FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Living Through Ambiguity: The Next Good Thing
First Presbyterian Church
November 15, 2026

PRELUDE "Toccata in G Major" *Pachelbel*
"Toccata in E Minor" *Pachelbel*
Organist, Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Rose Koepp

INTROIT "God is Here Today" 411
Chancel Choir and Hastings Choral Collective
Director, Miggi Angangco

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 24)* Damen Jensen-Heitmann

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it;
For God founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.
Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in God's holy place?
The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.
They will receive blessings from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.
We will turn our hearts to God in worship.

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Worship God" 386

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have told us what you require of us: to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. We admit that we are not always very good at those things. We participate in systems of injustice, we do not seek or give mercy, and we are arrogant, thinking that we don't need one another, or even you. Forgive us

when we fail to follow these commands. Renew our hearts and minds and embolden us to follow you wholeheartedly.

SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION
What does walking humbly with God look like in my life?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
God is patient, God is kind;
God sees our actions and knows our hearts.
God keeps no record of wrong.
We are forgiven and 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 Angie Amaya
(While the children are coming forward, the congregation will sing "This Little Light of Mine")

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

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

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Micah 1:1-5

ANTHEM "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" *arr. Mark Hayes*
Maggie de Freese, oboe

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Micah 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

SERMON

*HYMN "The Church of Christ in Every Age" 320

*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 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" *J.S. Bach*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we thank you for the good gifts you have given us. Accept these things which we return to you- our money, our time, our affections. May they be used to do justice and bring about your Kingdom of peace. 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 "Come! Live in the Light!" 749

*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 "Marche de Fete Busser" *arr. Dale Wood*

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

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

Sunday, November 22
8:30am Contemplative Service in the Chapel
9:15am Faith Enrichment Hour
10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30am Hanging of the Greens
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 Libby and Elmer Glenn by family.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Willard and Della Stein by the Stein family.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

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

GREETERS

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

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



United Harvest

9:45am-11:30am
Third Saturday of each month

at the PEACE Center

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.

- If you need food, please feel free to come. The distribution is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.

JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MAKE-AND-TAKE EVENT!



Free Event

Saturday
5 December 2026
10am-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!

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

FREE LUNCH FROM 11-1

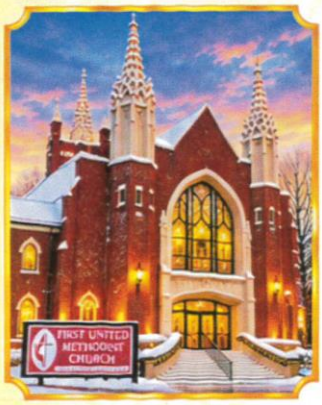
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Tour of CHURCHES

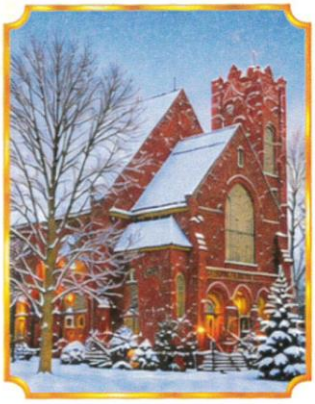
See them decorated for Christmas

December 12
2 PM to 5 PM

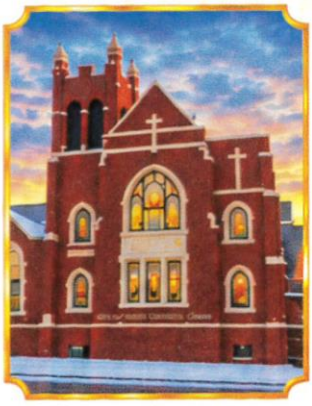
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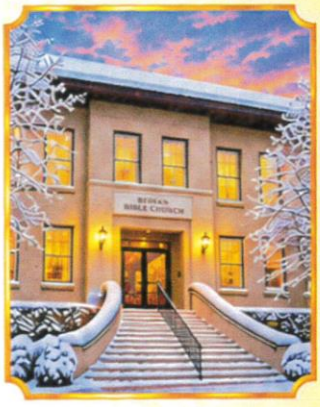
Hastings First United Methodist Church



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First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hastings



Berean Bible Church

Experience the Magic of Christmas!

Tour our beautiful churches adorned for the Christmas season, discover their rich history and lasting impact on our community, and enjoy delicious refreshments along the way.

TICKET SALES
$20 *Pre-sale*
$25 *at the door*

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT ANY PARTICIPATING CHURCH

Thank you for supporting this special event!

Proceeds benefit CASA's Burling Center of Hope in Hastings.



American Red Cross

The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, December 1, 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, select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, and make your appointment.



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/

TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

This year our Senior High Youth are leading a collection of items for Toys for Tots. They are asking members of the congregation to bring in gift wrap, *new* books, board games, and sports balls to the church by Sunday, Dec. 6th. These items will be distributed by United Way on Dec. 15th.

UNITED WAY
South Central
Nebraska

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
Mon. 11/16	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12pm	Memorial Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tues. 11/17	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee group	PEACE center
	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10:30am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd floor Middle School Youth and Choir Rooms
Wed. 11/18	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 NW Classroom
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Church Basement
	7:30pm	Chancel Bell Practice	Bell Room
Thur. 11/19	8:30am	Walkers/Coffee Group	PEACE Center
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	12:3pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6pm	Hastings Literacy Classes	2nd floor Middle School Youth and Choir Room
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Fri. 11/20	9am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE gym
	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sat. 11/21	9:45-11:30am	United Harvest	PEACE Center
Sun. 11/22	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	Hanging of the Greens	
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	5pm	HCMA Fallin' for Jazz Concert	Sanctuary

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