

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 28, 2018**

PRELUDE

“Italian Hymn”  
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”  
Chancel Choir – Robin Koozer, director

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)

By this I have known the presence of the Lord:

***In the rising of the sun, in the smile of another’s face,***

In the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,

***By this I have known the power of the Lord:***

In the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,

***In the incredible love that comes from God’s Son.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

***Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!***

\*HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

662

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Damen Heitmann

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***You, God, are known for your wonderful deeds— your mercy, forgiveness, and love. You have shown us the power of your works time and time again. And yet, we are slow to comprehend; we refuse to acknowledge your gifts; we act self-sufficient, as if we provide ourselves everything we need, when we know in our hearts that you are the author of life. Forgive us, we pray. As we confess our sins, in thought, word or deed, may your redemptive presence flood our lives that we may praise your name forevermore. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God offers redemption to people of every generation,

***Making new life possible for everyone.***

Repent, believe in the gospel, and be healed!

***We will repent, proclaim the gospel, and accept God's healing!***

Friends, 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

Stephanie Brader

ANTHEM \*

“Ye Children Who Do Serve the Lord”

Scottish Psalter, 1635

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Jesus comes to us, offering healing and hope, speaking and acting with authority. Let us listen with open minds and hearts to these words this morning so that they change our lives. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 111

## REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 1:21-28

MESSAGE

“Extra! Extra! Read all about it!”

\*HYMN

“Silence! Frenzied Unclean Spirit”

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

***The Risen Christ lives today, present to us and the source of our hope. In response to who Jesus was and to all he did and taught, to his life, death, and resurrection, and to his continuing presence with us through the Spirit, we celebrate him as the Word made flesh, the one in whom God and humanity are perfectly joined, the transformation of our lives, the Christ.***

***In grateful response to God's abundant love, we bear in mind our integral connection to the earth and one another; we participate in God's work of healing and mending humanity and creation.***

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

OFFERTORY "Fanfare Jubilee" Jason Krug  
Chancel Handbell Choir – Byron Jensen, director

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***For Earth, which you have molded, for creatures and animals, plants, for Jesus who died and rose again, for the breath of life, we give you thanks, O God. Let these gifts be used for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have first given us, especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. 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 "Come! Live in the Light!" 749

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE "In Christ Called to Baptize" 297 (verse 4)

\*Today's anthem is from the 1635 Scottish Psalter and is inscribed, "*The Psalms in Prose and Meeter. With their whole Tunes in foure or mo parts, and some psalms in Reports...Printed at Edinburgh by the heires of Andrew Hart, Annon Dom. 1635.*" The melody (known as the Cantus firmus) is found in the tenor line. The text is a metrical paraphrase of Psalm 113.

Ye children who do serve the Lord,  
Praise ye His Name with one accord:  
Yea, blessed be always, His Name.  
Who from the rising of the sun,  
'Till it return where it begun,  
Is to be praised with great fame.  
The Lord all people doth surmount,  
As for His glory we may count  
Above the heavens high to be,  
With God the Lord who may compare?  
Whose dwellings in the heavens are,  
Of such great pow'r and force is He.

He doth abase Himself, we know.  
Things to behold both here below  
And also in the heav'ns, above,  
The needy out of dust to draw,  
And eke the poor that help none saw,  
His only mercy did Him move.  
And so Him set in high degree,  
With Princes of great dignity,  
That rule His people with great fame.  
The barren He doth make to bear,  
And with great joy her fruit to rear,  
Therefore praise ye His holy Name.

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK FOR YOUTH SUNDAY!  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!  
8:30AM – TAIZE-STYLE CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE LED BY YOUTH  
9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES  
10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE LED BY YOUTH**

# 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 Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah & Arich Fruehling.

**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](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org).

**A copy of *Angels Aware*** from December 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 memory of all departed parents and grandparents, given anonymously.

**Greeters:** Paul & Belinda Nuss, Carol Wheeler, Margaret Koontz

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

**Acolytes:** Ashton Essink, Paxton Rhodes

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Erika Nielsen

**Prayers for:** Arnie Boehler, Erica Brooks, Judy Brown, Pam Canady, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Lois Hahne, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Shirley Maul, Carol Medsker, Al & Lee Meyer, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Norma (& Cleon) Ochsner, Karla Reese, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Steve Thelen (Pam Lay's Brother-in-Law), Audrey Watson and families.

**Norma Ochsner** suffered a heart attack on Mon., Jan. 22. A stent was inserted and she's returned home. Cards may be mailed to: 2138 Summerset Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80920-6709.

### **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.

**Moms Group** is discussing marriage and relationships and the challenges of keeping these strong during the intense parenting years. TED talks will provide a springboard for our conversation. Free childcare is provided! Bring a sack lunch if you wish. *Library, 12-1, 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.*

# The Opioid Epidemic

This scary phenomenon can lead us to feel as though our society is being carried on the fast track to destruction. Let's slow down, learn, and find out what's being done to keep it under control here in Nebraska.

**FORUM, Sun., Feb. 4, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

Speakers include:

**Dr. Ken Zoucha** Medical Director, Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program; **Dr. Michele Bever** Executive Director, South Heartland District Health Department; **Dr. Max Owens** Pharmacist, Walgreens

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## 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.

*A 15-minute preview class will be held in the Parlor following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, Feb. 4.*

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## Olympic Miracles

The 2018 Winter Olympics are taking place February 9-25, and we anticipate from this time the emergence of stories of reconciliation, peace, equality, and the forming of unlikely friendships, all born from the fertile soil of sports. Why is it that the Olympics' environment is so uniquely able to foster these moments of greatness in humanity? Can lessons from the Olympics be applied to everyday life? Dr. Mark Zajack, Hastings College psychology professor, will explore these questions through the lens of current and past Olympic moments.

**FORUM, Sun., Feb. 8, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

**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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**Irva Smith celebrates** her 100th birthday February 18th. She has been a member of this church since April 2, 1933! Help her celebrate with a card that may be delivered to: Good Samaritan Village, Perkins Pavilion, 926 East "E" St., #233, Hastings, NE 68901.

**An annual congregational meeting will be held following 10:30am worship service TODAY.** At this meeting, the 2017 Annual Report and the 2018 Budget will be presented. Church Officers (Elders, Trustees and Deacons) will be elected.

**Fourth Sunday Fellowship** is being held today *in the Fellowship Hall* following the Congregational Meeting. It is hosted today by the Deacons (providing edible goodies) and the Mission Committee (providing delicious Café Justo coffee, available through our Hands Around the World store). Thank you, Deacons and Mission Committee!!



**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 5<sup>th</sup>. Circle 1-meal, Circle 2-tables, decorations and devotion

**This Week --- Jan. 29 – Feb. 3, 2018**

<b>Mon, Jan. 29</b>	<b>4:30p-5:30p</b>	<b>Pooh Corner Board Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference Room
	<b>7:00p-9:00p</b>	<b>Boy Scouts Meet</b> in Basement Scout Room
<b>Tue, Jan. 30</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> in Anderson Conference Room
	<b>12:30p-2:00p</b>	<b>Grief Healing Group</b> in Kessler
	<b>1:00p</b>	<b>Quilters Meet</b> in Annex
<b>Wed, Jan. 31</b>	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Life Source Dance Class</b> in NE Classroom, Annex
	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible@Breakfast</b> in the Parlor
	<b>4:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>WNL Activities</b> (Pre-K thru 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
	<b>6:00p-6:45p</b>	<b>WNL Family Time Meal</b> (All Ages Welcome!)
	<b>6:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers</b> in Basement
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Chancel Choir Practice</b>
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Cal/West Choir Practice</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells Practice</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
	<b>Thu, Feb. 1</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>
<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>		<b>Christian Ed Meeting</b> in Parlor
<b>6:30p-7:30p</b>		<b>Spanish Class</b> in NW Classroom, Annex
<b>7:00p-8:30p</b>		<b>Boy Scouts Troop 200 Den Meeting</b> in Fellowship Hall
<b>Fri, Feb. 2</b>	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in Youth Activity Room



LIFE SOURCE DANCE  
 WORSHIP THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU LIFE  
 ENRICH YOUR MIND, BODY & SOUL



Dance is a form of worship that God speaks to as a way to praise him, to celebrate and even to deal with mourning. Our goal is to encourage a place for women to share and heal with others and to provide a safe environment where women can feel free to express their emotions through dance. We will love and encourage one another through prayer and fellowship while studying the biblical beatitudes and learning a basic ballet-modern worship dance. This class is free and open to women at all levels of dance from those who have never danced to an experienced dancer.

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