FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Living Through Ambiguity: The Next Good Thing
First Presbyterian Church
November 8, 2026

PRELUDE "Canzon duodecimi toni" *Giovanni Gabrieli*
Cathedral Brass; Jens Korndörfer, Organist
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" 411

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rose Koepp

The spirit of God calls to us
With sighs too deep for words.
The Spirit of God calls to us,
Claiming us,
Leading us,
Calling us by name to become more than we are now.
As God's children we gather
To offer our worship and praise.

*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we often fall short of your holy vision. We live without humility. We withhold our healing touch. We choose mistrust over hope. We rely upon our possessions instead of you. Amid uncertainty and ambiguity, we hold fast to status and prestige instead of putting our faith in you and your commandments. Forgive our sins and restore us to your very heart.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION
Towards whom is God asking you to reach?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Forgiven of their sins,
The faithful are restored to the heart of God.
Their spirits cleansed,
They are redeemed.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" 582

*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

TIME WITH CHILDREN Summer Postlewait
(While the children are coming forward, the congregation will sing "This Little Light of Mine")



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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Gracious God, help us to find ourselves in this ancient story. Let us observe our frailties and our vulnerabilities. Let us uncover our courage and our strength. Let us find, in these holy words, a word and direction for our lives. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Kings 5:1-7

ANTHEM "A Jubilant Song" *Allen Pote*
Chancel Choir
Miggi Angangco, director

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad,
Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.

Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia, alleluia;
Tell of His salvation from day to day.
Shout His marvelous works among the people,
For great is the Lord, great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,
From age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom.
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Kings 5:7-15a

SERMON

*HYMN "A Grateful Heart" 652

*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.

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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY "Meditation on the Doxology"

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our lives, O God, as well as our gifts. Let the spirit in which we give them be your Spirit. Let the use that is made of them be your use. 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 12

*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 "Introduction and Fugue BWV 21" *Johann Sebastian Bach*
arr. by Franz Liszt

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

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

Sunday, November 15
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 Randall Fandry, David Fandry, and Richard Fandry by Gayle Fandry and daughter Mickie Day.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Dixie and John Kerr by the Kerr family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

Nov.	Memorial Room	Narthex
8	Erica & Brent Brooks	Melissa Davis
15	Jenna Jorgensen	Carolyn & Richard McKenzie
22	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Melissa Davis
29	Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker	Sally Hatcher

Hastings Choral Collective

Saturday, November 14
3:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church

Join us for the inaugural performance
of our new community choir!

KERI CHRYST
+
FLATWATER JAZZ ORCHESTRA
+
COMMUNITY MUSICIANS

Present

"Fallin' for Jazz"

Join us for an evening of
community and jazz music

Sunday, November 22nd
5:00 pm
First Presbyterian Church
Free and open to the public

Sun. 11/8	8:30am	Contemplative Worship	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 Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Mon. 11/9	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
		PEO-HT	PEACE NW Classrooms
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tues. 11/10	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees	PEACE W Classrooms
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd floor Middle School/Choir Rooms
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
Wed. 11/11	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers Group	PEACE Center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	5pm	PreK-12th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thur. 11/12	8:30am	Coffee/Walkers Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd floor Middle School/Choir Rooms
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 11/13	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 11/14	3pm	Hastings Choral Collective Concert	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/15	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

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/ .





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HANDS AROUND THE WORLD STORE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 2026
11:00AM-1:00PM

The beautiful and unique handcrafted items in our store are made and produced by artisans and farmers from around the world. By purchasing their works, you are helping support their families and provide hope for their future.
Each month, a portion of revenue goes to the local mission, United Harvest, helping to support our local community.

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621 N. LINCOLN AVE
HASTINGS

JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MAKE-AND-TAKE EVENT!



Free Event

Saturday
5 December 2026
11am-1pm

First Presbyterian Church
621 N Lincoln Ave
Hastings, NE 68901

Bring your family to make a Christmas craft that they can give as a gift this holiday season! Enjoy a hot chocolate bar while our volunteers help your children craft!

Full Distribution APPROVED. This event is not sponsored by Hastings Public Schools.

Crafts are tailored towards elementary students, but fun for all ages!

FREE LUNCH FROM 11-1

Sponsored by FPC Hastings & Leapfrog Village

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
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 Evelyn Viglicky
Zsuzsanna Fazakas
Judd Carrier
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Francisco Diaz (Beto)
Dana Odom
family of Lexi Longshore
family of John Meeske
family of Duane Ochsner
Nancy Grams and family
Pastor Nominating Committee
Kathy (Adams) Carrier
family of Janet Schawang
family of Gary Whitcomb

In memory of

Gary Whitcomb, who passed away on 10/16/2026
Janet Schawang, who passed away on 10/22/2026

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
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