



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

August 2, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church

PRELUDE

“To God Be the Glory”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

*Doane/
arr. Michael Burkhardt*

WELCOME

Rose Koepp

INTROIT

“On Eagles Wings”
Ivy Cooper

Michael Joncas

(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

Dan Deffenbaugh

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have this hope as an anchor for our souls.

Bring your worries and your burdens to the Lord, for he cares for you.

The Lord is nearby. We rejoice in his steadfast love!

*HYMN

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
Angie Amaya, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have commanded us to rejoice always. We confess that joy does not come easily. We become consumed by our fears. We lose sight of your faithfulness. We let disappointment and discouragement convince us that hope is gone. We begin to believe

that our circumstances define us more than your promises. Forgive us, Lord, when we forget that you are in control, that you hold our futures in your capable hands. Remind us of the hope we have in you, and by your Spirit, cultivate within us the deep joy that comes from knowing you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: The Lord is near to those who call upon his name.

Because of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

God's mercy is new every morning.

Our hope is secure, and our future is held in His hands.

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

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, we know you are near. Speak to us today through these ancient stories. Open our hearts and minds to the ways you were moving then and the ways you are moving now.



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

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Ezra 3:2-6;10-13

2nd SCRIPTURE READING — Nehemiah 8:6-12

SERMON

“Plant in hope, harvest Joy”

Rose Koeppe

*HYMN

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

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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 Pontious 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

"Arioso in A"

J.S. Bach/arr. Diane Bish

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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 “Make a Joyful Noise to God!” 54
(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Raíces de mi Pueblo Mexican Dance Troupe. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

*CHARGE & 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 “Hornpipe” (from *Water Music*) Handel/arr.Diane Bish

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

Sunday, August 9
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 Toni and Bob Mays and in memory of Jim McDougal by family and friends.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Hal Lainson by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and Overmiller families.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

August	Memorial Room	Narthex
2	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

August Communion Offering

Raíces de mi Pueblo Mexican Dance Troupe

Raíces de mi Pueblo (Stories of our town) is a folkloric dance group that meets for practices twice a week in our Peace Center. It is also our monthly communion offering for the month of June. Maria started this dance class five years ago in response to her concerns about her own children and other children in her neighborhood becoming disconnected from their roots and not participating in safe, fun, physical activities after school hours. She decided she could do something about this by offering free dance classes that would be open to anyone. Currently her class has grown to approximately 20 dancers ranging in age from three to seventeen. In addition to practices these dancers have performed at many events, festivals and venues in Hastings and throughout the state. Due to Maria's goals, they have grown in cultural knowledge, communication skills, confidence, pride and dance skills. There is a connection to the larger community that has evolved from these performances. Maria makes a point of teaching dances from different regions of Mexico and Central America. The costumes are a part of the culture and story of the dances.

Since Maria does not charge students for the dance classes, she depends on donations to buy costumes, or to buy the material to make the elaborate and beautiful costumes for a constantly growing and changing group of dancers.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BUBBLES & BBQ!

**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 2ND**



**JOIN US FOR DINNER AND
A FOAM PARTY TO KICK OFF
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!**

5:00-6:30PM WEAR CLOTHES
CHURCH YOU CAN GET
PARKING LOT WET IN.
BRING A TOWEL!

AUGUST 30TH

KIDS' CHURCH KICKOFF

9:15- 10:15 AM

FPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

**PREK-12TH GRADE
STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

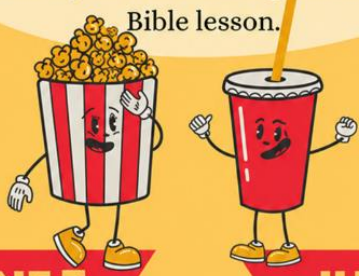
We will: Review Procedures, Expectations, and Schedules; Meet Teachers; Have Acolyte Training; and Go over Bible Presentation

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.



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

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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Community Book Sale

Gently used books and
jigsaw puzzles for
all ages.



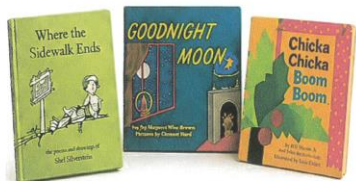
When:

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.*

SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA CHILDREN'S CHORALE *Concert*

Sunday, August 2nd
4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
Free!

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
Kathy Struss
Ken Fisk
Pat Kelley
The Stoddard Family
family of Jim Duval
Sally Smith

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
Don & Marie Rasmussen

In memory of

Jim Duval, who passed
away on 7/24/26



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
Mon. 8/3	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 8/4	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wed. 8/5	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thur. 8/6	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 8/8	8am-4pm	Community Book Sale	PEACE W Classrooms
Sun 8/9	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
	5pm-7pm	Elementary Movie Club	Youth Room



Worship in the Park

August 2 August 16
August 9 August 23

9:00 a.m.

Alexander Park

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!

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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
Program: Dr. Robin Koozer

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Director of Christian Education: Rose Koepp
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Children's Choir Director: Teresa Canady
Children's Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock