



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2026 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Lord Be Glorified”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Ave Maria”
Chancel Choir, director Miggi Angangco
David Bernard-Stevens, violin

Francisco Santiago
arr. Paolo Debuque

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictu,
Ave Maria, gratia plena,
fructus, ventris tui Jesu.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Ora, pro nobis, Nunc et in hora mortis,
nostrae. Amen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

The world, and those who live in it.

From every culture and every corner of creation,

God calls us together as one people,

Not with pride, but with humility,

Not with fear, but with love.

In Christ, God has drawn near to us.

***In the Spirit, God is not far from any one of us. Come, let us worship
God, in whom we live and move and have our being!***

*HYMN

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and creating God, you have made all people in your image and placed us within a world rich in beauty, diversity, and wonder. Yet we confess that we do not always see as you see. We are quick to judge and slow to listen. We dismiss what we do not understand. We cling to what is familiar and resist what is new.

Forgive us when we fail to recognize your presence in cultures, communities, and people different from ourselves. Forgive us when we speak without love or remain silent when you call us to witness.

Teach us to engage the world with curiosity and care: to notice what is good, to affirm what is true, and to share your love with humility and grace.

Renew us by your Spirit, that we may reflect your image more clearly and live as your baptized people in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

How can I demonstrate to others that I love and respect them?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: The God who made the world and everything in it does not dwell in temples made by human hands but draws near to us in love and mercy.

In Jesus Christ, we are renewed and set free to live in relationship with God and with one another.

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

BAPTISM

Emersyn Nora Marcotte
Parents Sara McPherson and Chris Marcotte

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, send your Holy Spirit upon us now. Open our ears to hear your Word, open our minds to understand your truth, and open our hearts to

receive your grace. As we listen to Paul’s witness in Athens, help us to hear your call to engage the world with wisdom, humility, and love. Shape us by your Word, that we may bear faithful witness to your goodness and your grace in all we do. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 24:1–6

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 17:16-31

SERMON “Not a Battlefield, but a Table” Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN “In Christ There Is No East or West” 318

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (By Greg Allen-Pickett reflecting on creation and baptismal identity)

We believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth, who made all people in God’s image and called creation good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s Son, our Lord, who came into the world not to condemn it, but to redeem it, revealing God’s love for every nation and every people.

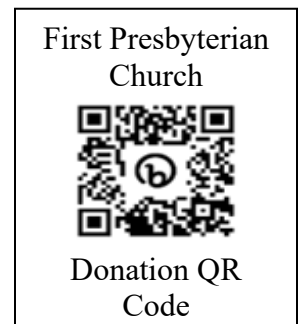
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is not far from any one of us, who moves among us and within us, calling us to faith, hope, and love.

Through baptism, we are claimed as God’s own and sent into the world to live as Christ’s body, bearing witness with humility, compassion, and joy.

We trust in God, in whom we live and move and have our being, and we commit ourselves to follow Christ in all that we say and do. Amen.

OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY

“O Love”

Elaine Hagenberg

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go; O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee. I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain... that morn shall tearless be. That morn shall tearless be.

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go; O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee. I give Thee back the life I owe; I give Thee back the life I owe, And in Thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be. That morn shall tearless be.

O love, O love, O love that will not let me go; O love that will not let me go.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, every good and perfect gift comes from you. You have given us life and breath and all that we have. Receive now these gifts we return to you, not as payment, but as praise, not as obligation, but as gratitude.

Use them and use us to bear witness to your love in the world: to build bridges of understanding, to extend compassion across differences, and to proclaim the good news of your grace.

As we have been claimed in baptism and called into your service, send us out to live generously and faithfully, for the sake of Jesus 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

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Irish Blessing

Ryan Block

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sunshine warm upon your face, the rain falls soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

against the storm, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May the road, may the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain falls soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

May the sun make your days bright, may the stars illuminate your night. May the flowers bloom along your path, your house stand firm

POSTLUDE

“Standing on the Promises”

arr. Darrell Archer

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

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

Sunday, May 17

**8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR**

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary with the reception of new members!

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Helen C. Mathews by the Oliver family and in memory of Phyllis Glass & Dorothy Christensen.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Rogene Wenburg, beloved mother and grandmother, by Justin, Kili, Selah, and Carter Wenburg.

NURSERY Kim Bogan, Esther Allen-Pickett

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

May	Memorial Room	Narthex
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





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.

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

The poster features a tropical theme with a ship, a treasure chest, palm trees, and seagulls.

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

Stop by the store and check out our new merchandise!

The graphic is decorated with various colorful flowers and leaves. At the bottom center is a dark teal square with the word "serrv" in white lowercase letters.

P.W. Mother's Day Donations

DONATION IN HONOR OF:

Gail Dreher
Kathy Essink
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann
Patty Kneale
Ann Koozer
Carol Kyle
Laura (Hoff) Little
Renee Miller
Robyn Nedderman
Marsha Nelson
Judy Reimer
Madeline Weiland
Pam Witte
Dorothy & Betty, our mothers

DONATION IN MEMORY OF:

Jeannine Bauer
Anne Fairbanks Bohlke
Jeanne Butz
Lois Davidson
Caroline Leeman Dorr
Dorothy Etmund
Susie Grams
Annabelle Hafer
Billie Johnson
Bernice Kleiber
Frances Koozer
Gretchen Lainson
Edna Lewis
Mary Lou Leymaster
Dama Lind
Roberta Lloyd
Alvis Magill
Julia McDougal
Carol Medsker
Virginia Metzger
Verna Meyer
Edna Nelson
Victoria Nieves
Our mothers
Our mothers
Isabel Perrie
Eldene Pershing
Olive Plock
Leona Porter
Shirley Shepherd
Marietta Vollweiler
Ruth Walker
ReNelda Wenburg
Rogene Wenburg
Anna Wierenga
My mothers
My mother (Melba) and Billie Unger

GIVEN BY:

the Essink family
the Essink family
Byron & Deb Jensen
Curtis & Kathy Reimer
Maggie & Mac; Catherine & Dan
Bee, Meghan, & Morgan Kyle
the Little kids
Mary Fisk
Calvin Nedderman
John Nelson
Curtis & Kathy Reimer
Max & Beatrix Nedderman
the Essink family
Susie & Kenny Graham

GIVEN BY:

Jane Bauer
Constance Malloy
John & Cathy Pershing
Lynette Krieger
Sally Hatcher
Jane Bauer
Bob & Nancy Grams
Charlie & Lois Hafer
Linda & Richard Johnson
Richard Kleiber
the Koozer family
Mary, Jorn, Erica, & Chris Olsen
Ira & May Wierenga
Charlie & Lois Hafer
John & Marsha Nelson
Jeni & George Howard
Nan & Jon Huey
the Koozer family
Sue Medsker, Nan & Jon Huey
Linda & Richard Johnson
Michael & Rebeca Meyer
John & Marsha Nelson
Mary Fisk
Bonnie & Kenton Grams
Roger & Cheryl Schukei
Bob & Nancy Grams
John & Cathy Pershing
Mary & Richard Plock
Phyllis O'Dey
Michael & Rebecca Meyer
Linda Vollweiler
Mary & Richard Plock
Jim Wenburg
Justin, Kili, Carter & Selah Wenburg
Ira & May Wierenga
Joy White
Lisa Unger



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.

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
Pam Canady	Ken Fisk
Francisco Diaz (Beto)	Sammy Nahorny

In memory of

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

Sun. 5/10	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	9:15am	New Members Class	2 nd floor Confirmation Room
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Mon. 5/11	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tues. 5/12	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School and Choir Rooms
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meeting	PEACE West Classrooms
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
Wed. 5/13	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL Picnic	Lib's Park
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thur. 5/14	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School and Choir Rooms
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 5/15	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 5/16	9:45am-11:30am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sun. 5/17	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

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 & 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