



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

July 12, 2026

PRELUDE

“Toccata”
Organist, Linda Vollweiler

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WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Song for Pastor Greg”
to the tune of “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”

Merry Williams

Greg, you’ve been here for nine years; we love your family and you.

Knowing the impact that you have made, our many memories are not going to fade. So, with mixed emotions we’ll miss you, the positives made with us here; and the firm foundation you laid, will grow year by year!

(Shout) “Our loss is Portland’s gain!”

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CALL TO ORDER

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

This service and meeting of members and friends of First Presbyterian Church is called to order.

Our purpose, this holy day, is to worship God.

The God of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses and Elijah, of Mary and Joseph, of prophets, apostles, saints, and sinners.

The God of all that has been, of all that is, and of all that is to come.

We gather to offer our thanks and praise. We gather to seek God’s wisdom and guidance.

We gather to remember that the church does not belong to us but to Jesus Christ.

So let us worship God with grateful hearts, trusting the One who has led us this far and who will lead us still.

Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”
Angie Amaya, Song Leader

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Karen Doerr, Clerk of Session

Approval of minutes from congregational meeting held February 1, 2026

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ, you come to us in the face of the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick, the prisoner, and all who are vulnerable or needy. Forgive us when we fail to recognize you. Forgive us when we are so focused on our own uncertainty that we miss the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us when change makes us anxious, when endings make us fearful, and when we forget that your faithfulness does not depend on our ability to see the whole road ahead.

You have guided this church through many seasons, through joy and grief, growth and challenge, beginnings and endings. Teach us again to trust you. Open our eyes to Christ among us. Open our hands to serve with compassion. Open our hearts to one another and to the world you love. By your grace, make us faithful in this season of transition so that we may continue to be the body of Christ, serving the least of these with courage, humility, and love.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

QUESTION FOR SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

How is God calling me to love this church and my neighbors in the season ahead?



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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.)

UPDATED TERMS OF CALL FOR PASTOR DAMEN

Greg Allen-Pickett

For the duration of transition: Increase Salary, Housing Allowance and SECA by 15%

New temporary salary: \$79,833

New health and pension benefits: \$39,385

New travel and professional expenses: \$2,500

Total new terms of call: \$121,718

BAPTISM

Charlie Franco
Parents Allison Kern and Raul Franco

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church, and we all have a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying, "We do." **We Do.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

BAPTISM SONG

"God Claims You"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by your Word and Spirit, open our eyes to see Christ among us. Speak to us through the words of Scripture, that we may recognize you in the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and the sick, the lonely and the imprisoned, and in all who wait for compassion. As we listen today, steady our hearts in this season of change. Remind us that you are still speaking, still leading, and still calling your church to love and serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Mathew 25:31-40

SERMON

"In Good Hands"

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Susan Cole, 2-year term on Deacons – Mike Meyer, 2-year term on Session –
Rose Koepp, for service during transition

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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



OFFERTORY

You who are poor in spirit,
You who seek help from God,
All you who mourn, who are weary and worn,
Blessed are you.

You who are meek and lowly,
You who are pure in heart,
All you who pray for peace and do your part,
Blessed are you, blessed are you.

Cling to the joy that these words convey,
Hold them for all of your days

“Blessed Are You”

Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

Knowing forever in every way,
Blessed are you, blessed are you.

You who put trust in mercy,
You who love righteousness,
All you who suffer hate and are oppressed,
Blessed are you, blessed are you.

Cling to the joy that these words convey,
Hold them for all of your days
Knowing forever in every way,
Blessed are you, blessed are you.

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

“For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table” (vs. 1-3, 5)

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RECOGNITION OF TRANSITION TEAM & PLAN Robin Koozer and Dan Deffenbaugh

DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

Polly Deppen-Williams

Do you, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, release Greg Allen-Pickett from service as your pastor? **We do with thanks to God**

Do you, Greg Allen-Pickett, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation? *I do with thanks to God.*

CLOSING PRAYER

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Greg Allen-Pickett

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor and serve all people and all creation. Love and serve the Lord your God, following the example of Jesus Christ and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit that goes with you. Go in peace. Amen.

***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

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

arr. Pote

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

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

Sunday, July 19

Go & Serve Commissioning Sunday

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 Dr. and Mrs. G. Paul Charlton by friends.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

July	Memorial Room	Narthex
12	Jill Kramer	Jean Stinnette
19	Kay Georgiana	Kenton & Bonnie Grams
26	Amy & Joe Black	Margaret & Charles Hermes

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	

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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9:45am-11:30am

Third Saturday of each month

at the PEACE Center

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.

- If you need food, please feel free to come. The distribution is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.

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

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1 He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the

Em7 A7 D

whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world

Bm F#m Em7 A7 D

in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

- 2 He's got the little tiny baby in his hands. (3x)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
- 3 He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. (3x)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
- 4 He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. (3x)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
- 5 He's got everybody here in his hands. (3x)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

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 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

MINUTES OF A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska
February 1, 2026

The annual meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, Nebraska was held on February 1, 2026, in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett gave remarks of greeting and the opening prayer.

A quorum was declared Karen Doerr, Clerk of Session.

MINUTES: *It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the Congregational Meeting held on January 26, 2025. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried.*

CLERK'S REPORT: The annual report of the Clerk was presented as follows:

Membership, December 31, 2024	473	197 Friends
Received during 2025:	13	
Losses 2025: Death	5	3 Friends
Membership, December 31, 2025	481 Members	194 friends

Youth/Young Adult/Adult Baptisms	2	Weddings	2
Infant Baptisms	5	Funerals	8

Active Officers:

Elders 13 Deacons 15 Trustees 9

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET PRESENTATION:

The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett presented the budget for 2026, which has been approved by the Session.

TERMS OF CALL FOR PASTORS:

For Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett: \$161,870 inclusive of salary, housing, medical, pension & professional development.

For Pastor Damen Heitmann-Jensen: \$98,454 inclusive of salary, housing, medical, pension & professional development

FOUNDATION REPORT: Given by Chuck Shoemaker.

STATE OF THE CHURCH REPORT: Given by Pastor Greg

ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS:

Session: Esther Allen-Pickett, Jody Stutzman, Justin Brader, Dan Deffenbaugh, Robin Koozer

Deacons: Jenna Jorgensen, Beci VonFossen, Deborah Rasby, Merry Williams, Carol Kleppinger

Trustees: Danna Wolford, Kim Kern, Todd Pankratz

Church Nominating Committee: Jessica Meeske, Sue Medsker, Mike Karloff, Paula Crosier

ADJOURNMENT

Pastor Damen Jensen- Heitmann closed the meeting with prayer and the song, "We are the Church."

Sun. 7/12	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	Following Worship	Luncheon to celebrate and honor the Allen-Pickett family	PEACE Center Gym
Mon. 7/13	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 7/14	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wed. 7/15	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thur. 7/16	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	3-5pm	Summer Youth Group	Basement Youth Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri. 7/17	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 7/18	9:45am-11:30am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
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



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!

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
Children's Choir Director: Teresa Canady
Children's 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
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh