



Easter Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

April 5, 2026

PRELUDE

“Flourishes”

Carlyle Sharpe

Cathedral Brass Quintet

Dr. Louie Eckhardt and Erin Beave, trumpet; Andrew Buller, horn; Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Easter Call to Worship”

Ralph L. Grosvenor

Chancel Choir, director Miggi Angangco

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Like Mary arriving to the empty tomb, we come carrying heavy burdens.

We are carrying our grief, our questions, and our longing.

We come this morning to the garden, where tears have been shed;

We are here searching for hope, searching for life.

Listen closely: Christ is calling us by name.

While the burdens we carry are real, we trust that joy and hope are here with us this morning!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Come, let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you meet us in the highs and lows of our lives, and yet we do not always recognize you. We confess that sometimes we cling to what is lost, afraid to trust in what you are making new. We confess that our burdens can close our hearts and

fear can cloud our vision. We confess that we struggle to believe that resurrection is possible in our lives, in our world, and in our hearts. Forgive us, O God. Call us again by name. Open our eyes to your presence. Help us to hold our burdens with honesty and our hope with courage. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

How can I learn to trust in God's promised hope?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ meets us in sin, in our burdens, and in our grief and calls us by name.

Christ does not turn away from our sorrow but transforms it with love and grace.

Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are known, we are loved, and we are made new.

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)

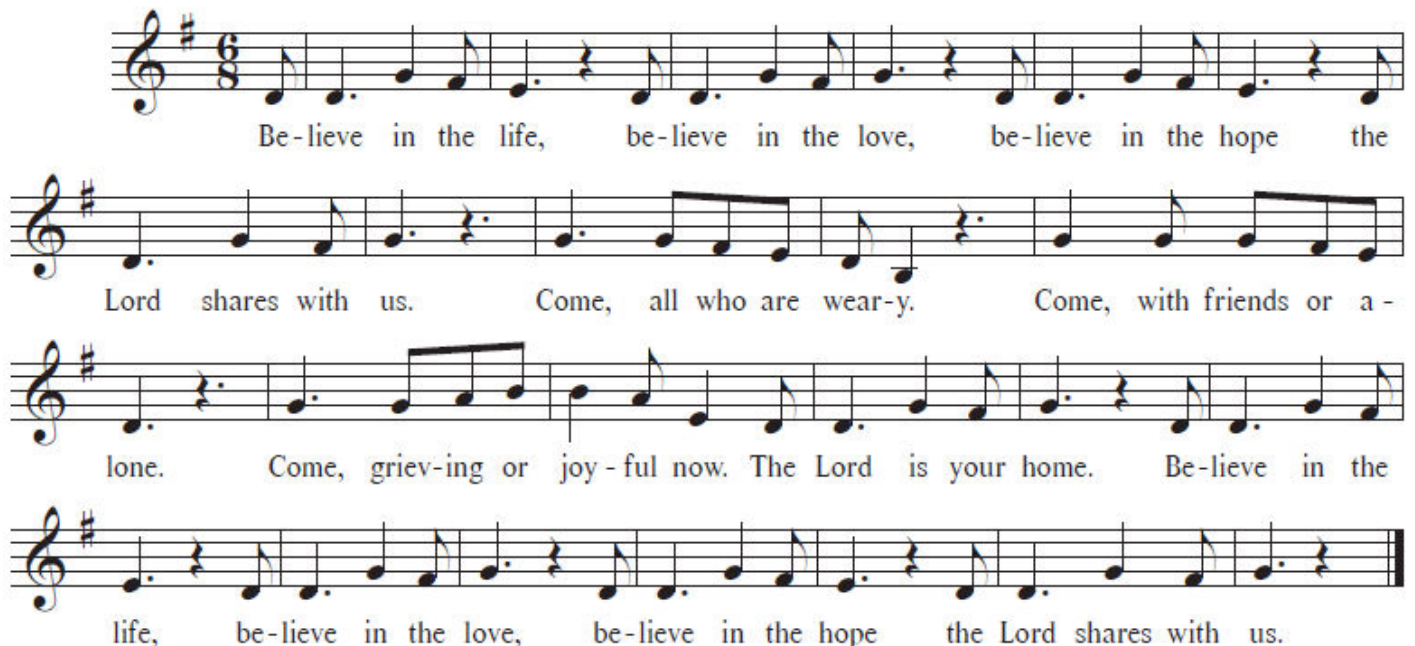


SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SONG FOR TIME WITH CHILDREN

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. Come, all who are wear-y. Come, with friends or a -
lone. Come, 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.

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

As Your Light Arises, Lord

As your light a - ris - es, Lord, may I hold your light with - in me

so that I may be a torch, shi - ning when all hope is dim - ming.

By your grace and love, you've led me through the dark - ness of the vall - ey.

All my days I ev - er will sing, "please bear your light up - on me, Lord."

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 22:1-5, 24-26

ANTHEM

“Easter Celebration!”

Don Besig

He is alive! Tell the world this Easter day. Let the heav’ns resound with voices raised on high. He is alive! Let the earth break forth in praise. Let the joyful sound ring out; He is alive! Christians come and greet the morning; Let your songs be loud and clear. Now a brand new day is dawning, free from sorrow, doubt and fear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Tell the news for all to hear. Christ the Lord will reign victorious. He has conquered death and sin. All the world is bright and glorious. Earth and heav’n rejoice in

Him. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Savior lives again! He is alive! Let the earth break forth in praise. He is alive! Sing with joy this day of days. Christians join in celebration. Let the bells of Easter ring! Come in praise and adoration. Let your hearts be glad and sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hail to Christ our risen King! He is alive! He is alive! He is alive!



2nd SCRIPTURE READING – John 20:1-18

SERMON

“Grief and Hope in the Garden”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Be Still My Soul”

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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Gratitude (God’s Grace)”
Chancel Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

Alex Guebert

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous and life-giving God, you have met us in our grief and filled us with the promise of resurrection. You have called us by name and entrusted us with the good news of hope.

Receive these gifts we offer—not just our money, but our lives, our time, our love. Use them to bring comfort to the grieving, hope to the weary, and new life to a world in need. May all that we offer bear witness to the risen Christ, who is making all things new. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*HYMN

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Hallelujah Chorus” from G.F. Handel’s *Messiah*
The Chancel Choir and Members of the Congregation, director Miggi Angangco

*POSTLUDE

“Chaconne and Fugue in D Minor”

J.S. Bach/arr. Eckhardt

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

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND A CONCERT NEXT WEEK
& INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30 Contemplative Worship Service in the Chapel with Communion

9:15 Sunday School for all ages

10:30 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with guest musician Daniel Christian

3pm Free Family Concert featuring “The String Beans!”

10:30 a.m. service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM Broadcast live on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@FPCHastings>

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of O.J. McDougal by family.

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

USHERS 8:30 a.m. – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Chuck Hastings, Melissa Davis

10:30 a.m. – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta & Dick Brader, Lois Hafer

GREETERS

April Greeters		Memorial Room	Narthex
Easter 8:30am	5	Kay Georgiana	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

April Communion Offering
PC (USA) One Great Hour of Sharing

Mission Committee Meeting

The Mission Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday,
April 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the PEACE NW Classroom.

Sun. 4/5	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
Mon. 4/6	Church Offices Closed-Easter Monday		
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	1 st Pres. Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Center Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 4/7	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
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE Center
	6-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
Wed. 4/8	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Adult Game Night	Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	7:45pm	Hastings College Sinfonia	Kessler & Chapel
Thur. 4/9	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth & Choir Rooms
	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 4/10	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
	6pm	HSO Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 4/11	2-3pm	Hastings College Sinfonia Practice	Kessler & Chapel
	4:30pm	Jammies & Jesus	Fellowship Hall
Sun 4/12	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

**The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, April 6 for
Easter Monday.**

2026 Easter Lilies



In Memory Of:

Bob & Darleen, and Marvin given by Jeff & Vicki
Mark Bliss given by Mary, Jorn, Chris, and Erica Olsen
Gretchen & Hal Lainson given by the Hermes, Bliss, and Overmiller families
Our Parents given by Kenny & Susie Graham
Jim Harrenstein given by Carol Harrenstein, Kristan & Jesse Manske, Tracy, Kenny, and Adam Brooks
Parents and Grandparents given by Carol Harrenstein, Kristan & Jesse Manske, and Tracy, Kenny, and Adam Brooks
Kurt Unger, Billie Unger, Alice Anderson, and Elton & Melba Trehern given by The Unger family and Trehern family
Ted Van Fossen given by his family
Our Parents, Merle & Annabelle Hafer and Boyd & Mary Lou Leymaster given by Charlie & Lois Hafer
Loved Ones given by Ann & Robin Koozer
Dr. Elmer and Libby Glenn given by Doug & Deb Rasby
Rogene Wenburg given by Justin, Kili, Carter, and Selah Wenburg
Our Parents given by John & Marsha Nelson
Nicole Jensen given by Deb & Byron Jensen
David, Frank, and Michele Northrop given by the Northrop family
Alfred & Dorothy Friedewald given by the Shoemaker/Friedewald family
Ome & Honor Shoemaker given by the Shoemaker/Friedewald family
Julie Soderquist given by Doug & Marnie Soderquist
Our Parents given by Doug & Marnie Soderquist
Mark Bliss given by Steph, Lauren, Matt, Rosie, Hal, and Bliss
Our Parents given by Mike & Carol Kleppinger
John W. Hatcher given by Sally D. Hatcher
My parents: D.W. "Monte" and Virginia Malouf given by Monte Malouf
Our Parents given by Colleen & George Adam
Gayle Struss given by Kathy Struss
Ryan Struss given by Kathy Struss
Ray and LaVerna Lipsack given by the Struss and Lipsack families
Ken Stein given by his family
Willard & Della Lyle given by their family
Norman & Mary Giesler given by Melissa Davis
Marvin & Patsy Davis given by Melissa Davis

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2026 Easter Lilies



In Memory Of:

Don & Lucille McHargue given by Jan Bolliger

Livy Zamora given by Jan Bolliger

Marcia Meshbesh given by Jan Bolliger

Patricia Kleiber given by Richard Kleiber

Phyllis & John Lainson given by Pamela & Peter Lainson and family

Gretchen & Hal Lainson given by Pamela & Peter Lainson and family

Virginia & Roger Davis given by Pamela & Peter Lainson and family

In Honor Of:

Elaine, and Alice Lynn given by Jeff & Vicki

Our Children and Grandchildren by Charlie & Lois Hafer

FPC Staff given by Ann & Robin Koozer

Hannah, Damen, and David Jensen-Heitmann and Nathan Jensen & Anna

Griggs given by Deb & Byron Jensen

Mary Northrop given by John Northrop

Grandparents given by Margaret Marsh

Margaret & Charles Hermes given by the Hermes, Bliss, and Overmiller families

Scott & April Struss given by Kathy Struss

Ross & Melissa Struss given by Kathy Struss

Emily, Evan, Jeremy, Eli, and Josh given by Kathy Struss

Susan and Neal Hoff given by your grandchildren



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
 Ramona Shetler



In memory of

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

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!

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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.



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 or call the office at (402) 462-5147

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

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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 & 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

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Director of Children & Family Ministries: Rose Koepp
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
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