



## PRAYER OF CELEBRATION AND BLESSING FOR TONY CALHOUN

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks today for Tony: for his years of faithful service, for his steady hands and generous spirit, and for the many ways he has cared for this church and this community.

Thank you for the work he has done, often unseen but deeply felt, for the spaces he has prepared, the details he has attended to, and the ways he has helped create a place where your people could gather in safety, in worship and fellowship, and feel welcomed.

We give you thanks for his leadership during times of challenge, especially through the uncertainty of the pandemic, and for his faithful work in bringing to life the vision of our capital improvements. As Tony begins this new chapter in Montana, we ask for your blessing to go with him. Guide his steps. Surround him with your peace. Grant him joy in his work and rest in your presence. May he carry with him the gratitude of this congregation, the relationships he has built, and the knowledge that his work here has made a lasting difference. And may he continue to be a blessing wherever he goes. We entrust him to your care, O God, with thanksgiving and hope.

And all God's people said: ***We give thanks to God for Tony! Amen.***

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Gracious and merciful God, we confess that we are not always sure which parade we are in. We wave our palms and shout "Hosanna," but too often our loyalties are divided. We are drawn to power, success, and control, and we place our trust in the kingdoms of this world.***

***Forgive us when we choose comfort over courage, when we stay silent instead of speaking truth, when we follow the crowd rather than follow Christ. Forgive us when we proclaim you as king with our lips but live as though another power rules our lives.***

***Turn our hearts back to you. Help us to follow the one who comes in humility, the one who reigns through love, the one who gives his life for the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.***

### QUESTION FOR SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

*How can I embrace the way of humility and self-sacrificial love?*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel: The king who enters Jerusalem does not come to condemn but to save.

***The one who is rejected does not reject us. The one who is betrayed still offers grace.***

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!***

\*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.)



Scan to sign-in and let us know you were

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

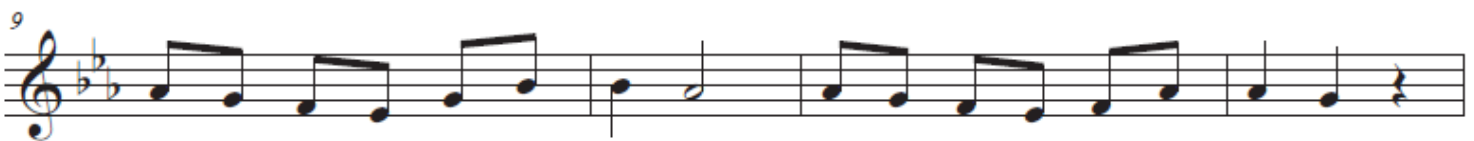
# Bear Your Light Upon Me, Lord



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.

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 19:29-39

ANTHEM "Let the Rocks Cry Out" *Lloyd Larson*  
**Refrain:** Let the rocks cry out in joyous sounds of praise!  
 Let the people shout with voices gladly raised!  
 Sing hosanna, hosanna! Messiah comes today.  
 Sing hosanna, hosanna! The Savior's on His way!  
 Let the rocks cry out, let the people shout,  
 "Blessed be the name of the Lord!"  
**Verse:** Lift your voice and sing in glad adoration;  
 praise to God on high!

See the King who comes in grand celebration,  
 for He comes in the name of the Lord!  
**Refrain**  
**Verse:** Lift up your heads, O gates, you ancient doors,  
 let the King of glory in.  
 He is strong and mighty, this King of glory,  
 and He comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Refrain**

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 12:17-26

SERMON "Which parade will you join?"

\*HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

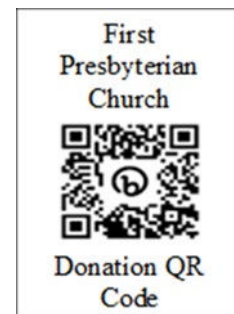
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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Palm Sunday Affirmation of Faith by Greg Allen-Pickett)

***We believe in Jesus Christ, the humble king who rides into our lives, not with force, but with love. We believe his kingdom is different: a kingdom where the last are first, where the lowly are lifted up, and where peace is born through sacrifice.***

***We believe that the powers of this world do not have the final word, for our hope is in Christ alone. We believe that even the stones would cry out if God's truth were silenced, and so we will not be silent.***

***We will proclaim his love, live his justice, and follow him in the way of the cross. For he is our king, now and forever. Amen.***



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Abide with Me"  
 Children's Bells, Director Susan Oliver

Lyte/arr. Monk

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

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous and gracious God, all that we have comes from you, and all that we are belongs to you. As we offer these gifts, we remember that your kingdom is not built through power or wealth, but through love poured out for the sake of the world.**

**Use these gifts and our lives to bear witness to your kingdom: a kingdom of justice, mercy, and peace. May what we offer today help proclaim that Christ alone is king. In his holy 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

“Come! Live in the Light!” (vs. 1-2)

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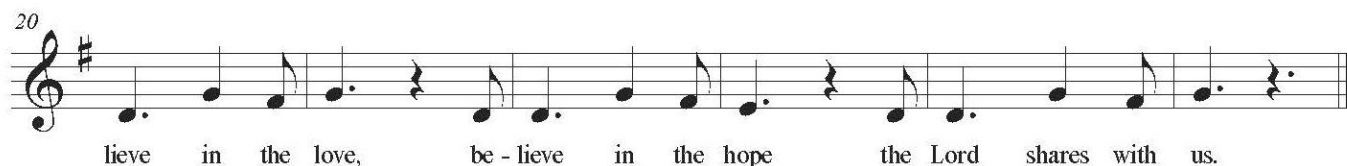
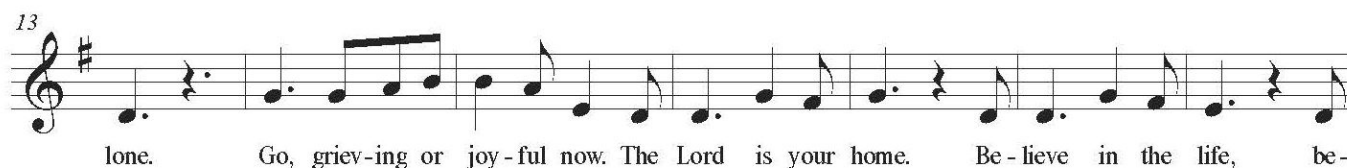
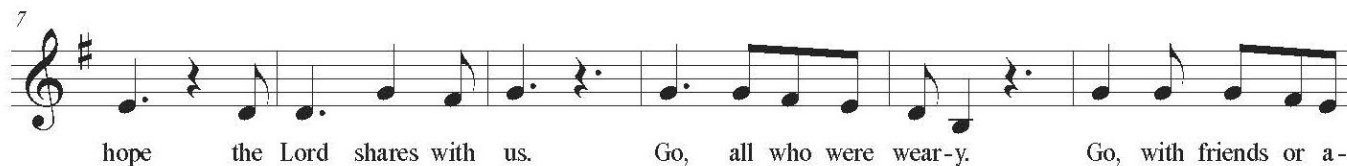
\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE

“The Lord is Your Home”

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

## The Lord Is Your Home



POSTLUDE

“Recessional”

arr. Matthew H. Corl

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

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

**Easter Sunday, April 5**  
**8:30 and 10:30: Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and The Cathedral Brass,**  
**& the *Hallelujah* Chorus from Handel’s *Messiah*!**

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 by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

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

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan

**ACOLYTES** Student Volunteers

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

**GREETERS**

March Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
29	Kay Georgiana	Mary Kay LaMaster

### April Greeters and Ushers

**April (Team #2)** Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta & Dick Brader,  
Lois Hafer

April Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
Easter 8:30am 5	Volunteers Needed	Melissa Davis
Easter 10:30am 5	Melissa Davis	Jan Bolliger
12	Damen & LaRaesha Kugal	Melissa Davis
19	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	Jenna Jorgensen
26	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Susan Cole

**Easter Greeters and Ushers Needed** We need Ushers and Greeters for the 8:30 a.m. service on Easter. Please let the church office know if you are able to help out. Thanks so much!

**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

**THE STRING BEANS**

www.thestringbeans.com

FPC Presents: A Parents' Night Out Event

**Jammies & Jesus!**

SATURDAY,  
11 APRIL 2026  
From 4:30 - 7:30 pm

For students in PreK - 5th grade  
(Please register online so we have an accurate count for food)

Parents get **3 Hours** to themselves!  
While Kids: Explore Scripture, Eat Pizza, Make Crafts, And Play Games!

For Questions, email [rose@fpchastings.org](mailto:rose@fpchastings.org) or call the office at (402) 462-5147



# 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.

<b>Sun. 3/29</b>	Palm Sunday		
	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
<b>Mon. 3/30</b>	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm-8pm	Prayer Calling Event	
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Tues. 3/31</b>	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
<b>Wed. 4/1</b>	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	Langenberg Lesson Scholarship Applications Due		
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	11-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Program & Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbooks52@gmail.com">Sbbooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation	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
<b>Thurs. 4/2</b>	7:45pm	Hastings College Sinfonia	Kessler Room & Chapel
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Memorial Room
<b>Fri. 4/3</b>	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	7pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
<b>Sat. 4/4</b>	8pm	Easter Prayer Vigil Begins	Chapel/ at home
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<b>Sun. 4/5</b>	Easter Sunday		
	8am	Prayer Vigil Ends	Chapel/at home
	8:30am	Easter Worship Service	Sanctuary
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Easter Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

## Thank You



The Congregational Life Committee would like to thank all the committees that accepted the challenge of providing chili for the Chili Cook-Off! The real winners were all the voters, who enjoyed sampling such a wonderful variety of chilis. A

special thank-you to WAM, Session, Staff, Mission, Presbyterian Women, Deacons, and Congregational Life for making this event such a success. We hope you all had a wonderful time at the Chili Cook-Off—it was great to see so many of you there! We are also grateful to our church family for participating and for your generous support, as \$900 in freewill donations will be sent to the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation to assist those affected by the wildfires in our state.



## Volunteers Needed at the Rain Garden

The PEACE Center Rain Garden is waking up! Volunteers are needed to help weed the garden and encourage plants and bushes to mature. An attractive garden provides habitat for birds, butterflies, and pollinators, while also creating a colorful landscape. The work can be done at your convenience. If interested, contact John Nelson at 402-469-6001 or [njcelk11@gmail.com](mailto:njcelk11@gmail.com)



# EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

EASTER VIGIL IN THE CHAPEL OR AT HOME  
GOOD FRIDAY AT 8PM TO EASTER SUNDAY AT 8AM  
SIGN UP AT THIS LINK: <https://bit.ly/ChapelVigil>



## Prayer Calls



On Monday, March 30 from 6:30pm-8pm, your church leaders and staff will be calling every family in the church. We will be collecting prayer requests, joys, and concerns, so that we can pray for you. So, if your phone rings on Monday night, please answer it. You will have a chance to talk with a church leader and they will pray for you.

Thank you

## 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)  
family of Becky Foote

Molly Kammerer and family  
Willis Horton  
Carl Utley  
Barry Thomson  
Greg Howard  
Lexi Longshore  
Zsuzsanna Fazakas  
The Unger family  
Monte Malouf  
Lisha Payne  
Carol Harrenstein

Kathy Struss  
Carter Johnson  
Alyssa Donley  
Ken Fisk  
Sammy Nahorny  
Mary Lewis  
Judd Carrier  
Nytha & Dave Glass  
Pam Canady  
Elladee Ronhovde  
Ramona Shetler

## In memory of

Becky Foote, who passed away on 3/18/26

**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>

## **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.

***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 Koepp  
**Church Office Administrator:** Melissa Davis  
**Facilities Managers:** Tony Calhoun, Jessee Puente  
**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger  
**Scholar in Residence:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh