



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Faith and Science Sunday April 19, 2026 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”
“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Wilbur Held
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WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Nunc Dimittis”
(from Three Choral Responses)
Chancel Choir, director Miggi Anganco

Amy Beach

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in
peace
according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen, have seen thy
salvation,
which Thou hast openly prepared

before, before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and a glory for thy people Israel.
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in
peace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

God who created the heavens and the earth, who set the stars in their courses and
breathed life into every living thing:

We come to worship you.

God who calls us to seek justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you:

We come to follow your ways.

God who is revealed in Christ among the hungry, the sick, the stranger, and the
imprisoned:

We come to encounter you.

Come, let us worship the God of truth and love,

Who calls us to serve with heart, soul, and mind.

*HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth and compassion, you have given us minds to learn, hands to serve, and voices to speak for those in need, yet too often, we remain silent.

You call us to loosen the bonds of injustice, but we benefit from systems we do not question. You call us to share our bread with the hungry, but we hold tightly to what we have. You call us to care for the sick and vulnerable, but we turn away in discomfort or fear.

We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O God.

Open our eyes to see your image in every person.

Open our minds to seek truth and understanding.

Open our hearts to act with courage and compassion.

Restore us, renew us, and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I use my mind, my heart, and my voice to speak for the voiceless?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: The God who calls us to justice is also the God who is rich in mercy.

In Jesus Christ, we are freed from our sin and empowered to live anew.

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koeppe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom and truth, as we turn to your Word, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit. Give us ears to hear your call



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

***to justice, eyes to see your presence among the least of these, and minds ready to learn and grow.
May your Word not only inform us but also transform us so that we might live as faithful disciples in a world you so deeply love.
Through Christ, the living Word. Amen.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Proverbs 31:8-9

ANTHEM	“You Are the Light” (from <i>Gloria</i>)	Tom Fettke
You are the light we see	Prince of Peace, Immanuel	
You are the truth we know	Jesus, Lord of love	
You are the life we live		
You are the hope, You are the joy,	Within our hearts, Your light	
You are the song we sing	Within our minds, Your truth	
	Within our lives, Your love	
Living God, loving God	Living Your hope, spreading Your joy	
We glorify Your name	Singing Your beautiful song	
High and Holy One, come down	Singing Your beautiful song	
We lift our hearts in praise	Your song	

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 25:31-40

SERMON	Faith, Science, and Advocacy	Dr. Jessica Meeske
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*HYMN	“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”	761
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (An affirmation for Faith and Science Sunday by Greg Allen-Pickett)

***We believe in God, creator of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is revealed in the beauty, complexity, and order of creation.
We believe in Jesus Christ, who came among us as one of the least of these—hungry, thirsty, a stranger, and in need—and who calls us to serve him in all our neighbors.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth, inspires discovery and understanding, and calls us to use knowledge for the healing of the world.
We believe that faith and learning are gifts from God, and that the pursuit of knowledge can deepen our wonder, strengthen our compassion, and equip us for service.
We believe that we are called to speak for those who cannot speak, to defend the poor and needy, and to work for justice and peace.
And we commit ourselves to follow Christ with heart, soul, and mind, seeking truth, loving mercy, and serving the least of these.
Amen.***

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“All Nature Sings”

arr. Alfred Fedak

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have given us so much: the gifts of creation, the tools of knowledge, and the call to serve. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to your work in the world. Use them to bring healing where there is suffering, justice where there is oppression, and hope where there is despair. And use us, O God. Use our minds, our hands, and our voices to be instruments of your love and grace. Through Christ, our Lord. 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

“Go to the World!”

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*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

“Trumpet Rondo”

Fenton Groden

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

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

Sunday, April 26

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15 Sunday School for all ages

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 honor of the Morhart and Kovar children.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Vivian Fong

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

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

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

May 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

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



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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Church Women United, Inc.
Agreed to Differ – Resolved to Love – United to Serve

May Friendship Day Luncheon 2026

Sponsored by Hastings/Juniata Church Women United



Psalm 24:1

"The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

THEME: "A Place Called Home"

Church Women United invites YOU to attend the
May Friendship Day Salad Luncheon.

We will be acknowledging Megan Dwyer as our Outstanding Young Woman

Friday, May 1, 2026 • 12:00 noon

First United Methodist Church

614 N. Hastings Ave. • Hastings NE 68901

Tickets: \$10.00

(Contact your local Church Women United members for tickets.)

Tickets are also available in the First Presbyterian Church office.



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.



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.

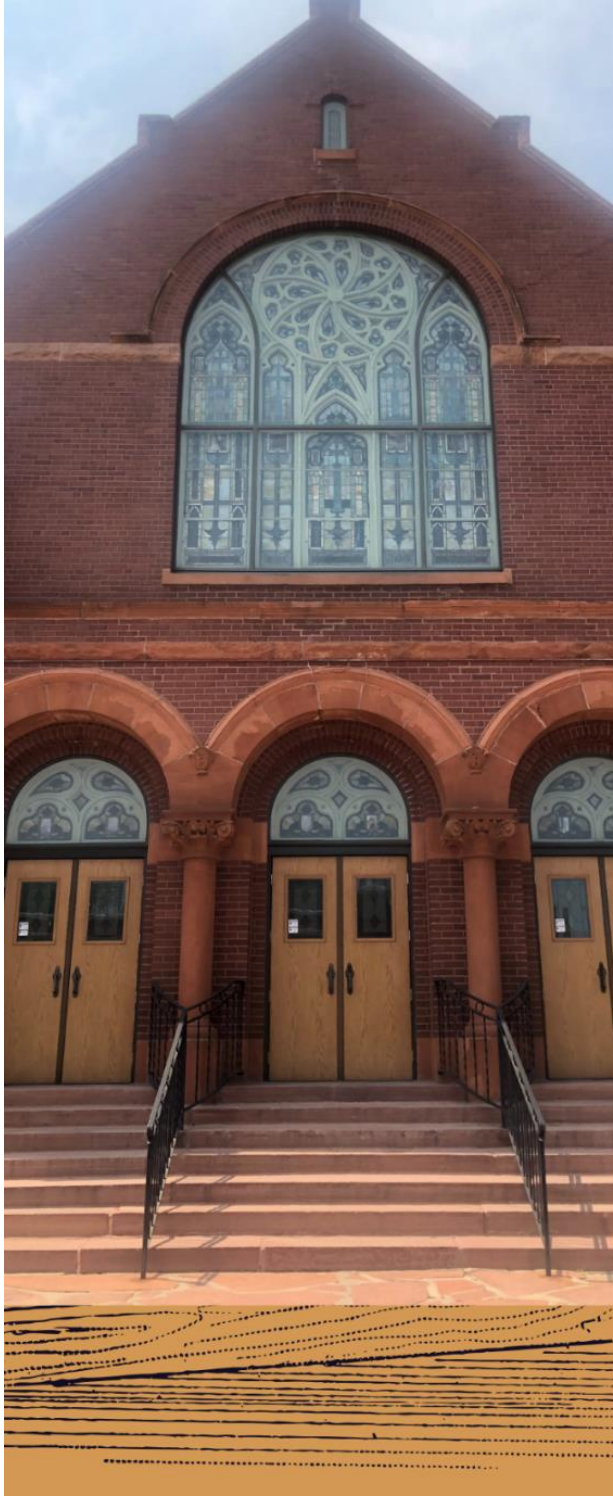
During their time with us, the women participate in structured recovery programming, life-skills development, mentorship, and community support. We walk alongside them as they rebuild confidence, establish healthy routines, pursue employment and education opportunities, and begin restoring relationships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





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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Sun 4/19		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
Mon 4/20	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
Tues 4/21	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 Room
	6-9pm	PEO-FH	PEACE NW Classroom
Wed 4/22	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	5-6:30pm	Session meets with Confirmands	
	5:30pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
Thurs 4/23	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 & Choir Rooms
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri 4/24	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat 4/25	6-8pm	HSO Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	2-4pm	HSO Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun 4/26	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	9:15am-10:15am	New Members Class	TBD
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

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)
Molly Kammerer and family
Carl Utlej
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Lexi Longshore

Zsuzsanna Fazakas
The Unger family
Lisha Payne
Carol Harrenstein
Pam Canady
Kathy Struss
Carter Johnson
Alyssa Donley
Ken Fisk
Sammy Nahorny
Mary Lewis
Judd Carrier
Nytha & Dave Glass
family of Ramona Shetler
family of Becky Foote

In memory of

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

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.



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 fpc Hastings.org

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