



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

PRELUDE

“Can’t No Grave Hold My Body Down”  
Daniel Christian

*Mike Farris*

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

Pianist Linda Vollweiler

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koepf

We have seen the empty tomb.

***We have heard the voices of angels.***

We know that Jesus is not to be found among the dead.

***He is alive and offers peace to those who live in fear.***

He is present and offers forgiveness for those who have lost their way.

***We gather here to encounter Christ on the shorelines of our hearts.***

We gather here to be reminded that Jesus appears in the midst of our lives.

***May we hear his voice and continue in his name this day and all days.***

\*HYMN

“Christ is Alive!”  
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

246

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we believe too strongly in endings. We know about starting lines and finishing lines and fail to see the way that things live on, the ways that they are continued by that which follows them. We hear the end of the Gospel, and it is easy for us to think that it is end of the story. We think that Jesus stopped showing up 2,000 years ago and fail to recognize him when he appears on our streets, in our stores, and at our hospitals. The same with his disciples. We think their stories ended in the past, that they don’t live on today. But they do. Through us. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we confuse the beginning of the story for the end.***

SILENT CONFESSION

*How is God asking you to continue the story of the disciples?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is risen still.

***Our sins are forgiven once more.***

Let us move freely onto the pathways that lead to life and peace.

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

\*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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(While the children are coming forward the congregation is invited to sing “Jesus Loves Me.”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Through the reading of these ancient stories, O God, may we come to know your spirit. May we find within them a word for our lives, a calling for our hearts, and a wisdom for our days. Amen.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – John 21:1-14

ANTHEM

“King of Love”

*H.W. Baker/I Am They*

The king of love my Shepherd is  
Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And He is mine forever

But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth

In death's dark veil, I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still  
Thy cross before to guide me

Never-failing Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the valley low  
The King of love my Shepherd is  
Lost and foolish oft I strayed

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise  
Within Your house forever

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – John 21:15-25

SERMON

Wait, Who is Still Alive?

\*HYMN

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

721

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***We believe that we are called, even still, to be disciples of Jesus, to follow in his ways. And we do so, not in the hope of attaining glory, but through the desire to give ourselves away in service and love to others and out of gratitude for the gift Christ has so freely given us. Christ lives and is made known in the world so long as his disciples make him so by visiting the lonely, feeding the hungry, conversing with outcasts, making peace with their enemies, and working for the good of the vulnerable.***

***We believe that through the Holy Spirit we are sustained and called to continue in the pathway of discipleship, that we are called to proclaim the gospel, resist evil, share in Christ’s baptism, eat at his table, and join him in his self-sacrificial passion and victory.***

***Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.***



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Will Never Be the Same”

*Nashville Nine*

When you rolled the stone away  
When you walked out of the grave  
You were standing in the light of day  
Everything changed

And when I come undone  
You are the only one  
To say You’ll hold me now and forever  
I will never be the same

You said “Do not be afraid”  
You were scarred to heal the pain  
You defeated death and shame  
Everything changed

When You rolled the stone away  
I was lifted from the grave  
Now I’m standing in the light of day  
Everything’s changed  
I don’t have to be afraid  
‘Cause You’re with me in the pain  
You free me from all my shame  
Everything’s changed

And when I mess it up  
You say Your love’s enough  
You say You’ll never leave or forsake me

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

609

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Into your hands, we place the gifts of our hands and our hearts. May they be used to meet the needs of the world. May they bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. 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

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

828

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE

“We Are the Church”

*Avery & Marsh*

***The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place; the church is a people.  
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!***

POSTLUDE

“With Me Always”

*Daniel Christian*

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

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

**Sunday, April 19**

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

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

**10:30am Faith and Science Sunday with guest preacher**

**Dr. Jessica Meeske**

**Stay-at-Home Broadcast live on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@FPCHastings](https://www.youtube.com/@FPCHastings)**

The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast  
on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7 FM

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Henrietta Morhart, Frank Morhart, Doris Kovar Morhart, and Dr. Louis J. Kovar.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Lois and Lester Beahm by Cindy and Terry Beahm and family.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan, Raegan Welsch

**ACOLYTES** Student Volunteers

**USHERS** Captain-Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta & Dick Brader, Lois Hafer

**GREETERS**

April Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
12	Melissa Davis	
19	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	Jenna Jorgensen
26	Melissa Davis	Susan Cole

**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.

<b>Sun 4/12</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, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	3pm	The String Beans Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Mon 4/13</b>	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Center
	12pm	Memorial Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	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
<b>Tues 4/14</b>	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meeting	PEACE West Classroom
<b>Wed 4/15</b>	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	PEACE West Classroom
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	PEACE West Classroom
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
<b>Thurs 4/16</b>	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:45pm-9:15pm	Hastings College Sinfonia Practice	Kessler Room & Chapel
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Choir & Middle School Rooms
<b>Fri 4/17</b>	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Sat 4/18</b>	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	6pm-8pm	HSA Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>Sun 4/19</b>		United Harvest	
		Faith & Science 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
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



## P.W. Mother's Day Offering

Presbyterian Women collect a Mother's Day offering each year in honor of, or in memory of, our mothers. We will set up in the Memorial Room for 4 Sundays (April 19, April 26, May 3, and May 10). This year the offering will go to help young women in the Revive program.


Revive exists to provide a safe, supportive environment for women who are seeking freedom from addiction and the opportunity to rebuild their lives. Our program focuses on whole-person recovery-supporting women physically, emotionally, and spiritually as they work toward long-term healing and stability. Many of the women who come through Revive have faced significant challenges, including addiction, trauma, unstable housing, and separation from their children. When they enter our program, they are stepping into a new chapter-one that focuses on recovery, personal growth, accountability, and hope for the future.

During their time with us, the women participate in structured recovery programming, life-skills development, mentorship, and community support. We walk alongside them as they rebuild confidence, establish healthy routines, pursue employment and education opportunities, and begin restoring relationships with their families and children.

Mother's Day can be a particularly meaningful time for many of the women in our program. Some are mothers working toward reunification with their children, while others are rebuilding their identities and healing from the pain that addiction has caused in their families. Small acts of kindness during this time can remind them that they are valued, supported, and not alone in their journey.

Your willingness to donate something for the women on Mother's day is incredibly thoughtful and will mean so much to them. Gestures like this help encourage them and remind them that their community believes in their recovery and their future.

Thank you again for our generosity and for helping us support the women at Revive. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything we can coordinate to make your donation process easier.



# THE Free Concert! STRING BEANS

**Event** Concert

**Date** Sunday, April 12

**Time** 3:00 p.m.

**Location** FPC Sanctuary





www.thestringbeans.com



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

Stop by the store  
and check out  
our new merchandise!



## Please pray for

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>Elaine Schumacher<br/>Tarah Davis &amp; family<br/>Matt Campbell<br/>Janey Nottage-Tacey<br/>Bob Wolf<br/>KyMani Riek<br/>Carole Pedersen<br/>Charles Hermes<br/>Tony Glenn<br/>Francisco Diaz (Beto)<br/>Molly Kammerer and family<br/>Carl Utley<br/>Barry Thomson<br/>Greg Howard<br/>Lexi Longshore</p> | <p>Zsuzsanna Fazakas<br/>The Unger family<br/>Lisha Payne<br/>Carol Harrenstein<br/>Pam Canady<br/>Kathy Struss<br/>Carter Johnson<br/>Alyssa Donley<br/>Ken Fisk<br/>Sammy Nahorny<br/>Mary Lewis<br/>Judd Carrier<br/>Nytha &amp; Dave Glass<br/>family of Ramona Shetler<br/>family of Becky Foote</p> |
|--|---|

## In memory of

Becky Foote, who passed  
away on 3/18/26  
Ramona Shetler, who passed  
away on 4/3/26





**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.

## **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)

## *Upcoming Forum*

Faith and Science Sunday  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Jessica Meeske  
Sunday, April 19  
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
Lydia Room

---

## Communion Offering Update

The March communion offering raised a total of \$394.

Thank you for your generous support!

---



IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING IN YOUR  
CLOSET. THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS  
COLLECTING  
LONG-SLEEVED  
SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.

---

THESE SHIRTS ARE IMPORTANT TO PROTECT OUR  
WORKERS FROM THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO  
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS.

---

SHIRTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED  
BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU.

***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 Anganco  
**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  
**Custodian:** Keidy Debbe  
**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger  
**Scholar in Residence:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh