

PRELUDE "Sonata No. 4 in D Major, I. Adagio II. Allegro" *G.F. Handel*
Hastings Symphony String Quartet
Jeana Peterson & Amy Brooks: Violin, Marla Rischling: Viola, Christa Speed, Cello

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Beloved of God, the season of Lent begins.

We come to walk the way of love with Jesus.

This is a journey through valleys and shadows,

A journey toward hope and new life.

Jesus walks before us: not distant from sorrow, not afraid of tears, not untouched by grief.

Jesus meets us where we are and calls us forward.

Come, let us follow Christ in humility and courage.

We will walk the way of love together. Come let us worship God.

*HYMN "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (vs. 1,2,5) 796
Angela Amaya, song leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, you call us to walk the way of love, yet we confess how often we choose the way of fear. We close our hearts to the pain of others. We rush past grief rather than entering it with compassion. We seek comfort instead of courage, certainty instead of trust, control instead of surrender. Forgive us, O God. Where we have been indifferent, awaken us. Where we have been hardened, soften us. Where we have turned away from love, turn us back again. In this Lenten season, shape us into a people who are willing to weep with those who weep and hope with those who hope through Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: God's love is not distant from our sorrow.

In Jesus Christ, God has entered our grief, carried our burdens, and overcome even death itself.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We are loved. We are made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory Be to the Father"

581

*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.)



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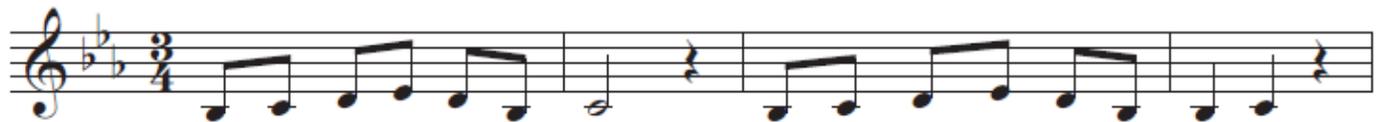
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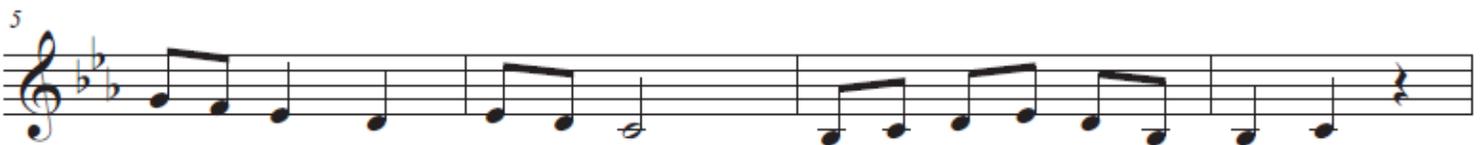
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

(The children will come down during this sung prayer)

Bear Your Light Upon Me, Lord



Bear your light u - pon me, Lord. Guide me through this time of sor - row



so that love and peace will pour from me for a new to - mor - row.



When the dark - ness of the val - ley ov - er sha - dows all that I see,



I pray you are e - ver with me, please bear your light u - pon me, Lord.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – John 11:1-37

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – John 11:38-53

SERMON

Love That Weeps

Greg Allen-Pickett

Lenten Sermon Series: *The Way of Love – Following Jesus Through the Gospel of John*

*HYMN

“Be Still My Soul”

819

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

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, fully human and fully divine, who walks with us in suffering and leads us into life.

We believe in God, who shows us that love is stronger than fear, grace is deeper than our sin, and hope is greater than despair.

We believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit, the cross is not the end, but the doorway to resurrection and new life.

We commit ourselves in this holy season to be the body of Christ, walking the way of love with humility, compassion, courage, and trust. We will follow Jesus wherever he leads. Amen.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Meditation”

Matthew Naughtin

Hastings Symphony String Quartet

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have given yourself to us in love: entering our grief, sharing our humanity, and calling us into new life.

Receive these gifts we offer today: our time, our treasure, and our hearts. Use them for healing where there is hurt, hope where there is despair, and life where there is loss.

As we walk the way of love this Lenten season, teach us to give as Christ has given: freely, courageously, and joyfully. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

722

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

The Lord Is Your Home

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Be-lieve in the life, be-lieve in the love, be-lieve in the hope the Lord shares with us. Go, all who were wear-y. Go, with friends or a-lone. Go, griev-ing or joy-ful now. The Lord is your home. Be-lieve in the life, be-lieve in the love, be-lieve in the hope the Lord shares with us." The score includes measure numbers 7, 13, and 20.

POSTLUDE

“Chaconne in G”

G.F. Handel

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

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

Sunday, March 1
8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion
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 Mrs. Besse Byrne Foote, Mrs. Gwendolyn Foote Beck, Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Foote, Dr. and Mrs. E.C. Foote, Jr.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Meredith Oliver

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

| February 2026 | Memorial Room | Narthex |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 22 | Bonnie & Kenton Grams | Volunteers Needed |

| March 2026 Greeters | Memorial Room | Narthex |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Gifts of Women Sunday | Gifts of Women Sunday |
| 8 | Carolyn & Richard McKenzie | Melissa Davis |
| 15 | Margaret & Charles Hermes | Sue Medsker |
| 22 | Clyde Sachtleben & Carolyn Nowka | Melissa Davis |
| 29 | Kay Georgiana | Volunteers Needed |

Happy Nappies

Your Mission Committee is always collecting diapers for our “Happy Nappies” project. Please place your donations in the bin in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your help in serving the most vulnerable in our community!

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
Carole Pedersen
Charles Hermes
Tony Glenn
Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Kathy Struss

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
Apostle Paul Cruise Participants

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

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|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| Monday 2/23 | 9-11am | Hastings Pickleball Club | PEACE gym |
| | 1-3pm | 1 st Pres Pickleball | PEACE gym |
| | 1:30pm | Quilters | PEACE quilting room |
| | 6-8pm | Mexican Folkloric Dance | PEACE NE Classroom |
| | 6-9pm | Hastings Pickleball Club | PEACE gym |
| | 7-9pm | Chorus of the Plains | Choir Room |
| Tuesday 2/24 | 9-11am | Hastings Pickleball Club | PEACE gym |
| | 10:30am | Staff Meeting | In-person |
| | 11:45am | Habitat for Humanity Board | 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 |
| Wednesday 2/25 | 9-11am | Hastings Pickleball Club | PEACE gym |
| | 12pm-1pm | 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 | Woodcarver's Meet | Basement |
| | 6:45pm | Chancel Choir | Choir Room |
| | 7:30pm | Chancel Bells | Bell Room |
| Thursday 2/26 | 9-11am | Hastings Pickleball Club | PEACE gym |
| | 12:30pm | Dulcimer | HCMA Room 112 |
| | 5:30pm | Hastings Literacy Classes | Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms |
| | 6-8pm | Mexican Folkloric Dance | PEACE NE Classroom |
| | 6-10pm | Hastings Pickleball Club | PEACE gym |
| | 7-8pm | Cub Scouts | Scout Room |
| Friday 2/27 | 9-11am | Hastings Pickleball Club | PEACE gym |
| | 10am-12pm | Mahjong Ladies | Basement Youth Room |
| Saturday 2/28 | 9am-1pm | Hastings Pickleball Club | PEACE gym |
| Sunday 3/1 | 8:30am | Contemplative Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| | 9:15am | Sunday School for all ages | various |
| | 10am | HAW Store Open | Library |
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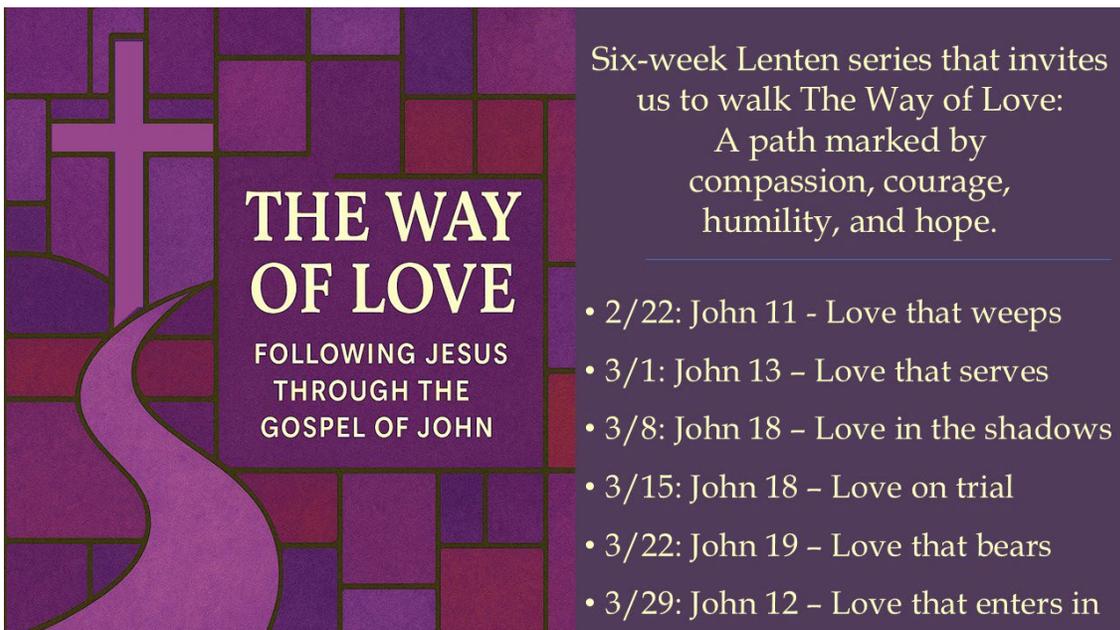
The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Monday, March 9, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.



Hands Around the World Store
has received new items for
Spring and Easter.

Stop by the store
and check out
our new merchandise!

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THE WAY OF LOVE

FOLLOWING JESUS
THROUGH THE
GOSPEL OF JOHN

Six-week Lenten series that invites
us to walk The Way of Love:
A path marked by
compassion, courage,
humility, and hope.

- 2/22: John 11 - Love that weeps
- 3/1: John 13 - Love that serves
- 3/8: John 18 - Love in the shadows
- 3/15: John 18 - Love on trial
- 3/22: John 19 - Love that bears
- 3/29: John 12 - Love that enters in

Upcoming Forum

The Word Becomes Art

February 22, March 1, 8, 22, 29

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

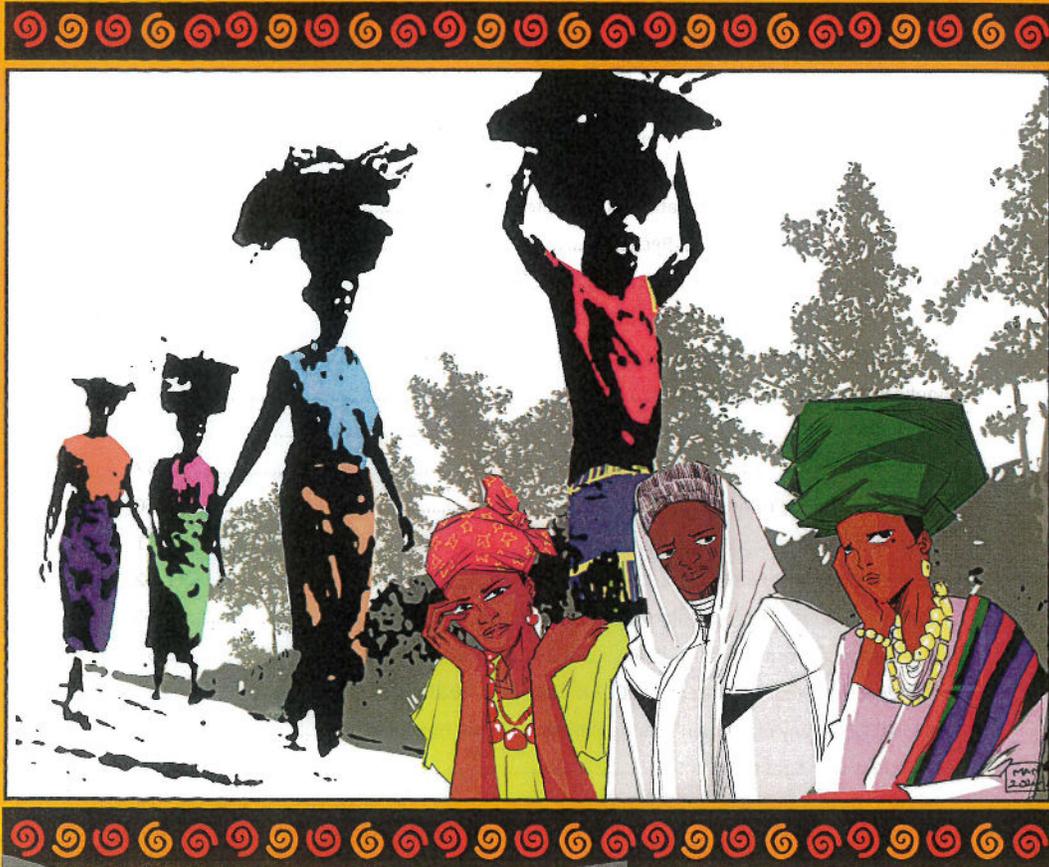
Lydia Room

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.



World Day of Prayer 2026



World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a global ecumenical movement of Christian women from diverse faith traditions who unite each year in prayer and action on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country prepares the WDP worship service, interpreting Scripture within their own cultural context and highlighting the challenges and hopes of women and children around the world. Upholding the motto “Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,” World Day of Prayer seeks to foster peace, justice, and equity for women everywhere through prayer, partnership, service, and celebration.

World Day of Prayer 2026

March 6, 9:30 a.m. coffee; 10 a.m. Service
Grace United Methodist Church
1832 W. 9th St., Hastings, NE.

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.

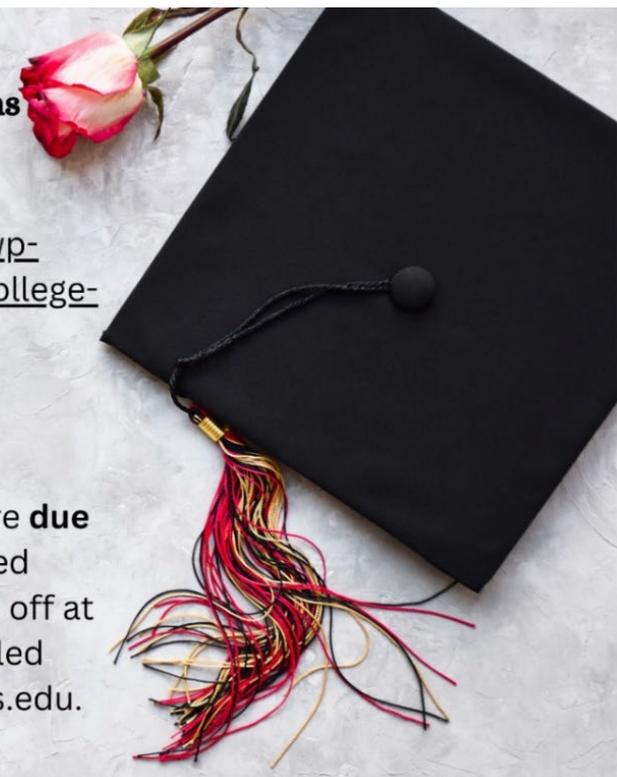
Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

• *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>



**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.

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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 Koepp
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
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