



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

We Will Serve the Lord: Studies in Stewardship **First Presbyterian Church** **October 25, 2026**

PRELUDE

“Be Still, My Soul”
“Change My Heart, O God”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Mark Hayes
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WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT

“Calm to the Waves”
Chancel Choir, Director Miggi Angangco

Calm to the waves, calm to the wind.
Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end.
In stillness, hear his voice.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koepp

We gather in this place, carrying our inheritances with us.
We recite the lessons of our mothers and fathers.
We are formed by the memories of mentors and philosophers.
We rest on the work of those who came before us.
We stand upon the tradition of love handed from one to the next.
We have been given a living faith.
May we bear it gracefully
And pass it along.

*OPENING HYMN

“The Lord is God”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we don't know what to do with all that we have been given. From your very being, we have inherited life. How can we use it wisely? From our friends and family, we have been

given trust. How do we tend it carefully? From our elders, we gain wisdom. From our children, we soak in wonder. From our neighbors and strangers, we receive an invitation. How do we carry these things with us? How do we let them shape and form our lives? We have been given much, O God. Show us what to do with it.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

How do you carry what you have received?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sister and brothers declare the good news.

In Christ, we are given mercy and direction.

Brothers and sisters, believe the good news.

Our sins are forgiven. We are restored.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

*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

Angie Amaya

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(While the children are coming forward, the congregation will sing “This Little Light of Mine.”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of truth and wisdom, as your word is read and proclaimed, grant that our hearts might be opened to your hope, that our eyes might be directed to your glory, and that our minds might behold your inspiration. Amen.



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

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 31:33-34

ANTHEM

“God of Our Fathers”

Mary McDonald

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever-sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Joshua 24:29-32

SERMON

*HYMN

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the creator of all things. We believe that God calls us to live together in love as we learn from one another, strengthen one another, and bear one another as best we are able.

We believe that Jesus is God’s anointed messenger; true God from true God. We believe that through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection we inherit not only eternal life but also meaning and purpose for our earthly days.

We believe that the Holy Spirit empowers us to live out the calling we have received. It is through the work of the spirit that we are united with God and with one another.

We believe that we have inherited a great faith and that it is our responsibility to live into it and teach it to those who will follow us.



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

arr. Marvin Gaspard

*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

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

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*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE "We are the Church" Avery and 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 "Fanfare" Nicolas Jacques Lemens
 (*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

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

Sunday, November 1
All Saints' Day
Daylight Saving Time Ends
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 Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Clarke by family and in
 memory of Kurt Anderson Unger by Lisa Unger.

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
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



The Hands Around the World Store has hand-knitted wool socks in a variety of sizes.



These socks come in a variety of beautiful patterns and colors.



Stop by the store today to check them out.



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/> .

Church Directory Update

As we move through a time of pastoral transition, we are attempting to update our church directory so that the directory is as current and helpful as it can be. Members, please stop by the tables in the Memorial Room to check the information that we have for you and alert us of any updated information that we may need. We are a 500+ member church, which makes keeping a directory current a bit of a challenge. We appreciate your assistance and patience as we work to get things neat and tidy.

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who donated coats for our coat give away. You can still donate throughout the year for the 2027 Give away. We served approximately 170 in our community Saturday. Everyone was very grateful and proud to leave with a nice, warm coat for the Winter. Our hearts are full. Thank you!



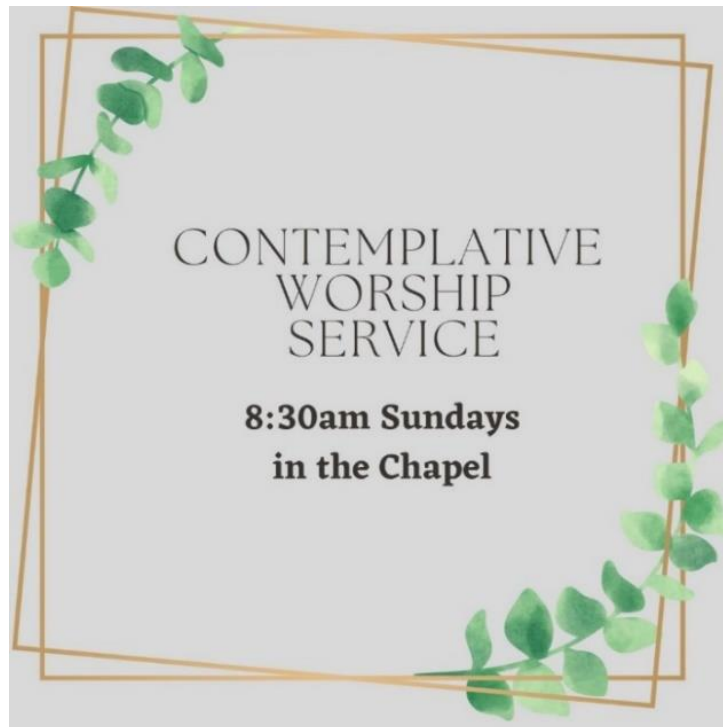
Thank you for your donation towards the Hastings CROP Walk held October 11, 2026, a beautiful day. So far, First Presbyterian Church of Hastings has raised a total of \$900 for a combined total from the walk being close to \$5,000.

Money is still being collected. With your donation, we are able to make a better contribution to CHURCH WORLD SERVICES, providing food, clean water, and education to those in need throughout the world. The many devastating tragedies have made us aware of the needs and help the Church World Services to provide worldwide with our donations.

25% of our Hastings walk will go to the United Food Harvest Program.

Thank you,

Sponsored by Church Women United of Hastings and Juniata area.



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
	1:30pm	Choral Collective Rehearsal	Choir Room
	3pm	Cabaret Theatre Vocal Jazz Quartet Concert	Sanctuary
Mon. 10/26	8:30am-9:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 10/27	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Habitat for Humanity	Room 203
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2 nd floor Middle School Youth & Choir Rooms
Wed. 10/28	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells rehearsal	Bell Room
Thur. 10/29	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	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 Middle School Youth & Choir Rooms
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
Fri. 10/30	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
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	2pm	Choral Collective Rehearsal	Choir Room

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
family of Jim Duval
Sally Smith
Andy Barrows
Pam Canady
Marilyn Nielsen
family of Gary Whitcomb

family of Evelyn Viglicky
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Judd Carrier
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Sammy Nahorny
Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Carter Johnson
Alyssa Donley
Dana Odom
family of Lexi Longshore
family of John Meeske
family of Duane Ochsner
Nancy Grams and family
Pastor Nominating Committee
Kathy (Adams) Carrier

In memory of

Gary Whitcomb, who passed
away on 10/16/2026





JENS KORNDÖRFER

Organ

Saturday, November 7, 2026

3:00 p.m. | Free Concert

Sunday, November 8, 2026

10:30 a.m. | Church Service

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

German American organist Dr. Jens Korndörfer is the Joyce O. Bowden Professor of Music and Associate Professor of Organ at Baylor University in Texas and is regularly invited to perform and teach at prestigious venues and festivals around the world.



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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!

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 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

Finance Administrators: Deb Hamburger, Jennifer Davis

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