



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Growing Season July 19, 2026

PRELUDE "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" *arr. Mark Hayes*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT "Jumpin' Jazz Cat" *Faber*
Lincoln Welsch

"Ode to Joy" *Beethoven*
Truman Welsch

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Deffenbaugh

From ages past, the voice of God calls out,

"I have always been."

From times to come, the voice of God declares,

"I will always be."

In the moment at hand, God announces,

"I am as I have been and will be."

We gather in praise and thanksgiving to be united with God and one another.

May God heal our wounds, embolden our hearts, and place a calling on our lives.

*OPENING HYMN "Here in This Place" 401
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we confuse our current moment for eternity.
We lose ourselves in our present circumstance, forgetting the ways
you led us in the past, ignoring the hope you've given us for the***

future. Our minds can hold only so much, but help us always remember that you are in and beyond all time. You are the God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Joseph, and Mary. You have always led, and you lead even still.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What past glories of God give you hope for the future?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As it was in the beginning,

It is now and ever shall be,

God forgives. God Loves.

Praise be to God!

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)



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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

LANGENBERG MUSIC

"Forest Song"
Wilson Welsch

Faber

"Music Box Melody"
Raegan Welsch

Melody Barber

(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.)

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

(As the children are come forward, the congregation will sing “This Little Light of Mine.”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In these ancient words, O God, let us find something new. Let us encounter some small portion of your life, your truth, and your renewing wisdom. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Hebrews 11:4-5, 7-8, 18, 20-24, 29-30, 32

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 3:1-6

*HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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*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.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY “On the Radiant Threshold of this Dawning Day”

arr. Barr

COMMISSIONING OF GO & SERVE PARTICIPANTS

Team Members: Henry Black, Kade Jorgensen, Peyton Mitchell, Charlie Ratzlaff, McKain Ratzlaff, Paxton Rhodes, Caleb Schukei, Harrison Welsch
Sponsors: Jennifer Boeve, Kim Creech, Steve Wolford

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God: We offer you our tithes and gifts, and we offer you our lives. We thank you for these servants and the acts of kindness to which you have called them. Accept these gifts and our lives for your purposes, that we may all be your servants in the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

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***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

“A Joyous Postlude”

Mallard

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

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

Sunday, July 26

9:00am Worship in the Park at Alexander Park

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 our parents by Marnie and Doug Soderquist.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Toni and Bob Mays by family and friends.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #5) Captain – Melissa Davis, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Justin Brader

GREETERS

July	Memorial Room	Narthex
19	Kay Georgiana, Lois Hafer	Kenton & Bonnie Grams
26	Amy & Joe Black	Margaret & Charles Hermes

August Ushers (Team #6) Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

August Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
2	Linda & Richard Johnson	Sally Hatcher
9	Milrae & Harold Korb	Lois Hafer
16	Julie Thomsen	Melissa Davis
23	Daveta & Dick Brader	Mary Kay LaMaster
30	Sue Medsker	Melissa Davis

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Carole Pedersen
Tony Glenn
Summer Postlewait and family
Lexi Longshore
Nytha & Dave Glass
Kathy Struss
Ken Fisk
Pat Kelley
Go & Serve Participants

Mary Lewis
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Pam Canady
Jason Hafer
Judd Carrier
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Sammy Nahorny
Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Carter Johnson
Alyssa Donley
Henry Black
Bev Stein

Sun. 7/19	9-9:45am	Open Table Set-Up	Fellowship Hall
	9:45am-10:30am	Open Table Early Bird Assembly	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	11:30am-12:30pm	Open Table Assembly	Fellowship Hall
Mon. 7/20	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 7/21	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wed. 7/22	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thur. 7/23	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	3-5pm	Summer Youth Group	Basement Youth Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri. 7/24	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 7/25		Go & Serve Participants Depart	
	7pm-9pm	FPC Waterpark Night	Hastings AquaCourt
Sun. 7/26	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9am	Open Table Set-up	Fellowship Hall
	9:45am	Open Table Early Bird Assembly	Fellowship Hall
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July Means Open Table at FPC

Open Table 2026 in Fellowship Hall

One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.

Please join our congregation in fellowship and service as we celebrate our 23rd year of support for the Open Table Sack Lunch Program.

For those of you who are new to our church or community, the Open Table Sack Lunch Program is a community-wide program providing free daily sack lunches that are distributed from the Catholic Social Services Office Monday through Friday from noon to 5:00 pm at their new location on 124 South Colorado Avenue. This year, we will make 2,000 sack lunches on Sunday, July 19th, and 2,000 on Sunday, July 26th, immediately after the church service. We will also provide fresh chef salads or an alternative meal to serve twice during those last two weeks of July. In addition to the shelf-stable items in the sacks, we will provide sandwiches, fresh fruit, vegetables, string cheese, yogurt, and other healthy, less stable food items that can be added to the sacks on the day they are distributed.

For our regulars from previous years, there will be some changes to the Sunday morning routine, due to less freezer space at CSS and more freezer space at our church. We will not be delivering the sacks and sandwiches on Sunday, but rather storing them at the church, and CSS will pick them up in their truck on Mondays.

Volunteer opportunities for 2026 include

Sundays (Always fun). Assembling sacks and making sandwiches

Early-Bird Assembly: 9:45 to 10:30 after early service

Set-Up Crew: 9:00 to 9:45 Help to prepare tables for assembly

Group Assembly: 11:30 to 12:30 after second service

Weekdays or Saturdays:

Friday: Pick up order of loaves of bread from Russ's IGA and transport to Fellowship Hall
(Volunteers call or text Meg, 402- 902-9330)

Other weekdays (to be determined): Help prepare special meals and pick up food items to drop into lunches (Contact Jeni, 402-469-1500)

Donations: Donations of fresh vegetables or fruits, healthy snacks, and financial support are always welcome.

Prayers!

This tradition in our church has been a blessing for the people receiving the lunches and for the people preparing them. We have continuously supported this community-wide program every July since its start, and every year, there have been different challenges, blessings, and expectations; however, most of all we are grateful for the constant support of our church family.

Gratefully,

The Mission Committee



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!

FPC PRESENTS

ELEMENTARY MOVIE CLUB

5-7PM

Incoming Kindergarteners - 5th
grades are invited to join us for a
monthly movie showing and related
Bible lesson.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings *Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873*

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