



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

PRELUDE

Fanfare from “La Peri”
Cathedral Brass Quintet

Paul Dukas

Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn;
Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

“God Is Here Today”

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koepp

Each of us finds ourselves somewhere along life’s roadway,
Somewhere between what has been and what will be,
Making life somewhere between assurance and doubt,
Somewhere between joy and sorrow,
Trying to get our bearings between hope and disappointment
Between the beginning and the end.
We pause in this place to reconnect our hearts, minds, and lives
To the God who travels with us wherever we may go.

*HYMN

“We Praise You, O God”
Organist, Linda Vollweiler

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Like Abram, O God, we have settled into our ways. We have created comfortable places and patterns in our lives. We do not like for them to be disturbed. You ask us to act with empathy. But to do so, we’d need to change our hearts. You ask us to forgive. But to do so, we’d need to release our anger. You ask us to follow you. But to do so, we’d need to alter our own routines and priorities. Forgive us, O God, for we are difficult to move. Have mercy, O Lord, for we’d rather stay where we are.

QUESTION FOR SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

How is God encouraging you to change your heart?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In love, our petitions are received.

Through grace, our sins are forgiven.

Released of our burdens, we move closer to God

And closer to one another. Amen.

*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

Summer Postlewait

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(As the children are coming forward, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me.”)



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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, reveal yourself to us as we study your word. Let us find within it a meaning and purpose and a calling for our own lives. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 119:1-10

ANTHEM

“Teach Me, O Lord”

Thomas Attwood

Chancel Choir

Miggi Angangco, Director

Text: Psalm 119:33; Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 12:1-9

SERMON

“Between Nothing & Everything”

*HYMN

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that as God called Abram, God calls us still. God asks us to live beyond ourselves, to continue to journey to the places and people that God will show us. We believe that God’s blessings come to us so that we may become blessings for others.

We believe that Jesus is God incarnate. Jesus provides for us a perfect example of what it means to follow the pathway of righteousness. Jesus' life, teaching, death, and resurrection open for us a means of salvation and provide for us that which we need to journey where God calls us.

We believe that the Holy Spirit sustains and guides us as we travel the path of faith. The Holy Spirit encourages us and enables us to be Christ's disciples, granting each of us spiritual gifts and showing us how to use them to build the kingdom of God.

We believe that the Church in every age is called to venture forth into the world, to lift the broken, feed the hungry, and love its neighbors. Amen.



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Morgenstern”

Ben Roundtree

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude for the gifts that we have received, we dedicate these offerings and our very selves to the work of God. May they be used to meet the needs of neighbor and stranger alike. 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

“Go to the World!”
(Verses 2, 3, 4)

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*BENEDICTION

*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!***

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

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

Sunday, September 27

Hastings College Sunday

8:30am Contemplative Service in the Chapel

9:15am Faith Enrichment Hour

10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with the Hastings College Choir

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 92.7 FM

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family and in memory of Jim Harrenstein, loving husband, father, and grandfather by Carol Harrenstein, Kristan and Jesse Manske, and Tracy, Kenny, and Adam Brooks.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by the Sachtleben family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Kim Creech, Steve Illingworth, John Pershing

GREETERS

September	Memorial Room	Narthex
20	Bonnie & Kenton Grams	Paula Crozier
27	Deb Rasby	Melissa Davis

October Ushers (Team #2) Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta & Dick Brader, Lois Hafer

October Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
4	Amy & Joe Black	Melissa Davis
11	Kili & Justin Wenburg	Kathy Utter
18	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Marnie & Doug Soderquist
25	Damen & LaRaesha Kugal	Melissa Davis

Fall 2026 Adult Ed Forum – 9:15 a.m. Sundays – Lydia Room

Covenant: A Love Story (September 13 through October 11)

Presbyterians refer to themselves as a "covenant community." We will explore the beginnings of this idea in the books of Genesis and Exodus and consider why it is so important to our faith.

Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical World (October 25 through November 22)

Continuing our focus on covenant, we will reflect on a recently published book that considers "what it means to be truly evangelical in a time of theological and cultural distortion." Copies of the book will be made available to those who would like to read along. See <https://www.wjkbooks.com/bookproduct/0664269273-being-presbyterian-in-a-dysvangelical-america/>.

2026-2027 Langenberg Concert Series Brochure

The 2026-2027 Langenberg Concert Series brochures have been mailed out. You will receive two copies of the brochure. You are encouraged to keep one copy and share the other one with a friend, family member, etc.



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AND GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH



OCTOBER 17
9AM - 12PM



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BLESSING OF THE PETS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Each year at First Presbyterian Church, we hold a service in which we talk about how animals are a wonderful part of God's creation. During this service, we offer a blessing for any pets present.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

We will be holding this special service in place of our typical Wednesday Night Live programming.

5:00-5:30 pm Dinner/Fellowship for everyone

5:30-6:00 pm Service/Pet Blessing

6:00-7:00/15 pm Regular WNL Music & Bible Time



WHAT TO BRING

If you'd like to bring your pet, please do! But please keep it on a leash or in a carrier. You can also bring a picture of your pet.

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!

THE CENTRAL NEBRASKA PRESBYTERY YOUTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

Sr High Retreat!

9th-12th Grade

SAVE THE DATE!

November 6-7,
2026

The Crossing
Retreat Center
Lexington, NE

More info coming soon!!

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
Kathy Struss
Ken Fisk
Pat Kelley

The Stoddard Family
family of Jim Duval
Sally Smith
Andy Barrows
Pam Canady

family of Evelyn Viglicky

Zsuzsanna Fazakas

Jason Hafer

Judd Carrier

Carl Utley

Barry Thomson

Greg Howard

Sammy Nahorny

Francisco Diaz (Beto)

Carter Johnson

Alyssa Donley

Dana Odom

Don & Marie Rasmussen

family of Lexi Longshore

family of John Meeske

family of Duane Ochsner

In memory of

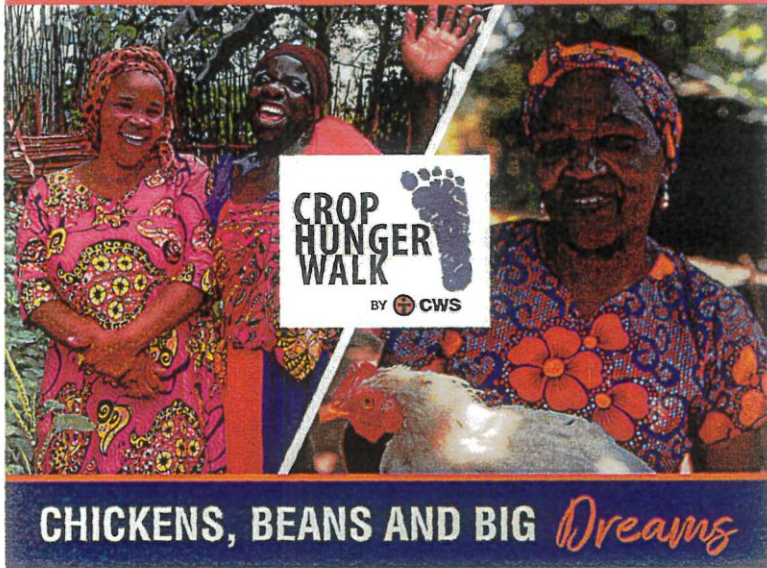
Jim Duval, who passed
away on 7/24/26

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



CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 11, 2026 @ 2:00 pm
Lake Hastings

Register on the south side of the lake. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the donations goes to the local *United Food Harvest* program.

Sponsored by Church Women United. Checks may be written to CWS/CROP.



crophungerwalk.org/

Use the link to the left or scan the QR code on the right to find your local team and donate and/or sign up to walk today!

Donate or sign up for your walk today!



Sun. 9/20	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Faith Enrichment Hour for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	2-3pm	Choral Collective Rehearsal	Choir Room
Mon. 9/21	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 9/22	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 9/23	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Practice	Bell Room
Thur. 9/24	8:30am	Walker/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	10am	Board of Health Meeting	Anderson Room
	4pm	HC Choir Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd Floor Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 9/25	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 9/27	Hastings College Sunday		
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Faith Enrichment Hour for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	2pm	Choral Collective Rehearsal	Choir Room
	3pm	Hastings College Fall Concert	Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
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 Anganeo
Chancel Bells & Youth Bells
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Program: Dr. Robin Koozer

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