



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

August 16, 2026
10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“When We Are Living”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Diemer

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Deffenbaugh

Through wind and wave, God is near.

In peace and assurance, God’s voice is heard.

In sorrow and in joy,

In plenty and in want,

In community and solitude,

God’s presence holds us, guides us, and loves us.

*HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”
Miggi Angangco, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Give us, O God, that which we need to see it through. We often start, take the first steps, begin to respond to your call, but soon we tire or lose our inspiration. Before long, we find ourselves without direction or purpose, struggling to still hear your voice calling out to us. Let the wind which muffles cease. Let the waves which overwhelm us subside. Let us continue to hear your voice above everything else. Help us to keep moving in your direction.

QUESTION FOR SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What hides God’s voice from you? In what direction is God calling you to move?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From the chaos of sin,

God reaches out and saves us.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory Be to the Father”

581

*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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Silence all else, O God, that is not your voice. Calm our hearts, our minds, and our spirits so that we may truly receive your holy word. Through these holy words, may we find a calling for our lives. Amen.



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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 69:1-3

ANTHEM

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

arr. Richard Walters

Akkadian Jorgensen

Katherine Welk, accompanist

(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.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

“Command Me to Come to You” or “But What About the Waves?”

*HYMN

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

684

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the creator of all things. We believe that it is God who pulls order out of chaos, who sets the boundaries and limits of the world, and whose very breath brings to life all that is.

We believe in Jesus our savior. It is Jesus who pulls us up from the waves of sin. It is Jesus who sets our feet on firm ground. It is Jesus who shows us how to walk in the pathways of righteousness. Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus draws us up and binds us with the heart of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. Having been caught by Jesus, we are inspired by the Holy Spirit, who encourages and empowers to catch others as they fall. The Holy Spirit draws us towards our neighbors, and our strangers to strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, and help the suffering. Our sustainer, the Holy Spirit, continues to reveal God's presence with and among us. Amen.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY “On the Wings of the Morning” Glamanco

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Make holy, O God, these gifts that we offer. Give them purpose and direction. Help them to raise up those who are sinking. May they become bread for the hungry, love for the outcast, and peace for all. 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 “Christ Be Beside Me” 702

*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

“Recessional in C”

Wagner

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

Sunday, August 23
Go & Serve Sunday
9:00am Traditional Worship in Alexander Park
10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Go & Serve Luncheon
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 Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

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

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

August	Memorial Room	Narthex
16	Mary Kay LaMaster	Melissa Davis
23	Daveta & Dick Brader	Melissa Davis
30	Sue Medsker	Mary Kay LaMaster



Worship in the Park

August 23

9:00 a.m.

Alexander Park

Please bring your lawn chair

All are welcome!



**American
Red Cross**

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 8, 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.

Go & Serve **LUNCH**

Sunday, August 23

Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

All Are Welcome!



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

Contact Information

**Have you moved, had a phone
number change, or got a new email
address?**

**Please let the church office know,
so your information can be updated
in our directory.**



Sun. 8/16	9-10am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:15am	Teacher Training Event	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, YouTube, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Mon. 8/17	12pm	Memorial Committee	Anderson Room
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 8/18	9am-12pm	HC/Mission Project Freshman Orientation	Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wed. 8/19	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thur. 8/20	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri. 8/21	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 8/23		Go & Serve Sunday	
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Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

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