



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

July 26, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church

PRELUDE

“It Is Well with My Soul”
Organist, Linda Vollweiler

arr. Martha Mier

WELCOME

Rose Koepp

LANGENBERG MUSIC

“Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star”
Gatlin Stokely

Traditional

“The Opposite Song”
Callan Stokely

Faber

(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.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 46)

Dan Deffenbaugh

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, for God is with us.

Come, let us worship the One who promises to be near to us.

The Lord Almighty is with us; God is our fortress.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“It is No Secret”
Chorus of the Plains

Hamblen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that when life becomes difficult, we often lose sight of you. Fear and uncertainty overwhelm us. We turn inward, trying to carry burdens that were never ours to bear, and we forget your promise to be with us.

Forgive us for trusting our worries more than your presence. Renew our hearts, steady our minds, and remind us that you are near in every season. Give us grace to place our hope in you, so that even amid life's storms, we may find our peace in Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

What areas of stress, grief, or anxiety are you holding on to? What would it look like to lay them down in faith, knowing that God is big enough to hold all of that for you?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 145)

Hear the good news: The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth.

The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven and free.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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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.)



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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM INTRODUCTION

ANTHEM

“It Is Well with My Soul”
Chorus of the Plains

Mo Rector

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, join us here in this time and place. We are gathered together to hear your word proclaimed. Move among us. Open our hearts and minds. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING — 1Kings 17:8-16

SERMON

“When Everything Isn’t Well”

Rose Koepp

*HYMN

“It Is Well with My Soul”

840

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, our refuge and our strength, who is present with us in times of abundance and in times of need.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who calls us to trust when the future is uncertain, to share what we have, and to hope beyond what we can see.

We believe the Holy Spirit strengthens weary hearts, sustains us through every season, and reminds us that we are never alone.

When fear tells us there is not enough, we will trust in God's provision.

When sorrow threatens to overwhelm us, we will remember God's faithfulness.

When the road ahead is unknown, we will walk forward in hope.

For the God who cared for the widow, who fed Elijah, and who raised Christ from the dead is faithful still.



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

**"How Great Thou Art"
Chorus of the Plains**

Ruby Rhea

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, when our hearts are full of gratitude, we give with joy. When our hearts are burdened by worry, we give in trust. When we cannot see what tomorrow will bring, we remember that you are already there.

Receive these offerings as signs of our faith in your goodness. Use them to proclaim your hope, extend your compassion, and bear witness to your love that never fails. 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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 39

*CHARGE & BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE "When I Lift Up My Head" Dottie Rambo
Chorus of the Plains

POSTLUDE "Postlude in C" Henry Kihlken
(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

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

Sunday, August 2
9:00am Traditional Worship in 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 Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling and also in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Payne and Hubert Payne.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

July	Memorial Room	Narthex
26	Amy & Joe Black	Margaret & Charles Hermes

August Ushers and Greeters

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	May Wierenga
16	Mary Kay LaMaster	Melissa Davis
23	Daveta & Dick Brader	Melissa Davis
30	Sue Medsker	Mary Kay LaMaster

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Mary Lewis
Tarah Davis & family	Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Matt Campbell	Pam Canady
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Jason Hafer
Bob Wolf	Judd Carrier
KyMani Riek	Carl Utley
Carole Pedersen	Barry Thomson
Tony Glenn	Greg Howard
Summer Postlewait and family	Sammy Nahorny
Lexi Longshore	Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Nytha & Dave Glass	Carter Johnson
Kathy Struss	Alyssa Donley
Ken Fisk	Henry Black
Pat Kelley	Bev Stein
Go & Serve Participants	Don & Marie Rasmussen
The Stoddard Family	Sally Smith



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!

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
	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
	12:30pm	Senior Recital	Sanctuary
Mon. 7/27	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilters
	5:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 7/28	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	Middle School Youth Room
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wed. 7/29	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
Thur. 7/30	8am-6pm	Jr. High Zoo Trip	Henry Doorly Zoo
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri. 7/31	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 8/2	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	4pm	South Central Nebraska Children's Chorale Concert	Sanctuary

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

**FREE
EVENT**

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL
NEBRASKA
CHILDREN'S
CHORALAE
Concert**

Sunday, August 2nd
4:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
Free!

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

Community Book Sale

Gently used books and jigsaw puzzles for all ages.



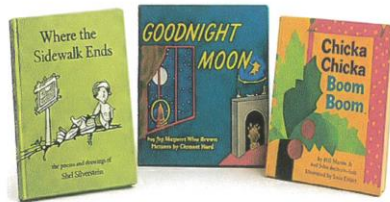
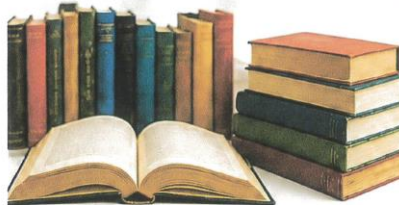
When:

Saturday, August 8th
from 8:00 to 4:00



Where:

Hastings Peace Center,
7th and North Lincoln Avenue.
Park in the attached lot just
south of the building,
then enter the door on the
west side of the building.



*All proceeds will support
educational grants and loans for women.*

Hands Around the
World Store
has received new
items. Cafe Justo
coffee has arrived.

Stop by the store
and check out
our new
merchandise!

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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

Executive Administrator & Head of Staff:

Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Miggi Angango

Chancel Bells & Youth Bells

Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Youth Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Director of the Langenberg Legacy

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Director of Christian Education: Rose Koepp

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis

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Children's Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

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