



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

We Will Serve the Lord: Studies in Stewardship **First Presbyterian Church** **October 18, 2026**

PRELUDE

"Canzona Prima a 5"

Giovanni Gabrieli

Cathedral Brass

Erin Beave, trumpet; Josh Brooks, trumpet; Andrew Buller, horn;
Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

"This is the Day"

Les Garrett

Organist, Linda Vollweiler

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Deffenbaugh

As a people of faith, we gather together.

The young join with the aged.

The quiet sing with the boisterous.

The new unite with the seasoned.

The sorrowful and the joyful sit side by side.

We gather to be reminded of all that God has done.

We gather to declare, yet again, our intention to follow God.

Praise be to God.

*OPENING HYMN

"Though I May Speak"

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Sarah Wolf, song leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are often other voices that call to us and other gods that invite us to serve them. And often, we follow them. We choose to serve pride instead of acting humbly. We feed into ego instead of admitting to our wrongdoing. We pledge ourselves to tribe, party, and nation at the risk of obscuring our view and clouding our

memory of you, O God. Help us to put away the other gods we serve. Help us to draw everything else into alignment with you rather than trying to draw you into alignment with everything else. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

What is God calling you to set to the side?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, rejoice.

Christ is our savior!

People of God, sing out.

God forgives our sins and redeems our spirits!

*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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Angie Amaya

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In one spirit and with one heart, we turn to your holy word. In these readings and in this reflection, we pray that we may discover a hope for our hearts and a calling for our lives. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Joshua 24:1-8, 13-15

ANTHEM

“Fantasy on KINGSFOLD”

H. Dean Wagner

Chancel Bells, director Byron Jensen

The mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Joshua 24:16-28

SERMON

*HYMN

“Take My Life”

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

***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

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Chris Woods

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. 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**

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

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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!***

***POSTLUDE**

"Trumpet Voluntary"

John Stanley

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

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

Sunday, October 25

8:30am Contemplative Service in the Chapel

9:15am Faith Enrichment Hour

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 Ruth and Hayes M. Fuhr by friends.

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

NURSERY Kim Bogan

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

GREETERS

October	Memorial Room	Narthex
18	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Marnie & Doug Soderquist
25	Melissa Davis	Volunteer Needed

November Ushers and Greeters

November (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Phil Odom, Doug Soderquist, John Pershing

November Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
1	Linda & John Carllson	Linda & Richard Johnson
8	Erica & Brent Brooks	Melissa Davis
15	Jenna Jorgensen	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie
22	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Melissa Davis
29	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	Volunteers Needed



CABARET THEATRE

Vocal Jazz

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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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!

— STEWARDSHIP —
SERMON SERIES

We Will Serve *the Lord*

— OCT. 4, 11, 18, & 25 —



LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Grants are limited to one per child.
- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

• **DEADLINE FOR THE Fall 2026 GRANT PROGRAM IS November 1, 2026.**

• **GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE; PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**

Applications are available on the shelf outside the Church Offices or on the Church website at:

<https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Langenberg-form-Fall-2026.pdf>

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

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/> .

Please pray for

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

In memory of

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

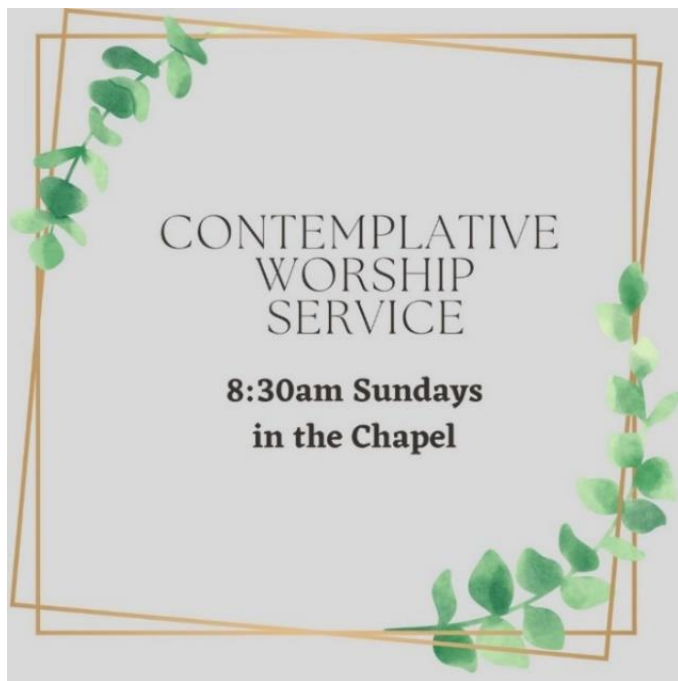
Sun. 10/18	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Usher Orientation	Lydia Room
		NO Faith Enrichment Hour	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, YouTube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	2pm	Choral Collective Rehearsal	Choir Room
Mon. 10/19	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 10/20	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd floor Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 10/21	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	PEACE Center
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	PEACE Center
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Practice	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thur. 10/22	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd Floor
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 10/23	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sun. 10/25	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Faith Enrichment Hour	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	Cabaret Theatre Vocal Jazz Quartet Concert	Sanctuary

September Communion Offering Update

The September Communion Offering raised a total of \$1,384, which will benefit the Maryland Living Center. Thank you for your generous support.

We are needing donations of baby wipes for the Happy Nappies program. Baby wipes can be dropped off in the designated bin in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!



First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

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