



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

**September 6, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

PRELUDE

“Prelude & Fugue in A Minor”  
Organist, Linda Vollweiler

*J.S. Bach*

WELCOME

Rose Koepp

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Exodus 15)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation;

***This is my God, and I will praise him.***

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

***Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?***

In your steadfast love, you lead the people whom you redeem;

***You guide them by your strength to your holy abode.***

\*HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”  
Summer Postlewait, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God, we confess that we do not do well with uncertainty. We want to know the outcome before we commit to the process. We know that you provide, and we trust in your goodness, but we don't always put that faith into action. We cling to familiar ways, even when they are no longer serving us. We continue unsustainable practices out of fear of failure. Forgive us when we resist your calling to a different way. Help us to trust in your provision. Open our eyes to your ways, and give us courage to follow where you lead.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God does not abandon us in the wilderness. God meets us with mercy, leads us with love, and makes a way where we cannot yet see one.

***We trust in the God, who leads us and forgives us.***

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and set free to walk a new path.

***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

582

## \*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

(Greet others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH AND UPDATE ON PASTORAL TRANSITION

(Candidates for the Pastor Nominating Committee: Chuck Bauer, Constance Malloy, Mary Olsen, Chris Schukei, Ross Struss, Kili Wenburg, Jenni Welsch, Chris Junker (alternate), Danny Graves (alternate))



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

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

RuAnn Root

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Holy Spirit, we know you are near. Speak to us today through these ancient stories. Open our hearts and minds to the ways you were moving then and to the ways you are moving now.***

## SCRIPTURE READING – Excerpts from Exodus 14-17

## SERMON

“What got us here may not be what gets us there”

Rose Koepp

## \*HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence, he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## OFFERING

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

## OFFERTORY

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Gracious God, you are the God who provides in ways we cannot always see or understand. Receive these gifts, and use them to further your work in this church and in the world.***

***Give us open hands and willing hearts, that we might not cling too tightly to what is familiar but trust you to show us new ways to serve and new paths to follow.***

***May all that we give, and all that we are, be used for your glory. Amen.***



## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## 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.***

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## \*HYMN

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

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## \*CHARGE & 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” (from *Harpsichord Sonata*)

Henry Purcell

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

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

**Sunday, September 13**

**8:30am Contemplative Service in the Chapel**

**9:15am Sunday School for all ages**

**10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary, with Congregational  
meeting to follow**

**11:30am Ice Cream Social in Fellowship Hall**

**Stay-at-Home Broadcast live on YouTube:**

**[www.youtube.com/@FPCHastings](http://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 Dr. and Mrs. William McCall by family.

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

**NURSERY** Kim Bogan

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

## GREETERS

| September | Memorial Room              | Narthex              |
|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 6         | Jill Kramer                | Jeni & George Howard |
| 13        | Carolyn & Richard McKenzie | Karen Doerr          |
| 20        | Bonnie & Kenton Grams      | Paula Crozier        |
| 27        | Deb Rasby                  | Melissa Davis        |

# 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 MAY VOTE



## Ice Cream Social

Sunday,  
September 13

11:30a.m.

Fellowship Hall

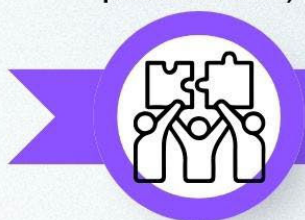
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All are  
welcome!



# Pastoral Search Process

## Transition Period (continues until a new pastor is called)



- Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh becomes “Executive Administrator” to oversee staff, budgets, facilities, and help with pastoral care and adult ed
- Pastor Damen and DCE Rose will take on expanded leadership roles, continuing to support our congregation and lead the day-to-day life of the church

## PNC Formed Elected by congregation (FALL 2026)



- The Nominating Committee of FPC Hastings will convene to recommend a slate for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC)
- The PNC is elected by the congregation as the search team for a the new pastor
- PNC begins their work by writing a job description (called a Ministry Discernment Profile - MDP)

## Pastoral Search Conducted by PNC with the guidance of presbytery

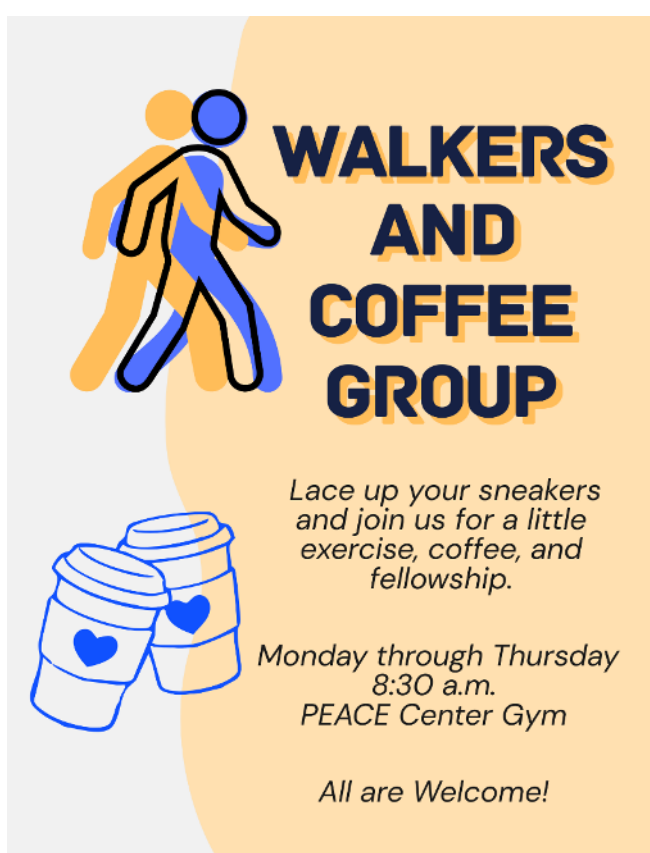


- PNC posts the job description (MDP) and begins reviewing candidates
- PNC conducts virtual interviews, reviews sermons, and contacts references
- PNC invites 2-5 candidates for confidential in-person interviews in Hastings
- PNC identifies top candidate who comes to FPC Hastings for a candidating weekend

## New Pastor



- Pastoral candidate's profile is shared with church
- Candidate is introduced and preaches
- Congregation receives report from PNC and votes on call.
- New Pastor begins and is installed.
- Transition Period is concluded



## **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 brochure will be mailed out next week. 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.

## September Communion Offering



Maryland Living Center

The mission of MLC is to provide an empowering life experience in a stable, safe, and secure living and learning environment, for homeless or transitioning youth. We are a permanent housing facility that aims to successfully transition homeless and aged out youth (ages 16 to 21 years) into independent living within 12 to 18 months.

## August Communion Offering Update

The August Communion Offering raised a total of \$581 which will benefit the Raices de mi Pueblo Mexican Dance Troupe. Thank you for your generous support.

### 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](mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com) or Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh at [ddeffenbaugh425@gmail.com](mailto:ddeffenbaugh425@gmail.com) for more information about connecting online.

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|-------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sun. 9/6</b>   | 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                                                              |
| <b>Mon. 9/7</b>   |            | Labor Day-Church Offices Closed                                |                                                                         |
|                   | 8:30am     | Walkers/Coffee Group                                           | PEACE gym                                                               |
|                   | 1:30pm     | Quilters                                                       | PEACE Quilting Room                                                     |
|                   | 6pm        | Mexican Folkloric Dance                                        | PEACE NE gym                                                            |
|                   | 7-9pm      | Chorus of the Plains                                           | Choir Room                                                              |
| <b>Tues. 9/8</b>  | 8:30am     | Coffee/Walkers Group                                           | PEACE Center gym                                                        |
|                   | 10:30am    | Staff Meeting                                                  | In-person                                                               |
|                   | 12pm       | Red Cross Blood Drive                                          | Fellowship Hall                                                         |
|                   | 12pm       | Noon Bible Study                                               | Anderson Room                                                           |
|                   | 5:30pm     | Congregational Life Meeting                                    | Anderson Room                                                           |
|                   | 5:30pm     | Trustee Meeting                                                | PEACE W Classroom                                                       |
|                   | 6pm        | Hastings Literacy Classes                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Middle School and Choir Rooms                     |
|                   | 6:45pm     | Deacons Meet                                                   | Anderson Room                                                           |
|                   |            |                                                                |                                                                         |
| <b>Wed. 9/9</b>   | 8am        | Sock Knitters                                                  | PEACE W Classroom                                                       |
|                   | 8:30am     | Coffee/Walkers Group                                           | PEACE Center gym                                                        |
|                   | 12pm       | Noonday Book Club                                              | <a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a> for link |
|                   | 5pm-7:15pm | PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL                                | various                                                                 |
|                   | 6:30pm     | Woodcarvers                                                    | basement                                                                |
|                   | 6:45pm     | Chancel Choir Practice                                         | Choir Room                                                              |
|                   | 7:30pm     | Chancel Bells Practice                                         | Bell Choir                                                              |
| <b>Thur. 9/10</b> | 8am        | Sock Knitters                                                  | PEACE W Classroom                                                       |
|                   | 8:30am     | Coffee/Walkers Group                                           | PEACE gym                                                               |
|                   | 12:30pm    | Dulcimer                                                       | HCMA Room 112                                                           |
|                   | 6pm        | Hastings Literacy Classes                                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Middle School and Choir Rooms                     |
|                   | 7pm        | Cub Scouts                                                     | Scout Room                                                              |
| <b>Fri. 9/11</b>  | 8am        | Sock Knitters                                                  | PEACE W Classroom                                                       |
|                   | 10am       | Mahjong Ladies                                                 | Basement Youth Room                                                     |
| <b>Sat. 9/12</b>  | 8am        | Sock Knitters                                                  | PEACE W Classroom                                                       |
| <b>Sun. 9/13</b>  | 8:30am     | Contemplative Worship Service                                  | Chapel                                                                  |
|                   | 9:15am     | Sunday School Opportunities for all ages                       | Various                                                                 |
|                   | 10:am      | HAW Store Open                                                 | Library                                                                 |
|                   | 10:30am    | Traditional Worship Service followed by Congregational Meeting | Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube                                               |
|                   | 11:30am    | HAW Store Open                                                 | Library                                                                 |
|                   | 11:30am    | Ice Cream Social                                               | Fellowship Hall                                                         |
|                   | 2pm        | Choral Collective Rehearsal                                    | Choir Room                                                              |

**The Church Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.**

# 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          | Dana Odom                 |
| 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



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](http://redcrossblood.org), select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.

### *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 Angangco  
**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