

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Season of Epiphany February 15, 2026

PRELUDE

“Thy Word is a Lamp to My Feet”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Robinson

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

WELCOME

Henry Black

INTROIT

“Shine Jesus, Shine”

arr. Jack Schrader

Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson

Mary Plock, Accompanist

Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining;

Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,

Set us free by the truth you now bring us:

Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Have mercy on us Lord, for we are frail.

Heal us Lord, even when we quiver in fear.

Be with us, Lord, to help deliver us.

Save us with your faithful love.

Sometimes our vision fails us, Lord.

Restore our vision, God, so that we may see your work in the world.

Come let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
Linda Johnson, song leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

McKain Ratzlaff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Word of life, sometimes we are blind to the problems and injustices in the world. Open our eyes so we can see other people the way you see them. Fill our hearts with love for others and hope for both a meaningful life and a better world.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What is God inviting you to see?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yes, we all sin

But God has offered us grace and forgiveness.

Our eyes have been opened to God's endless love.

We are forgiven and loved. 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)

Caleb Schukei

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, help us hear. Help us learn. Help us see. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 9:1- 17

MESSAGE

God Wants and Helps People to See

ANTHEM

“Open the Eyes of My Heart
with “Open Our Eyes”

arr. John Purifoy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You. I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open our eyes, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open our eyes, Lord.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 9:35-41

Esther Allen-Pickett

MESSAGE

We Can Help Others See

*HYMN

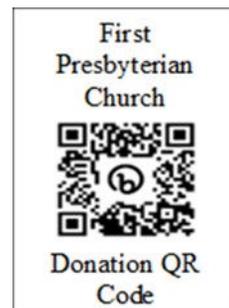
“Be Thou My Vision”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kade Jorgensen

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



OFFERING

Ashton Essink

OFFERTORY

“Laudation”

Brenda Austin

Youth Handbell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Charlie Ratzlaff

God of all things, we thank you for showing us the needs of our community. Please use our offerings to bring love and hope into the world. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

**“Light Dawns on a Weary World”
(no refrain)**

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*CHARGE 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

**“Shine, Jesus Shine”
(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)**

arr. Carter

Senior High writers, thinkers, and creators: Esther Allen-Pickett, Ben Burger, Henry Black, Olivia Canady, Ashton Essink, Kade Jorgensen, Peyton Mitchell, Meredith Oliver, Charlie Ratzlaff, McKain Ratzlaff, Paxton Rhodes, Caleb Schukei, Gavyne Summers-Stansbury, Harrison Welsch.

This service was written and prepared by the Senior High youth of First Presbyterian Church. With deep thanks and appreciation to Rose Koepp and Constance Malloy, who assisted in its formulation, and to the many parents, grandparents, and others who support our programming and encourage their loved ones to come and check it out!

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

Sunday, February 22:

8:30 a.m. Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion

9:15 Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

THE FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family and in loving memory of Lyn Throckmorton on her birthday from her family.

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

NURSERY Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

February 2026	Memorial Room	Narthex
15	Mary Fisk	Kim Creech
22	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	Volunteers Needed

**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.

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>



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.



**Hastings College
Choir Concert**

Sunday, February 15
3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

**ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**



2/18/26

7:15 PM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SANCTUARY**

Communion Offering Updates

The Christmas Joy offering raised a total of \$3,127.20
The January communion offering raised a total of \$608.00
Thank you for your generous support!

February 2026 Communion Offering

Catholic Social Services for help with utilities



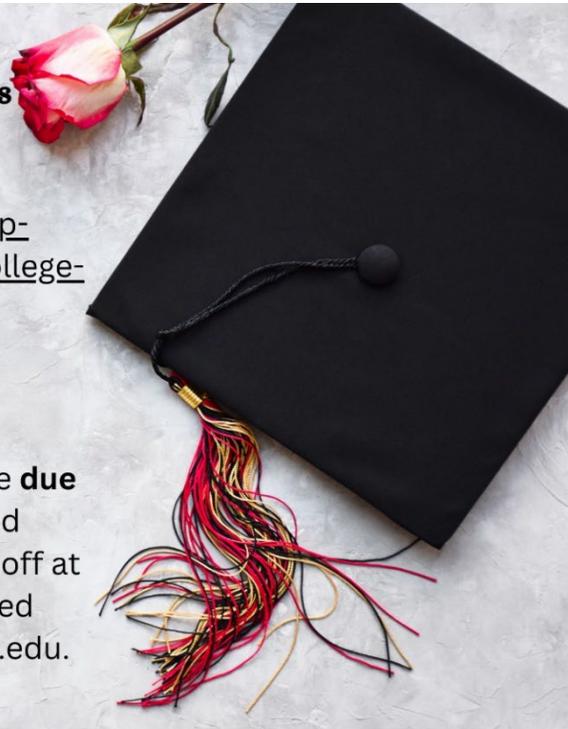
PRESIDENT'S
— DAY —

The Church Offices will be closed
on Monday, February 16 in
observance of President's Day.

**College
Scholarship Applications**

are available on
the church website at
[https://fpchastings.org/wp-
content/uploads/2026/01/College-
Scholarship-2026.pdf](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.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Baby Girl!

Sierra Diamond Mitchell

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

LOVING MOTHER, ALYSSA MITCHELL

Sunday 2/15	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, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	3pm	HC Choir Concert	Sanctuary
Monday 2/16	Church Offices Closed President's Day		
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 2/17	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
	7pm	Cruise Orientation	Anderson Room
Wednesday 2/18	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	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:15pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
Thursday 2/19	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	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6-10pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 2/20	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	11:45am	PEO-G	PEACE NW Classroom
Saturday 2/21	9:45-11:30am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sunday 2/22	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, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

Upcoming Forum

The Word Becomes Art

February 22, March 1, 8, 22, 29

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Lydia Room

Instructor: Dan Deffenbaugh

The Gospel of John emphasizes the importance of the incarnation, God made manifest in Christ. This class will look at various ways God's Word can also be known through visual art.

Please pray for

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

Carter Johnson
Alyssa Donley
Ken Fisk
family of Elmer Heeren
Sammy Nahorny
Mary Lewis
Bruce Batterson
family of Yvonne Ziemba
Molly Kammerer and family
Willis Horton
Kathy Reimer

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

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