***

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

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

Sunday, February 8:

8:30 a.m. Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion
9:15 Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Guest Preacher
artist Steve Thomason

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 Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson family.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson family.

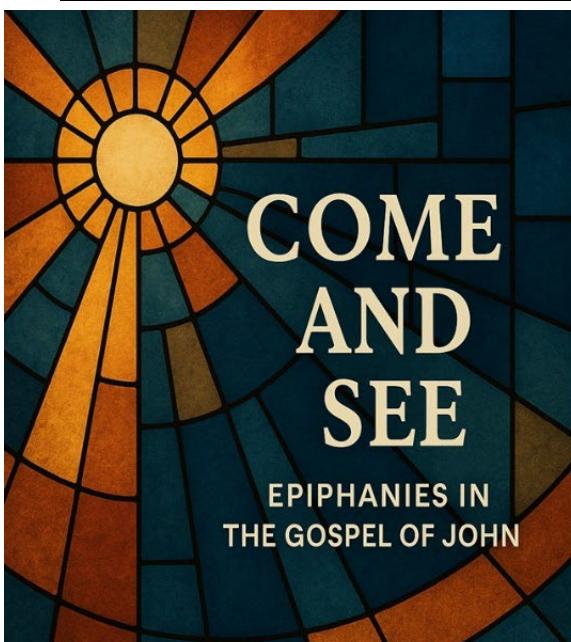
NURSERY Kim Bogan, Raegan Welsch

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

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



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

TODAY, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE:

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



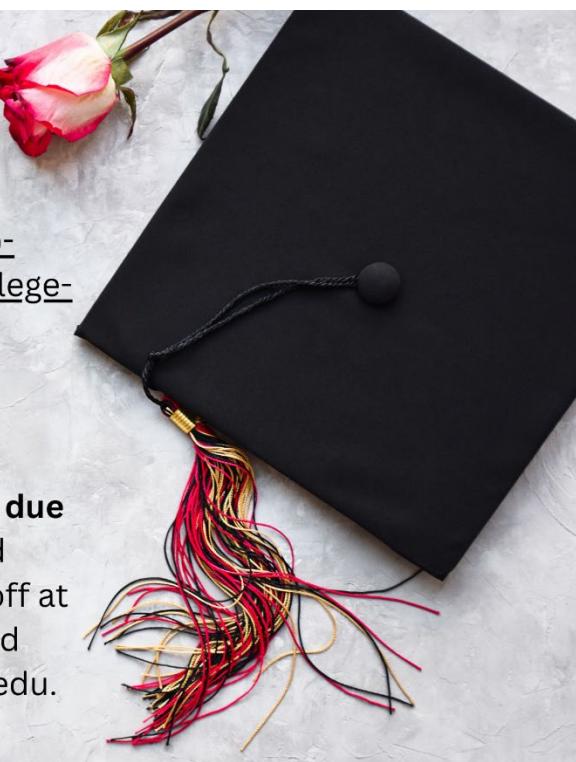
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SANCTUARY

**College
Scholarship Applications**
are available on
the church website at
<https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/College-Scholarship-2026.pdf>
or
in the Church Office

The application and essay are **due
March 1, 2026**. Completed
applications can be dropped off at
the church office or emailed
directly to rstruss@hastings.edu.



Sunday 2/1	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
Monday 2/2	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 Gym
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/3	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:15pm	EnCourage Program	PEACE Center
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School & Choir Rooms
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
Wednesday 2/4	8am-4pm	Hastings Middle School	PEACE West Classroom
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	11am	PW Coord. Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	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	Basement
	6:30pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Practice	Bell Room
Thursday 2/5	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-10pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm-8:30pm	Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby	Fellowship Hall
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 2/6	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 2/8	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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers who would like to serve as additional Ushers for 2026.

Team 1 (March & September)

Team 3 (May & November)

Team 5 (January & July)

Team 6 (February & August)

Please let the Church Office know if you are able to help out.
We appreciate any help we can receive.

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

Sammy Nahorny

Mary Lewis

Bruce Batterson

family of Yvonne Ziembra

Molly Kammerer and family

Willis Horton

Kathy Reimer

Carl Utley

Cassidy Georgiana

Barry Thomson

Greg Howard

Lexi Longshore

family of Dave Henderson

Zsuzsanna Fazakas

The Unger family

Judd Carrier

Nytha & Dave Glass

Elladee Ronhovde

Carol Harrenstein

In memory of

Elmer Heeren, who passed away on January 17, 2026

LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Grants are limited to one per child.
- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

- *DEADLINE FOR THE Spring 2026 GRANT PROGRAM IS April 1, 2026.*
- GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE; PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

Applications are available on the shelf outside the Church Offices or on the Church website at:

<https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Langenberg-form-Spring-2026.pdf>



Hastings College Choir Concert

Sunday, February 15

3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

*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 Koepf

Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh