



PRELUDE

“Two Meditations”  
*Arioso*  
*Andante Religioso*  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

*Austin C. Lovelace*

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

“The Lord is Calling”

*Hannah Jensen-Heitmann*

## The Lord Is Calling

Lis - ten, for the Lord is call - ing you a - new to  
move with ho - ly hands and feet in all you do.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

We gather to worship, O God, in the shadows of Lent.

***Like Jesus, we would follow faithfully in your way;***

May we encounter once again the truth that is Jesus.

***The truth that reminds us that we are your people,***

That we belong to you.

***May your name be glorified among us.***

May we learn to live truly for you.

***May we bear witness even as the shadows of lent grow longer.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, gracious God, that we are not worthy of your love for us. You speak truth to us through your prophets, yet we harden our hearts and close our ears. You come to us in Jesus, revealing your love for all people and suffering pain for us; still we do not turn in love and obedience to you. We do the things we shouldn't and leave undone the things we should. We chase after the falsehoods of pride, security, and prominence. We deny the truth of humility, kindness, and love. Forgive us, receive us, and give us courage to serve you with renewed hearts and wills.***

QUESTION FOR SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

*What truth would God like you to hear and follow?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We will not be afraid.

***Our faith frees us from sin.***

It is Christ who makes of us a new creation.

***Thanks be to God!***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory be to The Father”

\*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

RECOGNITION OF SENIOR HIGH GRADUATES



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

# Bear Your Light Upon Me, Lord



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

5  
so that love and peace will pour from me for a new to - mor - row.

9  
When the dark - ness of the val - ley ov - er sha - dows all that I see,

13  
I pray you are e - ver with me, please bear your light u - pon me, Lord.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – John 14:1-9

### ANTHEM

“A Future with Hope”  
Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson  
Mary Plock, accompanist

*Mark Burrows*

Surely I know, surely I know,  
I know the plans I have for you,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope,  
to give you a future with hope.

When you call on me, I will answer,  
I will hear your every prayer.  
When you seek me with all your heart,

you will find me, you will find me,  
you will find me, I will be there.

Surely I know, surely I know,  
I know the plans I have for you,  
plans for your welfare and not for harm,  
to give you a future with hope,  
to give you a future with hope.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – John 18:28-40

SERMON

“Questions Without Answers”

\*HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A creed for Lent 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 world. Through his life, death, and resurrection, God’s love is made visible and God’s light is revealed.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to see and our hearts to believe, calling us to follow Christ and to bear his light in the world.***

***We believe the Church is called to live as a sign of God’s grace, to love boldly, to serve faithfully, and to trust in God’s renewing work.***

***With hope and joy, we affirm this faith and commit ourselves to come and see as we seek to follow Jesus. Amen.***



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Make a Joyful Noise”  
Youth Handbell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*Kevin McChesney*

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Teach us, like Jesus, to hand ourselves over in love for you, for one another, and for all people. Help us, O God, to find our true lives by giving ourselves to the redeeming work of your love by lifting the oppressed, binding the broken, challenging the powerful, and drawing everyone into a community of peace and reconciliation. 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

“Day is Done”  
(verses 1&2)

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\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE

“The Lord is Your Home”

*Hannah Jensen-Heitmann*

## 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. 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.

POSTLUDE

“Voluntary”

*Handel*

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

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

**Sunday, March 22**

**8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion**

**9:15 Sunday School for all ages**

**10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Cross Dedication,  
Chancel Choir, and Chancel Bells**

**12pm Congregational Life Chili Cook-off event**

**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 Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by family.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Isabelle and Chester Gates by their  
daughter, Ann, and their son, Jerry.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan, Peyton Mitchell

**ACOLYTES** Student Volunteers

**USHERS** (Team 1) Captain-Chuck Hastings, Kim Creech

**GREETERS**

March Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
15	Margaret & Charles Hermes	Sue Medsker
22	Melissa Davis	Volunteers Needed
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! Size 4 and 5 diapers are much  
appreciated! Thanks!

**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

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

# THE Free Concert! STRING BEANS

Event Concert  
Date Sunday, April 12  
Time 3:00 p.m.  
Location FPC Sanctuary



www.thestringbeans.com



**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.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.



## 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!



<b>Sun. 3/15</b>	<b>Senior Recognition Sunday</b>		
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
9:15am	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>Mon. 3/16</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12pm	Memorial Committee	Anderson Room
	1-3pm	FPC Pickleball	PEACE gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tues. 3/17</b>	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
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
<b>Wed. 3/18</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	12:30pm-7pm	HC Brass Day	Sanctuary
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	7:30pm	HC Brass Day Concert	Sanctuary
	<b>Thur. 3/19</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club
12:30pm		Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
5:30pm		Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School & Choir Rooms
6-8pm		Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
6-8pm		Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
7pm		Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Fri. 3/20</b>	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
<b>Sat. 3/21</b>		United Harvest	PEACE Center
<b>Sun. 3/22</b>	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, YouTube, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	12pm	Chili Cook-off	Fellowship Hall
	3pm	Breann Kelly Organ Recital	Sanctuary

## 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

**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>

### 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.

# 2026 First Presbyterian Church High School Graduates



## *Carola Arpigiani*

Parents:  
Rosana Evangelista &  
Pedro Arpigiani  
Host Parents:  
William & Susan Oliver

Graduating From:  
Hastings High

Extracurricular Activities:  
Rotary, Interact, Show Choir,  
Concert Choir, Volleyball, Swim,  
Track & Field

Future Plans: Finish high school  
in Argentina. Then attend  
college for international  
finance

Memorable FPC Event:  
Speaking in Spanish with  
Pastor Greg!

Memorable High School Event:  
Sharing with the Show Choir  
how much the experience meant  
for her

Favorite Quote:  
"The world is a book and those  
who do not travel read  
only a page"  
Saint Augustine



## *Grace Brader*

Parents:  
Justin & Steph Brader

Graduating From:  
Adams Central

Extracurricular Activities:  
Softball, Track, Band, FBLA,  
NAHS, VP Student Council,  
Yearbook, School Paper

Future Plans: Attend CCC &  
UNK for Radiologic Tech

Memorable FPC Event:  
Falling out white water rafting  
in NC when her raft went  
vertical

Memorable High School Event:  
Riding a Segway in Chicago on  
the band trip.

Favorite Scripture:  
Isaiah 40:31

Why:  
"When I am feeling stressed ... I  
remember that the Lord has a  
plan for me and will allow me  
to fly like the eagles  
in the sky."



## *Ben Burger*

Parents:  
Björn & Yve Burger  
Host Parents:  
Stan & Chanda Essink

Graduating From:  
Sandy Creek

Extracurricular Activities:  
Football, Basketball, Track,  
Quiz Bowl, 74 Creative,  
Youth Group

Future Plans: Return to  
Germany to complete high  
school then attend college  
in the US

Memorable FPC Event:  
Eating all the doughnuts in  
Sunday School

Memorable High School Event:  
Winning state football

Favorite Scripture:  
Isaiah 41:10

Why:  
"It shows me that God is always  
with me."

# 2026 First Presbyterian Church High School Graduates



***Ashton Essink***

Parents:  
Stan & Chanda Essink

Graduating From:  
Sandy Creek

Extracurricular Activities:  
eSports, FBLA, Journalism,  
Boy Scouts, Track, Piano,  
74 Creative, Youth Group,  
Go & Serve

Future Plans: Pursue a degree  
in Information Tech from CCC

Memorable FPC Event:  
Helping people in NC during  
Go & Serve

Memorable High School Event:  
Winning state eSports for the 4<sup>th</sup>  
time

Favorite Scripture:  
"My favorite scripture is  
hard to say."



***McKain Ratzlaff***

Parents:  
Leah & Tom Ratzlaff

Graduating From:  
Hastings High

Extracurricular Activities:  
Football, Baseball, Swim, Band,  
Golf, Show Choir, Interact,  
FCA, Pilot Lessons

Future Plans: Attend college &  
earn his commercial  
pilot license

Memorable FPC Event:  
Go & Serve trip to NC

Memorable High School Event:  
Competing in state swim

Favorite Scripture:  
Philippians 4:13

Why:  
"It reminds me that I can do  
anything with God's help."



***Norah Snell***

Parents:  
Sarah & Scott Snell

Graduating From:  
Adams Central

Extracurricular Activities:  
Studio Dance, Mentoring Works,  
Tennis, Band, FBLA, NAHS,  
Student Council, Choir,  
Yearbook

Future Plans: Attend UNK &  
major in  
Communication Disorders

Memorable FPC Event:  
Being confirmed in the Church

Memorable High School Event:  
Going to Disney World on a  
band trip

Favorite Scripture:  
Jeremiah 29:11

Why:  
"It reminds me to trust in God  
even when I have concerns  
about my future."



## Hastings College Brass Day Concert

featuring Seraph Brass, Cathedral Brass, and  
Brass Day Ensemble

Wednesday, February 18  
7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

The concert is free and open to the public.

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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### Forum

#### **The Word Becomes Art**

March 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.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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

Team 1 (March & September)

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.



# Holy Week 2026

**3/29 Palm Sunday**  
 Contemplative Service: 8:30 a.m. in Chapel  
 Traditional Service: 10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary  
 with kids and youth choir and bells at 10:30 a.m. service

**4/2 Maundy Thursday**  
 6 p.m. Table Fellowship & Service in Memorial Room

**4/3 Good Friday**  
 7 p.m. Service in Sanctuary

**Good Friday - Easter morning**  
 Easter Prayer Vigil in Chapel

**4/5 Easter Sunday**  
 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services in Sanctuary  
 with Cathedral Brass, Chancel Choir, and Chancel Bells at both services

## Noonday Book Club



The Noonday Book Group will begin a new discussion in the upcoming week. Elaine Pagel's book *The Gnostic Gospels* will be the focus. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will lead the weekly conversations online. All are welcome to log in at 11:55 a.m. every Wednesday. Please contact Sharon Brooks at [sbbrooks52@gmail.com](mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com) or Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh at [ddeffenbaugh425@gmail.com](mailto:ddeffenbaugh425@gmail.com) for more information about connecting online.

***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  
**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Miggi Angangco  
**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**  
**Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen  
**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson  
**Praise/Alleluia Choir Director:** Teresa Canady  
**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir 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