

First Presbyterian  
Church of Hastings

THE WAY  
OF LOVE

FOLLOWING JESUS  
THROUGH THE  
GOSPEL OF JOHN

Season of Lent  
March 1, 2026

PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance”  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

*arr. Wagner*

WELCOME

Rose Koepp

INTROIT

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”  
Children’s Handbell Choir  
Director Susan Oliver

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy White

The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

***We belong to God, and we come as we are.***

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts; our souls long for your presence.

***We come longing to worship, to be renewed, to be sent.***

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise.

***We come to praise the One who calls us into community.***

Come, worship the God who stoops low in love, who teaches us that greatness is found in service.

***We come to follow Jesus, to learn how to love, to serve, and to care for one another.***

\*HYMN

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Mary Fisk

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy God, you call us to walk humbly, to serve one another, and to care for those most in need. Yet too often we seek comfort over compassion, status over service, and safety over solidarity. We confess that we do not always see the dignity of those the world overlooks. We turn away from suffering that feels inconvenient. We forget our responsibility to one another and to all your children.***

**Forgive us, O God. Wash us clean as you washed the feet of your disciples. Teach us again how to love, that we might reflect your justice, mercy, and grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Hear the good news: “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” God does not deal with us according to our sins, but meets us with compassion and care.

**Thanks be to God!**

The God who heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds, forgives you, restores you, and calls you again into lives of love and service.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.)



SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESENTATION

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

(The children will come down during this sung prayer)

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 12:1-2; 9-18 (NIV)

Molly Kammerer

**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.

ANTHEM

“Loving Friend of Everyone”  
Children’s Choir  
Director Teresa Canady  
Mary Plock, accompanist

Larry E. Schultz

O loving Friend of everyone, teach us to be like you; As we make friends, your will is done, and we are loving too.

We thank you, dearest Friend, for hearing when we call, for love that has no end, for giving us your all.

We thank you, dearest Friend, for hearing when we call, for love that has no end, for giving us your all.

O faithful Friend, through every day, give us the faith to dare to follow you in peaceful ways, and show we truly care.

O gracious Friend of every race, help us to break down walls; As friends with you, we share your grace; we give your hope to all.

We thank you, dearest Friend, for hearing when we call, for love that has no end, for giving us your all.

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 13:1-17

Sarah Wolf

SERMON

*Love That Serves*

With Lilly Black

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

\*HYMN

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

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\*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

Merry Williams

OFFERTORY

“Sing a Song of Faith”  
Women’s Choir  
Director Linda Johnson

Tom Mitchell



Sing a song of faith in a God who loves and cares,  
Sing a song of faith in a God who hears our prayers.  
Even when our life is filled with problems and sorrow:  
Jesus bids us follow,  
Jesus bids us sing a song of faith and follow.

It isn't easy to understand if you cannot touch or see,  
It isn't easy to understand if you cannot live life free.

Sometimes you're sure that no one cares.  
Sometimes your life's too much to bear.  
That's when you find the courage to dare  
to sing a song of faith and follow.

Sing a song of faith in a God who loves and cares,

Sing a song of faith in a God who hears our prayers.  
Even when our life is filled with problems and sorrow:  
Jesus bids us follow,  
Jesus bids us sing a song of faith and follow.

Jesus asked His disciples, "Do you love me?"  
And they said, "O Lord you know we do."  
Then He said to them, "Feed my sheep and follow."  
"Live my love in all you do."

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Sing a song of faith in a God who hears our prayers.  
Even when our life is filled with problems and sorrow:  
Jesus bids us follow,  
Jesus bids us sing a song of faith and follow.

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

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jill Kramer

***Accept these gifts, O God. We offer them in thanksgiving for the gift of grace you have given us. May they bring hope to the suffering, peace to the lost, and joy to all. May they be used to further your work in 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

“One Bread, One Body”

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\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Vivace”

*Handel/arr. Smith*

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

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

## The Lord Is Your Home



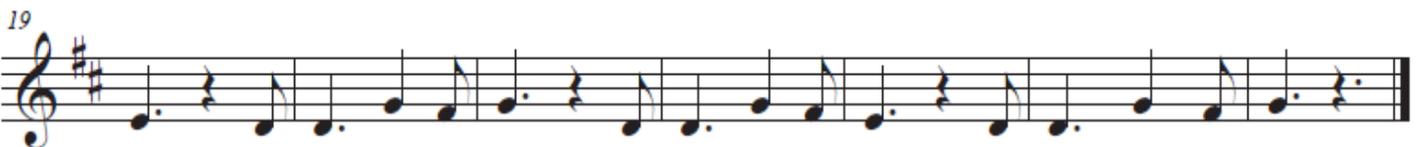
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hope the Lord shares with us. Go, all who were wear-y. Go, with friends or a-



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.

**Sunday, March 8**

**8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion**  
**9:15 Adult Forum and Heirs Apparent**  
**No Sunday School for PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

**Stay-at-Home Broadcast live on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@FPCHastings](http://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 Rose and Robert Ryan and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Geyerman.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Geyerman by family.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan, Kade Jorgensen

**ACOLYTES** Student Volunteers

**USHERS** Julie Thomsen, Mary Kay LaMaster, Lynette Krieger, Lois Hafer, Kim Creech

**GREETERS** Narthex: May Wierenga & Flossie Sanderson, Memorial Room: Kathy Reimer & Marie Rasmussen

**COMMUNION SERVERS** Kathy Reimer, Lisa Unger, Beverly Rader, Nancy Grams, May Wierenga, Mary Fisk

March 2026 Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
<b>8</b>	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie	Melissa Davis
<b>15</b>	Margaret & Charles Hermes	Sue Medsker
<b>22</b>	Clyde Sachtleben & Carolyn Nowka	Melissa Davis
<b>29</b>	Kay Georgiana	Volunteers Needed

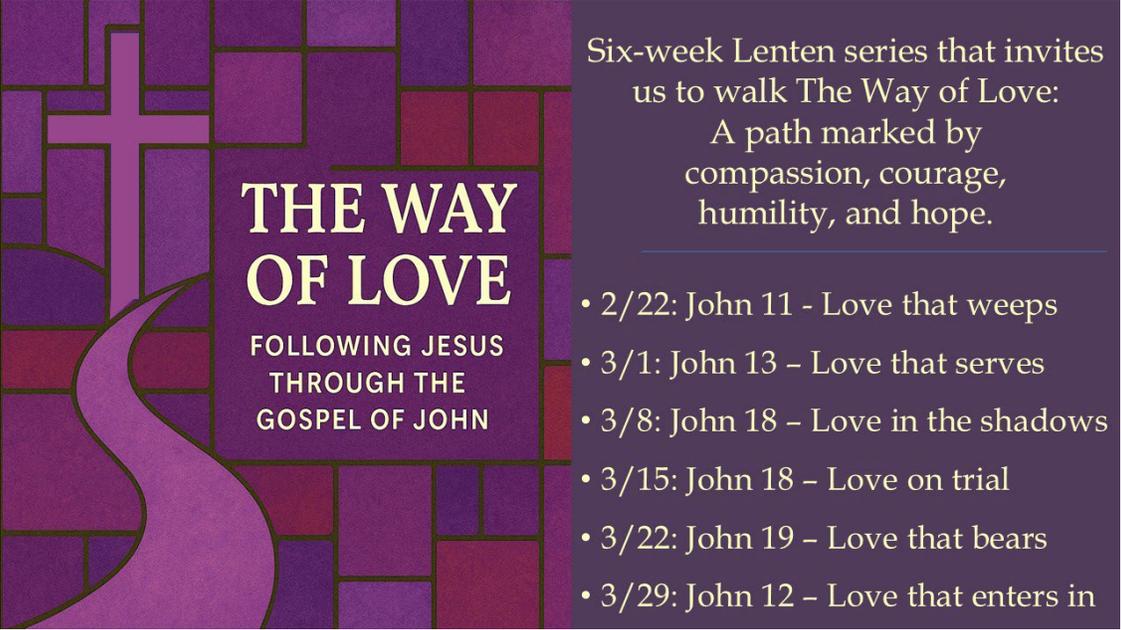


Hands Around the World Store  
has received new items for  
Spring and Easter.

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



**American  
Red Cross**

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](http://redcrossblood.org), select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.



## 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!

**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>



# You're Invited

## To a Chili Cook-off!!!

Hosted by:  
Congregational Life Committee



Sunday  
March

22



12

PM

Fellowship  
Hall



**Come enjoy chili that has been prepared by our various Church Committees, and vote for your favorites!**





# 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 equality 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. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Hastings, NE.

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann will be the soloist, pianist and song leader.

<b>Sunday 3/1</b>	College Scholarship Applications due		
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Sanctuary
	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
<b>Monday 3/2</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 3/3</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
<b>Wednesday 3/4</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	11-11:45am	PW Coord. Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Luncheon and Program	Fellowship Hall
	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
		NO Chancel Choir Practice	
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
<b>Thursday 3/5</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School & Youth Rooms
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 3/6</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
<b>Sunday 3/8</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		NO Sunday School for PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> grades	
	9:15am	Adult Forum and Heirs Apparent	Forum-Lydia Room Heirs Apparent-Anderson Room
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

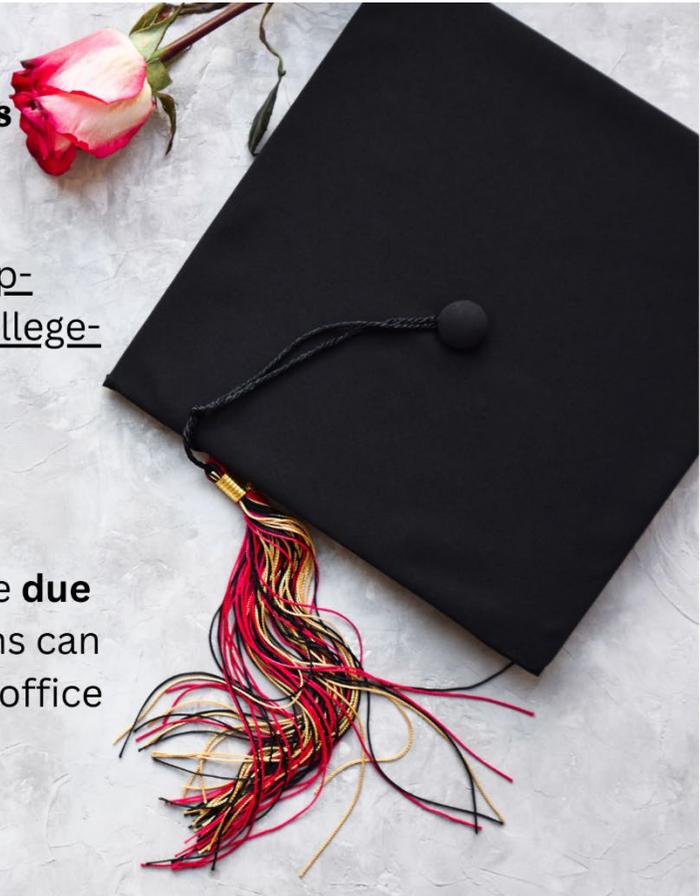
## Wells Fargo Checks

We have received two checks in the mail from Wells Fargo that didn't have names on them. With them not having names we don't know who to credit them to. Please let the church office know if you have had checks sent to the church from Wells Fargo.

### 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 today**. Completed applications can be dropped off at the church office or emailed directly to [rstruss@hastings.edu](mailto:rstruss@hastings.edu).



## 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

### 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.

### *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