



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

## God Treasures our Time and Attention VBS Preview June 7, 2026

PRELUDE "Concerto No. 2" *J. S. Bach*  
"Allegro Adagio"

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "God Is Here Today" 411

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Deffenbaugh

God calls us to this place and to this moment

***That our hearts might be changed, that our minds might be transformed.***

In the presence of God, the lost are found, and the lonely are held,

***The frenzied are hushed, and the placid are moved,***

The broken find peace, and the directionless find purpose.

***We are called to gather in the presence of God.***

Not because it changes God,

***But because it changes us.***

\*OPENING HYMN "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" 408

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we get distracted; our hearts, minds, and lives are easily pulled away from you. Worse yet, the tools we must pull ourselves back to you we often ignore, leave them lying in the yard to dull and to rust over time. We don't read your word. We don't come to you in prayer. And when we worship, we often do so in a mindless, heartless, and perfunctory manner. You have given us, O God, all the things we need to stay close to your heart. Forgive us for so often setting them aside. Teach us to use them once more.***

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

*How are you being called to spend time with God?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through grace, we are restored and reconnected to the heart of God.

***In mercy, we are forgiven, healed, and loved.***

Praise be to God,

***Who loves and forgives.***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

\*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

The Peace of Christ be with you!

***And also with you!***

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Within the scripture that is read and beyond the words that are proclaimed we declare, O God, that we want to encounter you. Help us to find your word for our hearts and your calling for our lives. Amen.***



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

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 12:1-3

ANTHEM

“Toccata from Sonata in A”

*Paradisi*

Meredith Oliver

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:35, Matthew 6:9-13

SERMON

“Transformational Worship”

\*HYMN

“There is a Longing in Our Hearts”

470

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***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.***



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Andante Quasi Allegretto”

Joseph Haydn

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***The gifts we place upon this table and treasures we offer in our lives represent our own willingness to follow in the pathways of righteousness. May we and these gifts be used by you, O God, to bring aid to the suffering, peace to the lost, and hope to all. Amen.***

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you all.

***And also with you.***

Let us sing our thanks to God.

***It is right to give God 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

546

(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Open Table. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

\*BENEDICTION

\*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 “Finale in C Minor” Stanley Saxton  
*(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)*

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

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

**Sunday, June 14**  
**10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**Stay-at-Home Broadcast live on YouTube:**  
[www.youtube.com/@FPCHastings](http://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 Irma and Floyd Hansen, Beth Marvel Marti and Archie Marvel, Oline and Richard Marvel, and Alice and Jack Marvel by family and also in honor of my donor, who gave me new life seventeen years ago, and in honor of all who donate the gift of life given by Carol Harrenstein.

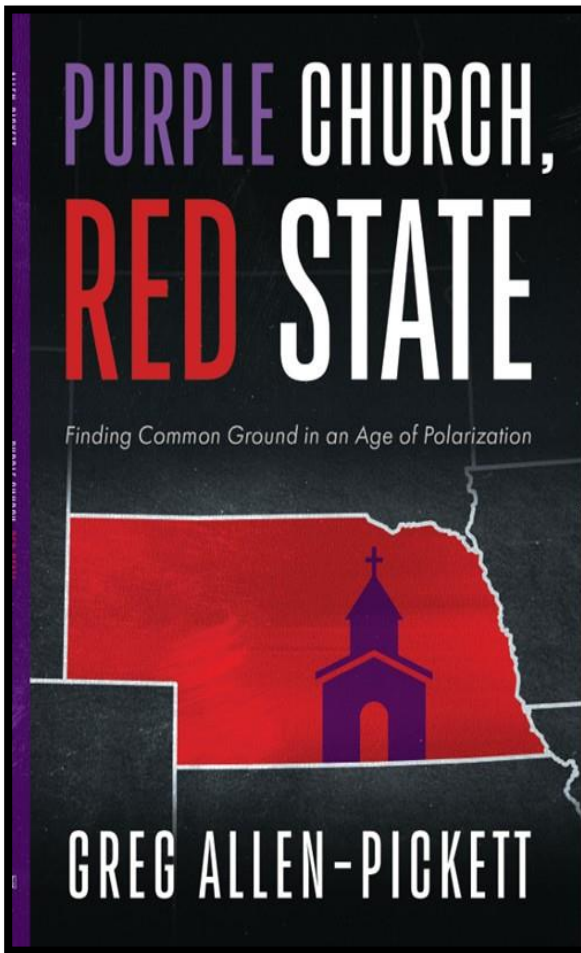
**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Mary Jo and Frank Emmons.

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan

**USHERS (Team #4)** Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald

**GREETERS**

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



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.

### Bulletin and Newsletter Mailing List

If you receive our bulletins and/or newsletters through the mail, please let the church office know if you would like to continue receiving them. As postage rates continue to rise, we are reviewing and updating our mailing list to ensure we are sending materials only to those who wish to receive them. Thank you for your help.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> to let us know you'll be there!  
(402) 462-5147 • melissa@fpc Hastings.org

**VBS 2026**  
**THE SEARCH FOR GODLY TREASURES**

**JUNE 22-25** | **INCOMING**  
**8:30-11:30 AM** | **PREK-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

Join us for a 4-day adventure to find the treasures of God's Kingdom!  
All are welcome!  
Register online [fpc Hastings.org](http://fpc Hastings.org)

# 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



## FPC PRESENTS **ELEMENTARY MOVIE CLUB** 5-7PM

In-coming Kindergarteners - 5th graders are invited to join us for a monthly movie showing and related Bible lesson.



**FREE  
EVENT**

**JUNE 7**

**JULY 5**

**AUG 9**

**PIZZA AND POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED**

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE YOUTH ROOM

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (402) 462-5147

## *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 Utey  
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



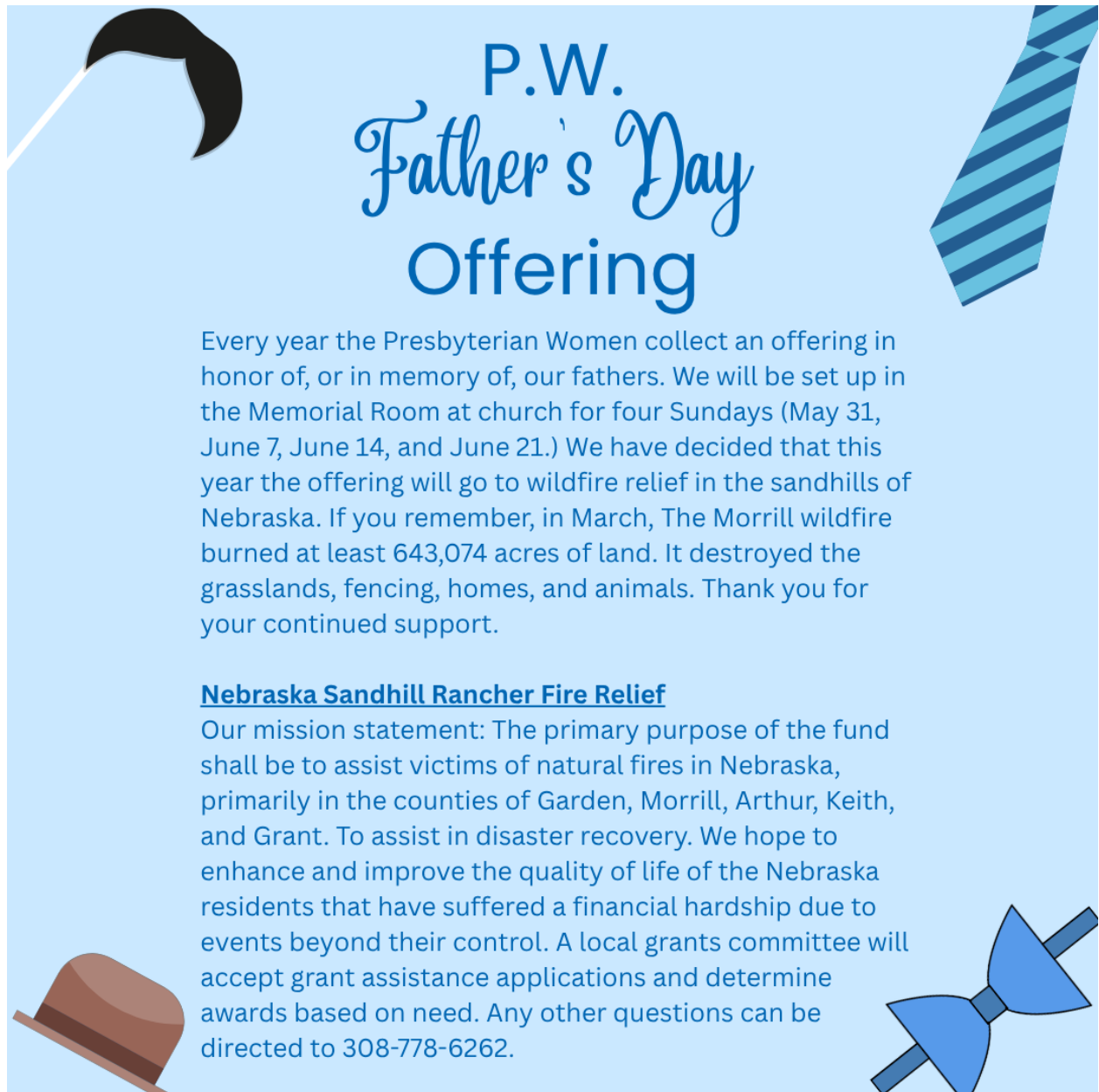
# June Communion Offering

## Open Table

---

### 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. 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.

<b>Sun. 6/7</b>	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	5pm-7pm	Elementary Movie Club	Youth Room
<b>Mon. 6/8</b>	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
<b>Tues. 6/9</b>	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
<b>Wed. 6/10</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	basement
<b>Thur. 6/11</b>	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Fri. 6/12</b>	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
<b>Sun. 6/14</b>	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, YouTube, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



## *Worship in the Park*

**July 26      August 16**  
**August 2      August 23**  
**August 9      August 30**

**9:00 a.m.**

### **Alexander Park**

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!



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.

### *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

**Ministers:** Members of the Church  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann  
**Director of Children & Family**  
**Ministries:** Rose Koepp  
**Church Office Administrator:** Melissa Davis  
**Custodian:** Keidy Debbe  
**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger  
**Scholar in Residence:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh