



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Go & Serve Sunday August 23, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Enter His Gates with Praise”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Richard Williamson

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

LANGENBERG MUSIC

“Miniature Sonatina”
James Ellerbee

Faber/Kuffner

(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.)

THE WEEK THAT WAS

*OPENING HYMN

“In Christ There is No East or West”
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

To those with ears to hear, God calls,

“Come and follow me.”

To those with eyes to see, God reminds,

“Do unto others.”

To those with hearts ready to love, God reveals,

“I am the hungry. I am the lost. I am the forgotten.”

To those with hands ready to serve, God encourages,

“Whenever you’re ready, just go ahead.”

SCRIPTURE - Romans 12:3-13

ONE BODY, MANY MEMBERS

Caleb Schukei, Peyton Mitchell, Kade Jorgensen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our lives are not what they could be. We often fail to live up to what you have called us to do. We are petty. We are jealous. We pick at others in an effort to feel better about ourselves. We invest for ourselves. We vote for ourselves. We are at our happiest when we have gotten our way. We do not live up to the standard of humility, gentleness, patience, and love that was set for us by Jesus the Christ. Forgive our sins, O God. Give us new hearts to live in ways that are bigger than ourselves.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

How is God calling you to live beyond yourself?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The love of God is bigger than all of our failings.

God's mercy renews our spirits.

We are forgiven. We are restored.

Alleluia! Amen!



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*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)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

These words still have truth. These words still have meaning. These words can still change the lives of the faithful. Help us, O God, to hear them, to hold them, and to treasure them. Amen.



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SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 22:34-40

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Harrison Welsch, Charlie Ratzlaff

HONORING OUR ELDERS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe that I can be what I choose to be, and I choose to be Christ’s disciple. I believe that God sees more within me than I will ever see in myself. God knows that I am capable of love, that I am capable of great acts of generosity, that, if I choose, I can strengthen the weak and lift the faint-hearted. God calls me to a life lived beyond myself and my petty self-interest. In joy and appreciation for the eternal love that I have freely received, God calls me not to a good life but to a life of good. It is in God that I live and move and find my being. Amen.



BIGGER THAN OUR WEAKNESS

Henry Black, Paxton Rhodes

OFFERING

The offering and offertory this morning is a collection of images from our week in Hazard. These images represent the work we did on behalf of others during our week. As you watch the images on the screen, we ask you to consider what you’ll do on behalf of others in the week to come.

OFFERTORY

“Thy Word”

arr. John Carter

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To your glory, O God, we dedicate the gifts of our pockets, hands, and hearts. May all of these things be used to bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.

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

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

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*CHARGE 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

“Rondeau”

arr. Diane Bish

This service was organized and prepared by members of the Go & Serve 2026 Team. We thank and commend all of the members for the work they did on behalf of God’s Kingdom on this year’s trip. If you see any of the following folks, please thank them for their loving acts of kindness. Students: Henry Black, Kade Jorgensen, Peyton Mitchell, Charlie Ratzlaff, McKain Ratzlaff, Paxton Rhodes, Caleb Schukei, and Harrison Welsch. Sponsors: Jennifer Boeve, Kim Creech, Chris Wray, Steve Wolford, and Damen Jensen-Heitmann

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

Sunday, August 30
9:15am Kids’ Church Kickoff in the Fellowship Hall
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 Phyllis and John Lainson by family and friends.

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

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS Chanda Essink, Phil Odom, Melissa Davis

GREETERS

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

September Ushers and Greeters

September Ushers (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Kim Creech

September Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
6	Jill Kramer	Jeni & George Howard
13	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie	Melissa Davis
20	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	Paula Crozier
27	Volunteers Needed	Melissa Davis

Ushers Needed for September

We are looking for volunteers to assist with ushering in September. Please let the church office know if you are able to help out. We appreciate any help we can get.

Noonday Book Club

The Noonday Book Group is beginning a new book study, Elaine Pagels book *Miracles and Wonders: The Historical Mystery of Jesus*. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh leads the weekly conversations online. All are welcome to log in at 11:55 a.m. every Wednesday.

Please contact Sharon Brooks at sbbrooks52@gmail.com or Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh at ddeffenbaugh425@gmail.com for more information about connecting online.



Sun. 8/23	Go & Serve Sunday		
	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, YouTube, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	11:30am	Go & Serve Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
Mon. 8/24	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee group	PEACE Center Gym
	10 a.m.	Celebration of Life Service for Lexi Longshore with luncheon to follow	Service-Sanctuary Luncheon-Fellowship Hall
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-9pm	Hastings Literacy Classes Enrollment	Middle School Youth & Choir Rooms
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 8/25	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee group	PEACE Center Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	Middle School Youth Room
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wed. 8/26	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee group	PEACE Center Gym
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-9pm	Hastings Literacy Classes Enrollment	Middle School Youth & Choir Rooms
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Practice	Bell Room
Thur. 8/27	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee group	PEACE Center Gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 8/28	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 8/30	9:15am	Kids' Church Kick-off	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



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



WALKERS AND COFFEE GROUP



Lace up your sneakers
and join us for a little
exercise, coffee, and
fellowship.

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m.
PEACE Center Gym

All are Welcome!



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, INC.
CWU CELEBRATIONS 2026
HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



SHELTER ME
See, Hear, Respect, Protect

Psalm 24:1 (NIV)
"The Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."



SEE & HEAR
Theme: Truth is Power
Human Rights Day

Human Rights Awarding to:
Jody Stutzman
Regional Director

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September 4 at 10 a.m.
First Congregational Church, UCC
2810 W. 7th St. Hastings, NE



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
CHURCH
PARKING LOT

**WEAR CLOTHES
YOU CAN GET
WET IN.
BRING A TOWEL!**



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.

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	family of Evelyn Viglicky
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
Kathy Struss	Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Ken Fisk	Carter Johnson
Pat Kelley	Alyssa Donley
The Stoddard Family	Henry Black
family of Jim Duval	Don & Marie Rasmussen
Sally Smith	family of Lexi Longshore
Mary Lewis	family of John Meeske

In memory of

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

Lexi Longshore, who passed
away on 8/15/26

Evelyn Viglicky, who passed
away on 8/18/26

John Meeske, who passed
away on 8/20/26

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Head of Church: Jesus Christ
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