



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Confirmation Sunday May 3, 2026

- PRELUDE "Here's One" *arr. Mark Hayes*
Organist Linda Vollweiler
- WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann
- INTROIT "Bell Peal"
Children's Bell Choir, director Susan Oliver
- *CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Allen-Pickett
Who gathers in this place?
The assured doubters. The questioning believers.
Who are they who call this place home?
The timid proclaimers. The brashly meek.
Who belongs in this community?
Grudge-holding peacemakers. Sinning saints.
Who is welcome in the heart of God?
All of us. In our wisdom and in our folly, in our failure and in our success, in our heartache and in our joy, we are welcome in the heart of God.
- *OPENING HYMN "Here in This Place" 401
(Verses 1 & 2)
Tyler Koepp, song leader
- SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- VOLLEYBALL, LOVE, & CARE: A STATEMENT OF FAITH Madi Graves
- CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our lives do not reflect our beliefs. We believe in peace yet sow seeds of discord. We believe in forgiveness yet hold grudges. We believe in generosity yet store up treasures for ourselves. Have mercy, O God, for our sometimes-shallow faith. Encourage within us both true faith and true lives. Deal graciously, we pray, for we are stuck on ourselves.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

Question for contemplation: How can your living more fully match your belief?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let not your hearts be troubled.
God forgives. God restores.
Rejoice and be glad.
In God, our sins are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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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.)



SCRIPTURE – Romans 12:15-18

I DANCE IN THE MORNING: A STATEMENT OF FAITH

Vivian Fong

ANTHEM

“Teach Me Your Way”
Children’s Choir, director Teresa Canady
Mary Plock, accompanist

Teach me your way, Teach me your way, I will thank you,
Teach me your way O Lord O Lord my God
And I will walk, Walk in your truth With all my heart
Teach me your way O Lord Thank and Praise you
Your mercy abounds oh Lord.

SCRIPTURE – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

THE MUSIC OF FAITH: A STATEMENT OF FAITH

Raegan Welsh

*HYMN

“A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

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*CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

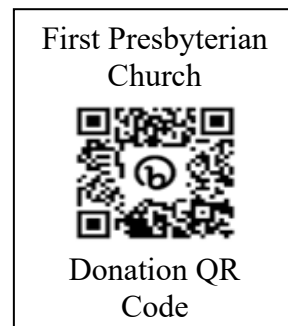
I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

And?

And I shall uphold the integrity of this holy community and live, as best as I am able, according to the ways of God.



OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

Beethoven

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God: We offer you our tithes and gifts, and we offer you our lives. We thank you for these confirmands and the commitment that they are about to make to your church. Accept these gifts and our lives for your purposes, that we may be your servants in the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 2:8-9

A SECOND SERVE: A STATEMENT OF FAITH

Ian Erickson

CONFIRMATION

Ian Erickson

Mentor: Chris Schukei

Parents: Irina Belikova-Erickson & Brett Erickson

Date of Birth: 6/18/2012

Baptism Date: 10/14/2012

Madi Graves

Mentor: Cathy Pershing

Parents: Jodi & Danny Graves

Date of Birth: 12/7/2011

Baptism Date: 4/21/2019

Vivian Fong

Mentor: Kathy Reimer

Parents: Kaleena & Matt Fong

Date of Birth: 8/23/2011

Baptism Date: 11/27/2011

Raegan Welsch

Mentor: Leah Ratzlaff

Parents: Jenni & Ben Welsch

Date of Birth: 11/4/2011

Baptism Date: 5/6/2018

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Confirmands: *I do.*

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: *Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these confirmands have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

Congregation: *With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.*

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.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

*HYMN

“Here in This Place”
(Verses 3 & 4)

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(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit the Hastings Middle School Garden. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION 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

“Scherzo”

Beethoven

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

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

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

Sunday, May 10
8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion
9:15am Sunday School for all ages
10:30am Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir

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 92.7 FM

**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.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Mabel C. and Frank E. Weyer by family.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Edna Perry and Shirley Johnston by family.

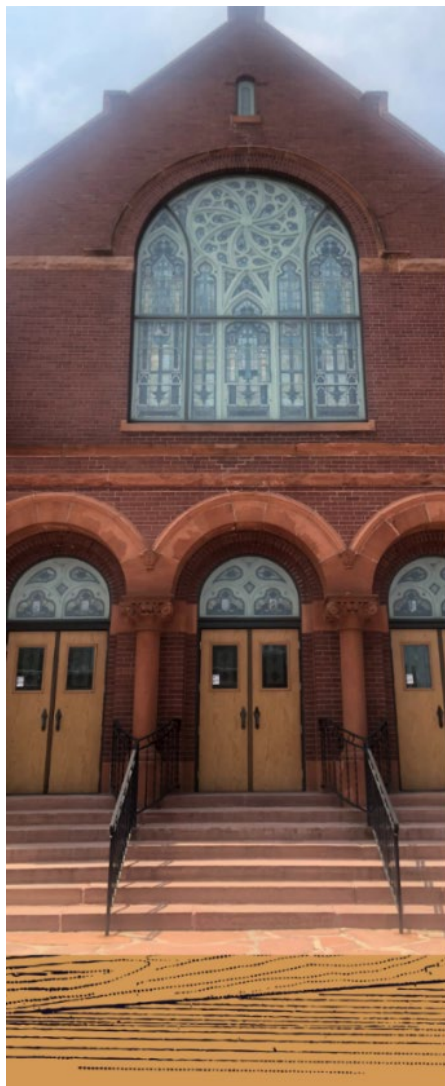
NURSERY Kim Bogan, Kade Jorgensen

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

USHERS (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Andy Barrows, Phil Odom, Doug Soderquist, John Pershing

GREETERS

Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
3	Kili & Justin Wenburg	Lynette & Paul Krieger
10	Dick & Daveta Brader	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie
17	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Volunteer Needed
24	John & Linda Carllson	Sue Medsker
31	Ann & Robin Koozer	Carol Harrenstein



New Members Class

Sundays 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

April 26

May 3

May 10

Child care will be available.

CALL 402-462-5147
FOR DETAILS
AND TO REGISTER FOR THE NEW
MEMBERS CLASS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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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.



Sun. 5/3		Confirmation Sunday	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	New Members Class	2 nd floor Confirmation Room
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	Confirmation Reception	Fellowship Hall
Mon. 5/4	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Columbarium Meeting	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
Tues. 5/5	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 5/6	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	11-11:45am	PW Coord. Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	various
	5:30pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thur. 5/7	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	4-5pm	HC Baccalaureate Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri. 5/8	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 5/10	6pm	HC Baccalaureate	Sanctuary
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PW May Luncheon

The Presbyterian Women invite all women to attend their May luncheon on Wednesday, May 6, at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are breaking out our china from our weddings or mothers.

We are pleased to welcome Lisa Ewald, Chaplain at Mary Lanning Health Care, as our guest speaker.

The cost is \$5 per person. Please call the church office with reservations by Monday, May 4th, so we have enough china dusted off for all of you!



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.

Upcoming Forums

Two-Part Series on Vocation

Members of First Presbyterian Church will share and discuss finding meaning in everyday work and life.

MAY 3 & 10 9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

Lydia Room

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

May Communion Offering
Hastings Middle School Garden



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

Stop by the store
and check out
our new merchandise!





VBS 2026
THE SEARCH FOR GODLY TREASURES

JUNE 22-25
8:30-11:30 AM

INCOMING
PREK-5TH GRADERS

Join us for a 4-day adventure to find the
treasures of God's Kingdom!
All are welcome!
Register online fpchastings.org

Please pray for

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

In memory of

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

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
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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 & Youth Bells
Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Youth Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Children's Choir Director: Teresa Canady
Children's 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