



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

May 31, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church

PRELUDE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
Organist, Linda Vollweiler

arr. Edward Broughton

WELCOME

Rose Koeppe

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 28)

Dan Deffenbaugh

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

My heart leaps for joy, and with my song, I praise him.

The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed ones.

Save your people and bless your inheritance; be our shepherd and carry us forever.

*HYMN

“The King of Love my Shepherd Is”
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we are a wandering people. Our attention, our affections, our loyalties wander, and we stray from you. We become consumed with ourselves, with our worries, with the noise around us, and we lose sight of you. We lose sight of one another. We even lose sight of our own belovedness.

Like sheep in the wilderness, we forget that we belong to your fold. Forgive us. Seek us out. Draw us close, and shepherd us gently back into your loving arms. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” God does not deal with us according to our sins, but meets us with compassion and care.

Thanks be to God!

The God who calls you beloved and seeks you out forgives you, restores you, and calls you again to lives of love and service.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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 others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, join us here in this time and place. We're gathered together as sheep to hear the words of our Shepherd. Open our ears, open our minds, open our hearts. Draw us close to you. Amen.



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

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 8:38-39

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 15:1-7

SERMON

“God Treasures Each of Us”

Rose Koeppe

*HYMN

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the giver of life and maker of all things, who created each of us to be beloved members of the flock.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who taught us how to live in love. In mercy, he seeks us out when we wander and rejoices when we are found.

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, who guides our ways,
comforts our spirits and calls us to walk in love.
We believe the church is a place of belonging, where we
are called to welcome without exclusion and love
without borders.***

***We trust that nothing can separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.***



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY “Shepherd, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *arr. Dale Wood*

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Accept these gifts, O God. We offer them in thanksgiving for the gift
of grace you have given us. May they bring hope to the suffering,
peace to the lost, and joy to all. May they be used to further your
work in the world. 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 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” 761

*CHARGE 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 “Rondeau No. 2 in D Major” *David Lasky*

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

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

Sunday, June 7
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 loving memory of Carl Sanderson by his family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

May	Memorial Room	Narthex
31	Ann & Robin Koozer	Carol Harrenstein

June Ushers (Team #4) Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald

June Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
7	Connie & Richard McClenahan	Jean Stinnette
14	Erica & Brent Brooks	Jan Bolliger
21	Cheryl & Ed Lockwood	Susan Cole
28	Karen & Richard Doerr	Mary Kay LaMaster

April Communion Offering Update

The April Communion Offering raised a total of **\$1,488** which will benefit **PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing**. Thank you for your generous support.

United Harvest June Distribution Date

Volunteers for the United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry! In June, the folks at Foodbank for the Heartland will be delivering our **food on the fourth Saturday rather than our usual third Saturday**. That will make it Saturday, June 27th. In July, we will resume our usual third Saturday schedule...July 18th.



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. We hope to enhance and improve the quality of life of the Nebraska residents that have suffered a financial hardship due to this natural disaster. 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.

PURPLE CHURCH, RED STATE

Finding Common Ground in an Age of Polarization



GREG ALLEN-PICKETT

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.

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

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!
(402) 462-5147 • melissa@fpchastings.org



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



Sun. 5/31	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Mon. 6/1	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 6/2	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
Wed. 6/3	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thur. 6/4	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 6/5	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 6/6	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

JOIN US FOR A VBS WORKDAY!


We will work on decorating and prepping stations for VBS!

Got questions? Call/text Rose- (402) 705-2510

Wednesday, June 3rd
1-4pm

Thursday, June 11th
1-4pm

Wednesday, June 17th
1-4pm




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.

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Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

Head of Church: Jesus Christ	Ministers: Members of the Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett	Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler	Director of Children & Family
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Miggi Angango	Ministries: Rose Koepf
Chancel Bells & Youth Bells	Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Director: Dr. Byron Jensen	Custodian: Keidy Debbe
Youth Choir Director: Linda Johnson	Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Kids Choir Director: Teresa Canady	Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
Kids Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver	
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock	