

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2018**

PRELUDE "The Church's One Foundation" Wesley/arr. Innes
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT Come Thou Almighty King Dan Bird
Chancel Choir – Robin Koozer, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Jonah 3, 1 Corinthians 7)

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people;

You call us to carry your vision in this time and place,

As we gather this morning in the presence of the risen Christ;

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation.

Fill us with your glorious Spirit,

That we may worship and share your good news with a world in need!

*HYMN "Will You Come and Follow Me" 726

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Damen Heitmann

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We listen to the stories of the call of the disciples and find them interesting but unrealistic. We have lots of good reasons that keep us from following God with our whole lives. But God is persistent. God understands our confusion and doubts. And God continues to call us to be in ministry and mission in this world. It may not mean leaving everything behind like the disciples, but it does mean being willing to serve wherever God calls us. That's hard. Still God calls to each of us. Discipleship is difficult. Forgive us, patient and persistent Lord, for the very many times we turn our backs on serving you and focus on our own comforts. Forgive us when we look the other way when people are in need. Wrap your arms around us, binding us to you. Gently move us into service in your name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not be afraid. God is with you!

That is good news!

We do not go through life alone.

God knows us, God loves us, and God calls us to service!

May we accept God's love and forgiveness and accept the call to service. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

582

*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

"O For a Closer Walk with God"

Everett Titcomb

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, creator of a new reality just now coming into view, we have come today to see and touch and know your presence here among us.

Be with us as we listen for your call. Help us hear afresh the good news: that power and steadfast love arise from you, our rock and our salvation.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 62:5-12

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

Stephanie Brader

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 1:14-20

MESSAGE

"Agents of God's Love on an Urgent Mission"

*HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Song of Faith” of the United Church of Canada)

We sing of God’s good news lived out, a church with purpose: faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize, fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended, members of a community held and inspired by God, corrected and comforted, instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ, creation’s mending.

We sing of God’s mission. We are each given particular gifts of the Spirit. For the sake of the world, God calls all followers of Jesus to Christian ministry... To embody God’s love in the world, the work of the church requires the ministry and discipleship of all believers.

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

OFFERTORY Theme from “Finlandia” Sibelius/arr. Felton

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, Steadfast Rock of all Salvation, we marvel at the strength of your compassion and love and your ability to offer forgiveness. May these gifts and our lives be part of the good news you are bringing forth. 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 “Jesus Calls Us” 720

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE “In Christ Called to Baptize” 297 (verse 4)

*POSTLUDE “Trumpet Allemande” Holborne/arr.Bish

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

8:30AM – CONTEMPORARY-STYLE SERVICE WITH CELEBRATE BAND

9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE WITH CHANCEL CHOIR

11:30AM – ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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)



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

Announcements

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

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.

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.

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 loving memory of Michael Kneale by Curtis and Kathy Reimer and Family.

Greeters: Jeff & Vicki Howard, Marilyn Nielsen

Acolytes: Claire Schwarz, Moses Rhodes

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

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

Prayers for: Arnie Boehler, Erica Brooks, Judy Brown, Pam Canady, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Erlene Gessford, Lois Hahne, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Richard & Wanda Langer, Shirley Maul, Carol Medsker, Al & Lee Meyer, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Karla Reese, Romana Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Audrey Watson, Wilson, Jenni and Ben Welsch and families.

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.

Coming Soon: *Financial Peace University*

This biblically-based training series integrates video teaching and class discussions to enable participants to gain peace in the area of finances. Topics include cash-flow planning, investing, saving, credit, retirement and giving.

Facilitated by Deb and Tim Johnson, FPC will host this 9-session series on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m., beginning February 20. Contact Kili Wenburg at 402-462-5147 for more details.

"Religion, Love/Hate, and Justice: The Role of Churches in the 1960s Civil Rights Movement"

In observation of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day (January 15), we'll honor this famous preacher by exploring the role of churches in the 1960s Civil Rights movement. Churches have long felt the call to help shape a world in accordance with their understanding of God's will and to change unjust laws when they do not square with the moral universe. This talk is an historical examination of the roles churches played in the 1960s Civil Rights struggles in order to provide comparison with the role churches currently play in the context of contemporary racial inequality and unrest.

Led by Dr. Michella Marino, Hastings College history professor.

January 28, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Gretchen Lainson celebrates her 102nd birthday January 25th. Help her celebrate with a card that may be delivered to: 229 University St., Hastings, NE 68901.



Presbyterian Women Luncheon Wednesday, February 7, 2018

All church women are invited to attend PW's luncheon at 11:45a.m. Four people will present the program: *Frontera de Cristo*, which is a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora and Douglas, Arizona. Cost is \$5. Please RSVP to your circle leader or the church office at 402-462-5147 by Monday, February 5th. Circle 1-meal, Circle 2-tables, decorations and devotion

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.

2018 Directory draft is in the memorial room for your review. Please take a moment to double check your listing and make any needed corrections. Your help is appreciated, thank you!

This Week --- Jan. 22 – Jan 27, 2018

Mon, Jan. 22	4:30p-5:30p	Pooh Corner Board Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	5:30p-6:30p	Foundation Meets in Anderson Conference Room
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Jan. 23	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room
	12:30p-2:00p	Grief Healing Group in Kessler
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
Wed, Jan. 24	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor
	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-8:00p	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
Thu, Jan. 25	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High (6 th thru 8 th Grades)
	12:00p-1:00p	Moms Group Meets in Library
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Jan. 26	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, Jan. 27		Sudanese Community Gathering in Fellowship Hall

Register NOW

2018 Summer Camp—3rd through 12th 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 connective 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 with any questions.



JOYCE SCHIFFLER SERVICE TO OTHERS AWARD Nomination Form

Please Circle Age Group of Nominee:

18-25

26-40

41-60

61 & Over

Name of Nominee: _____

Title (if appropriate): _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

Phone (Cell): _____ (Home): _____

Email: _____

OBJECTIVE:

Joyce Schiffler died in a downtown Hastings pedestrian accident in September 2016. The Joyce Schiffler Service to Others Award, sponsored by Hastings Sunrise Rotary, St. Cecilia Health Ministry, First Presbyterian Church and other community organizations, is an annual recognition of an individual who exemplifies Joyce's quiet, unselfish service to others and her love of walking in Hastings. Please submit the information requested below for each nominee who embodies Joyce's spirit and Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

SUBMITTED BY:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation / Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Cell): _____ (Home): _____

Email: _____

DEADLINE AND RETURN FORM:

- Nominations must be received by **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**.
- Please return forms in a sealed envelope to: Hastings Sunrise Rotary, P.O. Box 1317, Hastings, NE 68902 or emailing to Dick Witt at dwitt614@gmail.com.

AWARDS:

- The winner will be recognized at the annual Community Prayer Walk and Reception on April 29, 2018, hosted at 415 N. Kansas at 2 PM.
- Additional information and applications may be obtained through Hastings Sunrise Rotary by calling 402-469-5097 or emailing the above address.