

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018**

PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Behnke
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "Walk In the Light" Larry Shackley
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Samuel 3)

The LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And he said, "Here I am!"

The LORD called again, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening!"

The LORD calls out to each of us;

And we respond, "Here we are. Speak, for we are listening!"

May our worship today equip us to respond to God's call.

Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" 450

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Damen Heitmann

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, perhaps at some point in our lives, someone convinced us that we would not be good material for you to use in healing and helping ministries for this world. We may have been told that we don't really have anything worthwhile to offer. Remind us of your forgiving love when we stubbornly refuse to believe your claim on our lives. Open our eyes and spirits to see the gifts that you have blessed us with, and help us commit those gifts to serving you by serving others. Give us courage and strength to accomplish any task that you set before us. And give us hearts of grateful love to acknowledge your presence in our lives, and live that presence with great joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From the very beginning, God has blessed us;

"We can do all things through God who strengthens us."

Do not fear the tasks God sets before us.

We rejoice, for God is with us every moment!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

ANTHEM

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

Allen Pote

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our ears, O God, that we might hear your Word speaking to us in this moment.

Open our ears, O God, that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture.

**Open our hearts, O God, that we might enter into the love you offer us.
Amen.**

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Samuel 3:1-10

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

Kaleena Fong

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 1:43-51

MESSAGE

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

"God, With Joy We Look Around Us"

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Song of Faith” of the United Church of Canada)**
Jesus announced the coming of God’s reign— a commonwealth not of domination but of peace, justice, and reconciliation. He healed the sick and fed the hungry. He forgave sins and freed those held captive by all manner of demonic powers. He crossed barriers of race, class, culture, and gender. He preached and practiced unconditional love— love of God, love of neighbor, love of friend, love of enemy— and he commanded his followers to love one another as he had loved them. By becoming flesh in Jesus, God makes all things new. In Jesus’ life, teaching, and self-offering, God empowers us to live in love. In Jesus’ crucifixion, God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world. In Jesus’ resurrection, God overcomes death. Nothing separates us from the love of God.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision” Irish Melody/arr. Boughton

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

As we offer our treasure and our hearts to you, O God, may these gifts and our lives be used to pass on your promise of hope, of peace, of life, and of community to all in need. Amen.

THE 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** “God of Our Life” 686

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “Grant Us Peace” Michael Scott

***POSTLUDE** “Recessional in B Flat” Anthony Giamanco

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

8:30AM – CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZE-STYLE SERVICE

9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE WITH CHANCEL CHOIR

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

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Director of Children & Family Ministries: Stephanie Brader
Organist: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Susan Oliver
Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann
Director of Adult Education & Spiritual Formation: Kili Wenburg
Parish Associate: Rev. Don Canady
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Music Coordinator: Tim Canady
Administrative Specialist: Tarci Matthews
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Jesus: Man of Mystery

A six-part Epiphany sermon series on who Jesus is
As we explore Jesus' mysterious identity, we may discover more about ourselves
and a purpose that causes us to live with a sense of hope and urgency.



- 1) Jan. 7: Baptism – Jesus' reveal, our sign of grace (Mark 1:4-11)
- 2) Jan. 14: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:43-51)
- 3) Jan. 21: An Urgent Mission (Mark 1:14-20)
- 4) Jan. 28: Extra! Extra! Read all about it! (Mark 1:21-28)
- 5) Feb. 4: Secrets (Mark 1:29-39)
- 6) Feb. 11: Exposed! Transfiguration revelation (Mark 9:2-9)



God, With Joy We Look Around Us
(To the tune of "Angels, from the Realms of Glory")

God, with joy we look around us
At your world's diversity.
Folk of every kind surround us
And you call your church to see:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

In the times we've hurt each other,
Lord, we've hurt the ones you bless.
Hating sister, cursing brother,
We've denied what you express:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

God, you sent a Savior to us,
Breaking walls that would divide.
By your Spirit, now work through us
As we witness side by side:
All are made in your own image!
All are people whom you love!

Biblical References: Genesis 1:26-27; Psalms 133; John 17:20-23; 1
Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 3:27-29; Ephesians 2:14-22

Tune: Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

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Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is in memory of Willard Payne by the Payne family.

Today's service will be broadcast on Channel 181 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village - today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or tarci@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at 402-469-4805 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are in honor of the Canady family.

Greeters: Dick and Daveta Brader

Acolytes: Addyson Hermes, Madalynn Redline

Ushers (Team #5): Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Gaylon Hermann, Jeff Hermann, Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz, Ken Stein

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

Prayers for: Arnie Boehler, Judy Brown, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Erlene Gessford, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Richard & Wanda Langer, Carol Medsker, Al & Lee Meyer, Larry (& Carolyn) Nowka, Karla Reese, Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Audrey Watson, Wilson, Jenni and Ben Welsch and families.

Condolences to Al and Lee Meyer and family for the loss of Al's mother, LaVera Emmaline Meyer from Nelson, Nebraska.

Services for LaVera will be held at Nelson Community United Church of Christ in Nelson on Friday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Ivan and Pastor Joyce Dean will be officiating.

Grief Healing Group

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings will be facilitating a group for people experiencing grief. The group will meet for six weeks on Tuesdays, 12:30-2PM, starting Tuesday January 16. Below is a brief description of the group written by the facilitator, Lanae Hall:

Life brings us all goodbyes - experiences of change and loss that carry with them grief, whether that is the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, divorce, major illness, or a season of life coming to an end. Are you seeking spiritual meaning from your goodbye experiences? Looking for healing and wholeness? Find it in community with others who have experienced significant goodbyes, who are also moving through grief.

The group will use the book 'Praying Your Goodbyes' as a guide on our journey together. This journey will be gentle, safe, and rich with reflection, prayer, and healing. If you have any questions or would like to talk, please contact Pastor Greg.

"Happy: What it is and How to Find it"

No matter how hard we try, happiness can seem elusive. Even as we reach our goals, we set new ones, making happiness always out of reach, but this study helps you discover that contentment isn't dependent on the "things" of life. *Class meets in Anderson Conference Room at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, under the leadership of Curtis Reimer.*

Make 2018 Your Year to Learn More about the Bible!

The beginning of a new year offers a great opportunity to bring intentionality to our lives. As you consider those New Year's resolutions for achieving better health, relationships, and career success, don't forget to consider ways of enhancing the spiritual part of your life as well! At FPC, we offer two weekly Bible studies: Tuesdays at noon, and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. Both studies are led by Pastor Greg, and both focus on the scriptures to be used in the upcoming Sunday's worship service. (The Wednesday morning group also provides free breakfast!) Check out either or both of these welcoming groups, and make 2018 your year to learn more about the Bible!

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry: Saturday, January 20

As always, there are TWO important ways you can help:

Volunteer. We need *many* volunteers each month!! Your help is appreciated! Most volunteers should check in at the Annex gym around 9:30 a.m. If you can't come until later, that's fine; come whenever you can!

Pray. We remember that Jesus' mission was largely one of service. Please continue your prayers in the following areas:

- Loving and Serving: that our volunteers meet people where they're at and journey with them
- Listening: that we hear God's voice in both those we serve and those with whom we serve
- Building Community: that this service leads to the formation of healthy relationships and even community transformation.

A copy of *Angels Aware* from December 10th service is available on DVD or Blue-Ray upon request at no charge. Contact Roger or Cheryl Schukei at 402-462-9282 or schukei@kdsi.net.

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**Register NOW for 2018 Summer Camp--3<sup>rd</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade,  
PLUS Intergenerational camps for adults/children age 5-12!**

Benefits of Christian Camping...

- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center Summer Camp brochures are now available on the Child & Youth Announcements Bulletin Board near the church offices. Scholarship Applications are also available.

Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) with any questions.

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Presbyterian Women Meet Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Circle 1 - 9:30 at the church - Bonnie Grams - hostess; Rogene Wenburg - Lesson Leader

Circle 2 - 9:30 at the home of Jane Bauer - hostess; Joy White - Lesson Leader

Circle 3 - 1:15 at the church - Nancy Grams - hostess; Sue Medsker-Nedderman - Lesson Leader

The church office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

An annual congregational meeting will be held following 10:30am worship service on Sunday, Jan. 28th.

At this meeting, the 2017 Annual Report and the 2018 Budget will be presented. Church Officers (Elders, Trustees and Deacons) will be elected. All members are encouraged to attend if possible.

This Week --- Jan. 15 – Jan 20, 2018

Mon, Jan. 15	OFFICE CLOSED – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Jan. 16	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in the Parlor
	12:30p-2:00p	Grief Healing Group in Kessler
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
	1:30p-2:30p	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	6:45p-8:15p	Deacons Meeting in Anderson Conference
Wed, Jan. 17	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor
	1:15p	PW Circle 3 Meets in Library
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5 th Grades)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Time Meal (All Ages Welcome!)
	6:30p	Wood Carvers in Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Practice
	6:45p-7:30p	Cal/West Choir Practice (6 th thru 12 th Grades)
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells Practice
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High (6 th thru 8 th Grades)
Thu, Jan. 18	12:00p-1:00p	Moms Group Meets in Library
	5:30p-6:30p	Session Meets in Anderson
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Jan. 19	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, Jan. 20	United Harvest Food Distribution at the Annex	

Please check in at the Annex gym around 9:30 a.m. Those willing to deliver may come to the NW classroom after 11:00 a.m. Thank you for your participation! In Christ we serve!

FPC Mariners Presents "Moms Group"
(a sub-group of Mariners)

LIFE AS A PARENT

Information, Encouragement, Support

Jan 18: Work/Life balance
Feb 1: Marriage/Relationships
Feb 15: Elusive happiness
Mar 1: Raising boys
Mar 15: Talking about sex
Apr 5: Raising successful kids
Apr 19: Parenting taboos
May 3: Celebration of parenting

Bring a friend!! Women at all stages of parenting are welcome!

1st and 3rd Thursdays, Noon-1
First Presbyterian Library
Bring a sack lunch if you like.
FREE childcare provided!