



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF HASTINGS**

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873



Hastings College Sunday September 27, 2026 – 10:30am

PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME

Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

CHORAL INTROIT

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

arr. Fritz Mountford

The Hastings College Choir, Directed by Dr. Miggi Angangco
Dr. Jonathan Sokasits, Accompanist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Wayne Riggs

Through prayer and hymn and scripture, the voice of God calls to us:

Listen to my teaching.

Through handshakes and hugs and warm smiles, the voice of God is heard:

You are my child.

In dreams and hopes and possibilities, God calls out:

Attend the path of restoration.

We gather to remember our calling.

We gather to worship our God.

*HYMN

“As the Deer”
(sung twice through)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we lack humility, believing ourselves always to be in the right and that we ought to be the center of things. We confess, O God, that we are jealous and covetous, believing that when others gain we lose. We confess, O God, that we don't know what we are looking for, believing that influence or prestige or power will save us from our sins, forgetting that only your grace can do such a thing.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What are you looking for?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our sins are forgiven.

Our hearts are restored.

Let us live in the new life God offers us each day.

Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

REFLECTION ON HASTINGS COLLEGE

Dr. Rich Lloyd

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Thy word, O God, is a lamp for our feet and a light
for our path. May these lessons and this reflection
help to guide our lives as we strive to follow in your
ways. Amen.***



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

SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 37:1-8, 12-28

ANTHEM

“Lord of the Dance”

arr. John Ferguson

I danced in the morning when the world was
young
I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
I came down from heaven and I danced on the
earth
In Bethlehem I had my birth

The holy people said it was a shame
They dripped, they stripped, they hung me high
Left me there on the cross to die

Refrain

Refrain: Dance, then where-ever you may be
I am the lord of the dance', said he
And I lead you all, where-ever you may be
And I lead you all in the dance, said he

I danced on the Friday when the world turned
black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried my body, they thought I was gone
But I am the dance and the dance goes on

Refrain

I danced for the squires and the Pharisees
They wouldn't dance, they wouldn't follow me
I danced for the fishermen James and John
They came with me, so the dance went on

They cut me down and they left me high
I am the Life that will never, never die
I'll live in you if you live in me
I am the lord of the dance, said he

Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame

Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 45:1-12

MESSAGE

“The Long Road Home: Remembering, Reconciling, and Rejoicing”

Dr. Kittie Grace

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As people of faith, we believe that God can bring about good no matter the situation. We believe that God is at work in and through the world, calling us to seek out and find moments of reconciliation and healing. We believe that God helps us to move on from past hurts, forgive as freely as we have been forgiven, and embrace our brothers and sisters. We find comfort in knowing a God who travels with us, sustains us along the way, and calls us to be a blessing to others. We believe that God loves us and that we are called to love God and neighbor in return.



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With open hearts, we come before you and declare our desire to be part of your healing work. May the gifts we bring today be used for the good of all. May they build up. May they bring about restoration. May they bring hope into the world. 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

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Fritz Mountford

POSTLUDE

“Recessional”

George Frederic Handel

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

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

Sunday, October 4
World Communion Sunday
8:30am Contemplative Service in the Chapel
9:15am Faith Enrichment Hour
10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Children's and Youth Choirs
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 William Jensen, Claudina Jensen, and Emory and Emma Halloway from Byron, Deb, and Nathan Jensen, and Hannah Jensen-Heitmann.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Thelma and Lester D. Pedersen by their family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

USHERS (Team #1) Captain – Chuck Hastings, Kim Creech, Steve Illingworth, Melissa Davis

GREETERS

September	Memorial Room	Narthex
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/>.



P.W. Salad Luncheon

Ever wonder why the remains of Ephesus are better preserved than the ones in Corinth? Or what the difference is between a stoa and an agora? And what did the pilgrims from First Presbyterian Church experience as they followed in the footsteps of Paul last February 26 through March 9?

For the answer to these and other questions you might have, come to hear about their trip to Greece and Turkey at our October PW salad luncheon. As well as the program, a variety of delicious salads prepared by First Presbyterian Women will be served. Please know that any ladies of First Presbyterian Women Church are welcome at our annual **Salad Luncheon** on Wednesday, **October 7, 2026** at **11:45 A.M.**





CHICKENS, BEANS AND BIG *Dreams*

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!**



You're Invited To

FAMILY DINNER

OCT. 11 | **4:30-6:30 PM**

1101 N HASTINGS AVE

Pastor Damen and Hannah Jensen-Heitmann would like to invite all families with children and youth to their home for a cook-out. Please bring a side to share!

For Questions or to RSVP,
call the Church Office (402)462-5147
(RSVPs are appreciated but not necessary.)



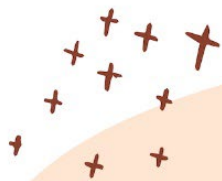
WALKERS AND COFFEE GROUP



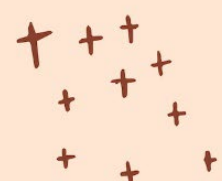
Lace up your sneakers and join us for a little exercise, coffee, and fellowship.

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

All are Welcome!



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.





CABARET THEATRE

Vocal Jazz Quartet

Sunday, October 25, 2026

3:00 p.m. | Free Concert

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

Omaha's Cabaret Theatre has been delighting audiences since 1991. With stunning vocal jazz harmonies and sublime solo voices, members of the group have garnered an array of individual and ensemble awards for their artistry at area theaters and local events.



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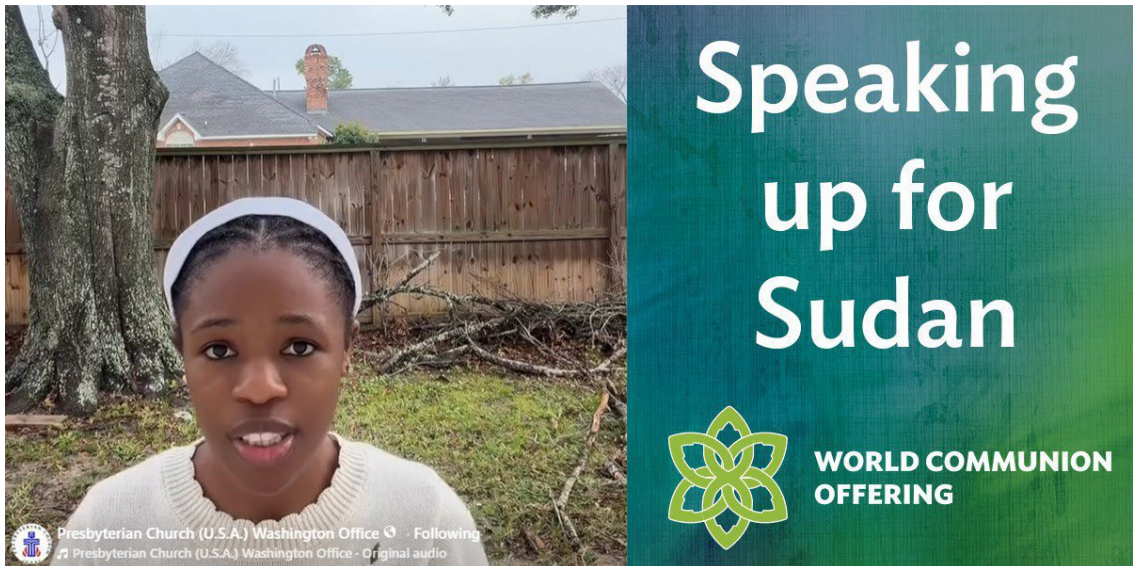
Hastings College Fall Choir Concert

Sunday, September 27

3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

Sun. 9/27	Hastings College Sunday		
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9-10:30am	Hastings College Alumni Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
	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
	3pm	Hastings College Fall Concert	Sanctuary
Mon. 9/28	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 9/29	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd Floor Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 9/30	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Practice	Bell Room
Thur. 10/1	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd Floor Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
	6pm-8pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 10/2	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 10/4	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-3:30pm	Choral Collective Rehearsal	Choir Room



Linking Faith, Advocacy and International Solidarity

World Communion Offering Making it Possible!

Philile has big dreams, ones where her faith and her advocacy make the world a better place. She is fulfilling those dreams through her YAV year, serving with the Office of Public Witness. Read about her incredible story and her dedication to raising awareness about marginalized people in Sudan, especially women and children.

[Read Philile's Story](#)

The [World Communion Offering](#) supports racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. The mission and ministry Philile is doing is one example of the impact of this offering.

If you want to [read more stories of impact](#) about the [World Communion Offering](#), be sure to check out the two stories we shared last week.

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	family of Evelyn Viglicky
Tarah Davis & family	Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Matt Campbell	Jason Hafer
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Judd Carrier
Bob Wolf	Carl Utley
KyMani Riek	Barry Thomson
Carole Pedersen	Greg Howard
Tony Glenn	Sammy Nahorny
Summer Postlewait and family	Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Kathy Struss	Carter Johnson
Ken Fisk	Alyssa Donley
Pat Kelley	Dana Odom
The Stoddard Family	Don & Marie Rasmussen
family of Jim Duval	family of Lexi Longshore
Sally Smith	family of John Meeske
Andy Barrows	family of Duane Ochsner
Pam Canady	

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

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
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