



Pentecost Sunday – May 24, 2026, 10:30 a.m. First Presbyterian Church

PRELUDE

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

William Boyd

The Cathedral Brass Quintet

Josh Brooks and Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn; Robert Benton, euphonium; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Deffenbaugh

Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds.

Let us prepare to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

Make us people who will proclaim God’s good news in all that we do.

*HYMN

“Here in This Place”

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Organist, Linda Vollweiler

Tyler Koepp, song leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Don't be afraid!

God's Holy Spirit brings us comfort and hope.

You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways.

Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with us always.

In the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven and loved as God's own.

Alleluia! Amen!



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

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 others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

BAPTISM

Ty Vencil Wehrman Vavricka
Parents Max Vavricka and Holly Wehrman

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church, and we all have a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying, “We do.” ***We Do.***

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM SONG

“God Claims You”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, open our hearts and minds and souls to hear your word as if for the first time. May your Holy Spirit help us experience anew the surprise and joy that your presence in the Word can bring us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 2:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

“Spirit-filled Presbyterians!”

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the PC(USA) “A Brief Statement of Faith” 1991)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage:

- ***to pray without ceasing,***
- ***to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,***
- ***to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,***
- ***to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,***
- ***and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.***

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God,

We lift up these gifts to you; may they be used to spread hope and joy. We lift up ourselves as living offerings; may we bring peace and love into the world. Accept our humble gifts and use them for your glory. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rose Koepf

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

“We Are One in the Spirit”

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

*RESPONSE

*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 Tune and Ayre”

Henry Purcell

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

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

Sunday, May 31
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 in memory of Florence and George Root, in memory of Jane Kuehn McCollum by family, and also in memory of Robert Smith by Sally Smith.

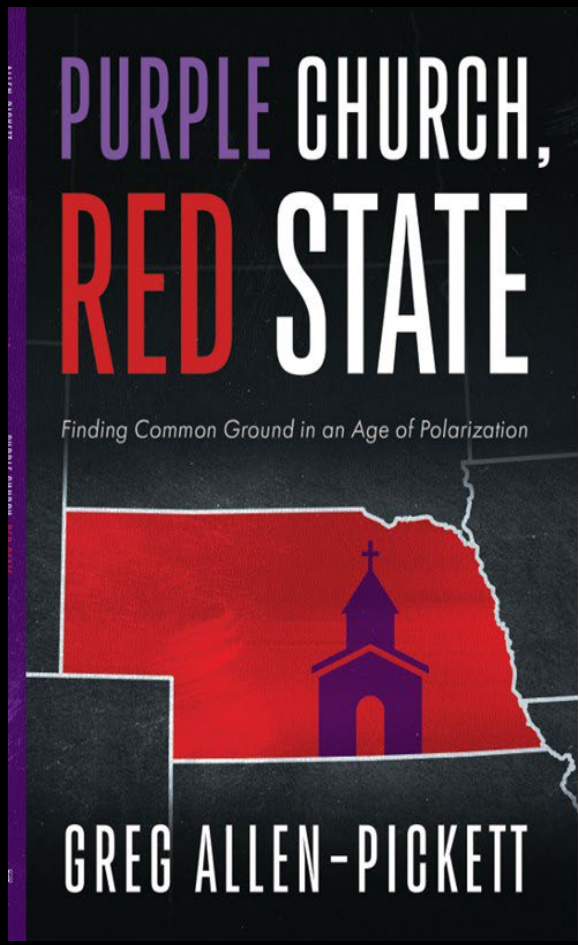
THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

May	Memorial Room	Narthex
24	John & Linda Carllson	Sue Medsker
31	Ann & Robin Koozer	Carol Harrenstein



This book tells the story of one congregation in the heart of the Midwest and what it can teach about hope in a divided world.

In a time when politics and faith often drive people apart, and the electoral map is divided into red and blue states, this book offers a different vision: a purple church where conservatives and liberals sit in the same pews, sing the same hymns, and serve side by side. Through stories of sack lunches, shared tables, prayer vigils, cultural partnerships, and courageous conversations, this church shows how communities can resist the pull of polarization and discover the joy of building the beloved community together. Each chapter tells a heart-warming story of finding common ground and concludes with discussion questions and a brief biblical reflection, perfect for a book group or Bible study.

Pastor Greg Wrote a Book!

*Purple Church, Red State:
Finding Common Ground in an Age of Polarization*

It is available in the Hands Around the World Store and Church Office. All proceeds benefit the mission projects and ministry partners of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

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

LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT DRIVE

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, July 12, 2026
Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
PEACE Center Gym

Please join us for a lunch in honor and in celebration of the Allen-Pickett family and their time at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings!

RSVPs ensure we have enough food. Please call or email by July 5th to let us know you'll be there!
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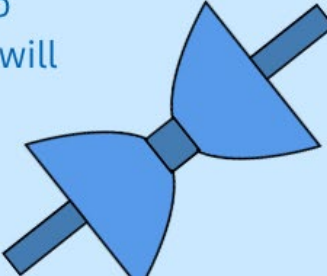



P.W. Father's Day Offering

Every year the Presbyterian Women collect an offering in honor of, or in memory of, our fathers. We will be set up in the Memorial Room at church for four Sundays (May 31, June 7, June 14, and June 21.) We have decided that this year the offering will go to wildfire relief in the sandhills of Nebraska. If you remember, in March, The Morrill wildfire burned at least 643,074 acres of land. It destroyed the grasslands, fencing, homes, and animals. Thank you for your continued support.

Nebraska Sandhill Rancher Fire Relief

Our mission statement: The primary purpose of the fund shall be to assist victims of natural fires in Nebraska, primarily in the counties of Garden, Morrill, Arthur, Keith, and Grant. To assist in disaster recovery. We hope to enhance and improve the quality of life of the Nebraska residents that have suffered a financial hardship due to events beyond their control. A local grants committee will accept grant assistance applications and determine awards based on need. Any other questions can be directed to 308-778-6262.



Sun. 5/24	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Mon. 5/25	Church Offices Closed-Memorial Day		
Tues. 5/26	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Meeting	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6pm	UNL Extension-Latino Women	PEACE SW Classroom
Wed. 5/27	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	basement
Thur. 5/28	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 5/29	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 5/31	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
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Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
 Tarah Davis & family
 Matt Campbell
 Janey Nottage-Tacey
 Bob Wolf
 KyMani Riek
 Carole Pedersen
 Tony Glenn
 Judd Carrier

Molly Kammerer and family
 Carl Utley
 Barry Thomson
 Greg Howard
 Lexi Longshore
 Nytha & Dave Glass
 family of Ramona Shetler
 family of Becky Foote
 Kathy Struss

Pat Kelley
 Mary Lewis
 Zsuzsanna Fazakas
 Pam Canady
 Francisco Diaz (Beto)
 Carter Johnson
 Alyssa Donley
 Ken Fisk
 Sammy Nahorny

In memory of

Ramona Shetler, who passed away on 4/3/26



Relay For Life

Relay for Life has been a way for our church family to remember loved ones we have lost to cancer and to honor those who have survived. At the same time, we support the American Cancer Society.

Luminaries can be purchased by filling out a form and submitting it with your donation (\$10 each) to our First Presbyterian Church team through our church office or to our team captain, Susie Graham. (402) 469-2638. Please make checks payable to American Cancer Society.

Luminaries will be displayed in our Sanctuary in early June and at the Relay for Life in Kearney at the Kearney Catholic High School track (110 E 35th St.) on June 5. Thank you.

American Cancer Society
Relay for Life of Central Nebraska

Your name _____

Your Phone # _____

Yes, I would like _____ luminaries at \$10 each.

Name of Individual being honored or remembered	In Honor	In Memory	Donation
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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
Kids Choir Director: Teresa Canady
Kids Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

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Ministries: Rose Koeppe
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
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