

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

THE WAY OF LOVE

FOLLOWING JESUS
THROUGH THE
GOSPEL OF JOHN

Season of Lent
March 8, 2026

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Louis Vierne

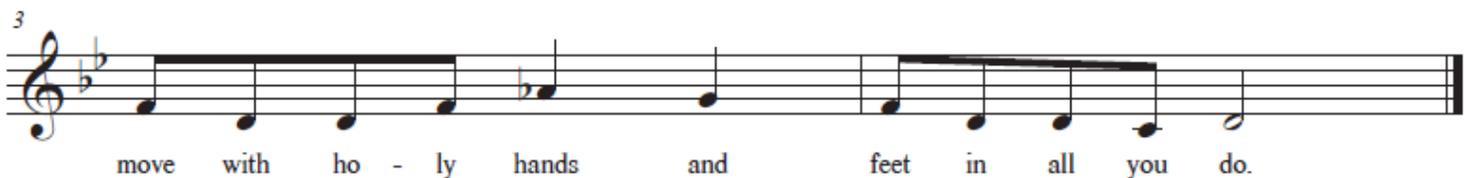
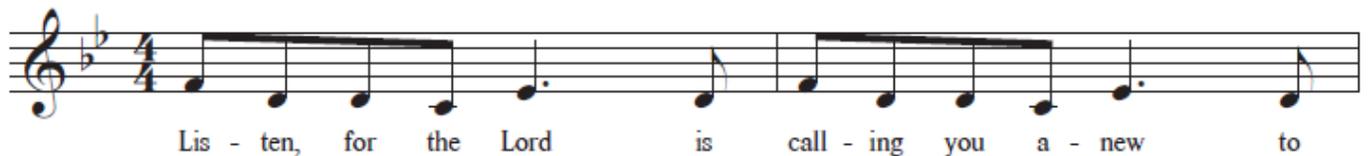
WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

The Lord Is Calling



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koepp

The shadows of Lent lengthen:

Fear and animosity, distrust and disdain.

Such things become ever more present.

But even still Jesus is a beacon amid the shadows.

God remains a rock amid shifting sands.

The Holy Spirit dwells among us, connecting us to God and one another.

The shadows may be lengthening, the day growing short.

But the love of God will never fade.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Jesus, sometimes we are scared like Peter.
Sometimes we are too scared to talk about you.

Help us, Jesus,

Help us live for you.

Jesus, sometimes we are mean to others.

Sometimes we do not show your love.

Help us, Jesus,

Help us live for you.

Jesus, You have taught us many things, but we do not always listen to you.

Help us, Jesus,

Help us live for you.

Jesus, we know you always love us, even when we are scared.

We know you forgive us when we deny you.

Help us, Jesus,

Help us live for you.

Amen.

QUESTION FOR SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

When do you hesitate to follow the path of God?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord God abides in the hearts of the faithful.

And though they sin, God offers them forgiveness.

In Jesus the Christ our contrition is heard and we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory be to The Father”

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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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

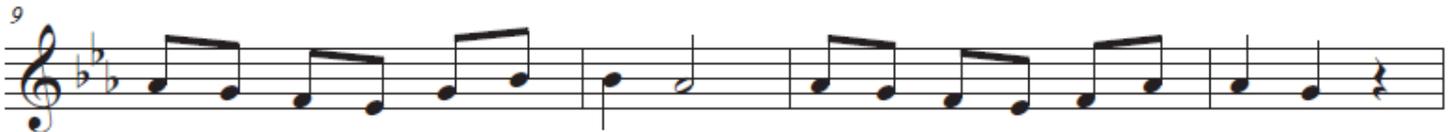
Bear Your Light Upon Me, Lord



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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – John 18:12-18

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – John 18:19-24

SERMON “I am Not”

*HYMN “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

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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

The Lord Is Your Home

Be - lieve in the life, be - lieve in the love, be - lieve in the

7
hope the Lord shares with us. Go, all who were wear-y. Go, with friends or a-

13
lone. Go, griev-ing or joy - ful now. The Lord is your home. Be - lieve in the life, be -

20
lieve in the love, be - lieve in the hope the Lord shares with us.

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. The first line starts with a 6/8 time signature and contains the lyrics 'Be - lieve in the life, be - lieve in the love, be - lieve in the'. The second line starts with a measure rest and contains the lyrics 'hope the Lord shares with us. Go, all who were wear-y. Go, with friends or a-'. The third line starts with a measure rest and contains the lyrics 'lone. Go, griev-ing or joy - ful now. The Lord is your home. Be - lieve in the life, be -'. The fourth line starts with a measure rest and contains the lyrics 'lieve in the love, be - lieve in the hope the Lord shares with us.' The score ends with a double bar line.

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in C Major”

Gustav Merkel

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

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

Sunday, March 15

8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion

9:15 Sunday School for PreK-12th grade, Heirs Apparent

NO Adult Forum

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 by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

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

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Molly Gosda

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

USHERS Doug Soderquist, Kim Creech

GREETERS

March Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
8	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie	Melissa Davis
15	Margaret & Charles Hermes	Sue Medsker
22	Melissa Davis	Volunteers Needed
29	Kay Georgiana	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.

Please pray for

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

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
Monte Malouf

In memory of

Elmer Heeren, who passed away on January 17, 2026



February Communion Offering Update

The February
Communion Offering
raised a total of **\$745**
which will benefit
Catholic Social Services
for help with utilities,
Thank you for your
generous support.

Sunday 3/8	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		NO Sunday School for PreK-12 th Grades, NO Heirs Apparent	
	9:15am	Adult Forum	Lydia Room
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
Monday 3/9	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12pm-6pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
	1-3pm	1 st 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
Tuesday 3/10	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
	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
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	PEACE West Classroom
	5:30pm	Congregational Life	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
Wednesday 3/11	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
		NO WNL	
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
Thursday 3/12	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	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
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Friday 3/13	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
Sunday 3/15	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
		Senior Recognition Sunday	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	PreK-12 th Grade Sunday School, Heirs Apparent	various
		NO Adult Forum	
	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.

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.



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!**



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! Size 4 and 5 diapers are much appreciated! Thanks!

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>

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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

EASTER LILIES 2026



Easter Lilies are \$12 each. Monies raised above the cost will be donated to Heartland Health

Lily in memory of _____

Lily in honor of _____

Given by _____

I will take my Lily home after the Easter Sunday services: Yes No

I will leave my Lily at the church: Yes No

THE Free Concert! STRING BEANS



Event Concert

Date Sunday, April 12

Time 3:00 p.m.

Location FPC Sanctuary



www.thestringbeans.com



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.

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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
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh