



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

August 30, 2026
10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Meditation”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Theodor Bubeck

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

“Waltz in the Wind”
Vivian Fong

Melody Bober

(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

We gather in honesty. We gather in humility.

We gather in hope. We gather in expectation.

We gather in joy. We gather in contentment.

We gather in loss. We gather in disappointment.

We gather to remember that as God holds us,

So should we hold one another.

*HYMN

“We Gather Together”
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not always think of ourselves as being a part of a whole. It doesn't always seem that we have been stitched into the same cloth or built together into a unified house. We pull away. We isolate. We hold back for fear of saying the wrong thing or over-committing or because we don't think we have anything to offer. Remind us, O God, that we are called to be stones for one another. Build us up into a true community of strength and support for all.

QUESTION FOR SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

Who is holding you up? Whom can you hold up in return?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through grace, we are forgiven.

Through grace, we are restored.

Daily, we learn to trust in God.

Daily, God's grace is proven true.

*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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Rose Koepp

We are the body of Christ. We are living stones for one another. We promise to walk with you, to teach you, to learn with you, and to help you grow in your love of God and God's Word. May the Holy Spirit open your hearts and minds to the truth, wisdom, and love found in these Holy Bibles. May these scriptures guide you as you grow in faith and in love. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Slow our minds. Release our hearts. Open our minds. Fill our lungs with your very breath so that through these words, our lives may become a dwelling for your presence. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 2:1-10

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

“Living Stones” or “Day by Day”

*HYMN

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

837

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who has created and is creating still. God created the world and all of us. God continues to form us, molding and shaping us into bricks of faith and a fellowship of believers.

We believe in Jesus, the one whose birth, life, death, and resurrection give meaning to our nothingness. It is Jesus who teaches us what it means to be a living stone: to love God with the entirety of our being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus saves us from sin and restores us to the heart of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit calls us forth, guiding us along the path of faith. The Spirit joins us daily on our journey, revealing God's presence in our lives and in the world around us. The Spirit draws us together as a fellowship of faith.

***We believe that the triune God holds on to us through our joys and heartaches. And we believe that we are called to do the same for others.
Amen.***



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY “Sweet Hour of Prayer” *arr. Dale Wood*

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We bring to you, O God, the gifts of our very lives. May they be used to bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to 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 “God Be with You till We Meet Again” 542

***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

“March de la Cloche”

Leo Delibes/arr. Larson

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

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

Sunday, September 6

10:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

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

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS AUGUST 30, 2026

3rd Grade

Aniah Davis
Jade Guiai-Lou
Madelyn Koepp
Kamden Kugel
Axel Martin
Wilson Welsch

8th Grade

Stella Adam
Faith Brader
Ty Moore
Evan Turner



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NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

August	Memorial Room	Narthex
30	Sue Medsker	Mary Kay LaMaster

September Ushers and Greeters

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

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



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

proteus SERVICES TO
SAPPHIRE
FARMWORKERS

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

Congregational Meeting

TO VOTE ON THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

(NAMES OF CANDIDATES WILL BE RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 6)

ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BUBBLES & BBQ!

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 2ND

 BISON BUBBLES

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!

Ice Cream Social

Sunday,
September 13

11:30a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Free

All are
welcome!



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 your help.

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.

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
Andy Barrows	family of Duane Ochsner

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

Duane Ochsner, who passed
away on 8/24/26



**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.

Sun. 8/30	9:15am	Kids' Church Orientation	Fellowship Hall
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Mon. 8/31	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers Group	PEACE Center gym
	10:30am	Duane Ochsner Funeral Service with luncheon to follow	Funeral-Sanctuary Luncheon-Fellowship Hall
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 9/1	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers Group	PEACE Center gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
Wed. 9/2	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers Group	PEACE Center gym
	11am	PW Coord Team	Parlor
	11:45am	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm	WNL Bubbles & BBQ	Parking Lot
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Practice	Bell Room
Thur. 9/3	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center gym
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	5:30pm	Youth Christian Ed Meeting	Office Conference Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 9/4	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 9/6	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

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Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

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

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
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