



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

July 5, 2026

PRELUDE

“Patriotic Medley”
Sarah Wolf, flute; Mary Plock, piano

arr. Ward and Berlin

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Allegro from the Concerto in G minor for Two Cellos”
Esther Allen-Pickett and Rachel Witt

Antonio Vivaldi

(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 (Based on Psalm 146)

Rose Koepp

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

We will praise God as long as we live.

Do not place your ultimate trust in rulers or in human power.

Our hope is in the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds those who are vulnerable.

The Lord will reign forever. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“This is My Song”
Organist, Linda Vollweiler
Summer Postlewait, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, you created every person in your image and called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we confess that we have celebrated freedom while ignoring those whose freedom has been denied. We have placed too much trust in worldly power and used our liberty for ourselves rather than in service to our neighbors.

***There have been times that we have neglected the poor, forgotten the stranger, and remained silent before injustice.
Forgive us, O God. Give us courage to tell the truth, humility to repent, and faithfulness to repair what has been broken. Make our lives a proclamation of liberty through justice, mercy, and love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Where have I used my freedom chiefly for myself?

How is Christ calling me to use my freedom in loving service to others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For freedom Christ has set us free.

In Jesus Christ, we are released from the power of sin, freed from fear and condemnation, and given new life in the Spirit.

Friends, receive this freedom as a gift, and use it to love and serve one another.

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and free.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

582

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of truth and freedom, quiet the voices that compete for our loyalty. Open us to the voice of your Spirit. Free us from nostalgia that refuses to remember honestly and from cynicism that refuses to hope.

As your Word is read and proclaimed, show us who we are, remind us who you have called us to become, and give us courage to seek the freedom, justice, and peace of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, the living Word. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Leviticus 25:8-12

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 4:16-21 & Galatians 5:1, 13-14

SERMON

"For freedom, Christ has set us free"

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Beautiful Nebraska"

arr. Fritz Mountford

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace and freedom, everything we possess comes from you. Receive these gifts and use them to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, teach the young, support the old, comfort the suffering, challenge injustice, and build communities of mercy and peace.

Receive also our lives. Make us faithful stewards of the freedom you have given us and courageous servants of the neighbors you have placed beside us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SONG

"Come to the Table of Grace" (vs. 1, 3, 5)

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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 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

Gracious God, at this table you have reminded us that freedom is your gift and love is its purpose. You have fed us with the bread of life and joined us to the body of Christ. Send us out in the power of

***your Spirit. Keep us from using our freedom only for ourselves.
Make us willing servants of one another, faithful neighbors,
courageous peacemakers, and joyful witnesses to your liberating
grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

*HYMN “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” 757
(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Habitat for Humanity.
The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the
basket.)

*BENEDICTION 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 “Rondo Finale” Eugene Butler

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

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

Sunday, July 12

**10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Special
Congregational Meeting to follow.**

**11:30am Luncheon to honor and in celebration of the Allen-Pickett family
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 Raymond A. and Ruth Watson by family.

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

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Jessica Allen-Pickett, Esther Allen-Pickett, Jeni Howard, Karen Doerr, Andy Barrows, Melissa Davis

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

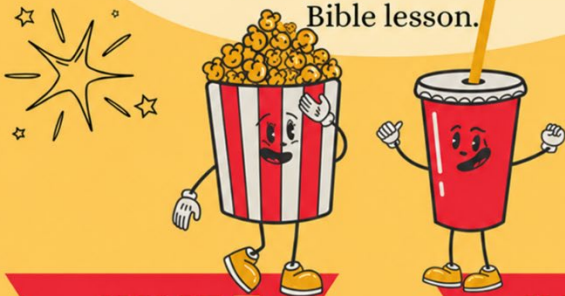
July	Memorial Room	Narthex
5	Mary Fisk	Paula Crozier
12	Jill Kramer	Jean Stinnette
19	Kay Georgiana	Volunteers Needed
26	Amy & Joe Black	Margaret & Charles Hermes

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

Sun. 7/5	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	5pm-7pm	Elementary Movie Club	
Mon. 7/6	Church Offices closed in Observance of Independence Day		
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues 7/7	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-6pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
	12-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wed. 7/8	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Church Basement
Thur. 7/9	3-5pm	Summer Youth Group	Basement Youth Room
	5:30pm	Children/Youth Christian Ed. Meeting	Office Conference Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri. 7/10	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 7/12	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	Following Worship	Special Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	Following Worship	Luncheon to celebrate and honor the Allen-Pickett family	PEACE Center Gym

The Church Offices will be Closed on Monday, July 6, in observance of Independence Day.

A Message from the Nominating Committee

Two vacancies exist on our leadership boards and the Nominating Committee will present Susan Cole for a two-year replacement term on the Deacons and Mike Meyer for a two-year replacement term on the Session.



The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, July 7, from 12pm-6pm. There is a critical need for donated blood. Please consider making an appointment to give blood during this drive. To make an appointment go to redcrossblood.org, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

 **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 5th to let us know you'll be there!
(402) 462-5147 • melissa@fpchastings.org



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!



July Communion Offering



Habitat for Humanity is a movement of people in your local area and around the world, working together to build more prosperous and vibrant communities by making sure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.

Since our founding in 1976 as a Christian organization, **together we have helped more than 65 million people in countries around the world build their futures on their own terms** through access to decent housing. We've done that by working alongside people of all walks of life to:

- Build, repair, and finance their homes.
- Innovate new ways of building and financing.
- Advocate for policies that make constructing and accessing housing easier for everyone.

Together, we build homes, communities, and hope.

June Communion Offering Update

The June Communion Offering raised a total of \$1,818.32,
which will benefit Open Table.
Thank you for your generous support.

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
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

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

***Welcoming Workers to Hastings
Another Opportunity to Support and Welcome Others to Hastings***

For the past several years, we have found ways to support the migrant farm workers who come here each summer under work visas to do hot and difficult field work to earn money for their families. Jody Stutzman from our church provides trainings and safety equipment through her job at Proteus, a nonprofit organization that serves agricultural workers and their families. Our church collects long-sleeved shirts and hats throughout the year to protect workers from the sun and hazardous chemicals. We are grateful for Jody's leadership and knowledge.

Aida and Mark Evans also help organize an outdoor welcome dinner for the migrant workers, who arrive about this time every year. Our church has been invited to help support this dinner for the past several years by preparing and bringing various salads and desserts to add to her delicious main dish. A few of us help serve the meal. We usually don't know the exact date until a few days before, but typically it's the last week in June to the first week in July. This year, the dinner will be provided near the picnic area at Hastings Lake. Mission committee members have committed to helping again, but if anyone from the congregation would like to provide a side dish like chips or desserts, we will let you know the date on the First Presbyterian Church Facebook page.

For more information about the migrant farm worker program, Jody is our member/expert.

Gratefully,
The Mission Committee



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
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