

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 4, 2018

PRELUDE

“A Festive Piece”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

David Lowe

WELCOME

Rev. Damen Heitmann

CHORAL INTROIT

“Jesus, Savior, Lord I Adore You”
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir

Joseph M. Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julia Reimer

We arrived here today as individuals

But we will worship together as one.

Let us turn our minds from our chaotic lives

To focus our attention on the Lord Almighty.

In the hour at hand let us rediscover our true identities;

Our identities as followers of Christ and his teachings.

*HYMN

“Here in This Place”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Lucy Nielsen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, help us to be able to identify ourselves with authenticity. Let us not identify ourselves by our jobs, or achievements, or our social status. But instead help us to find our identity humbly within your own image of forgiveness, joy, compassion, and love.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Grace Redinger

Sisters and Brothers, you are children of God.

Thanks be to God!

You are Loved. You are Forgiven.

Hallelujah! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	“Glory to God”	582
*PEACE OF CHRIST		Lauren Canady
The Peace of Christ be with you!		
<i>And also with you!</i>		
(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)		
MINUTE FOR MISSION		
SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH		Greg Allen-Pickett
(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)		
ANTHEM	“Praise His Holy Name”	Keith Hampton
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Nina Meyer
<i>As your Word is read and proclaimed, O God, help us to listen with open ears, think with open minds, and trust with open hearts. Guide us in considering how your Word effects our perception of Jesus’ identity and our own identities as Christians. Amen.</i>		
1 ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 147		Nyanhail Duang
2 ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 1:29-39		Erikka Rhodes
MESSAGE	“What’s Your Message?” Senior High Youth	
*HYMN	“I Will Call Upon the Lord”	621
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Brief Statement of Faith” PCUSA)		Carter Wenburg
<i>In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.</i>		
OFFERING		Grace Canady
OFFERTORY	“Thy Word”	arr. John Carter
*DOXOLOGY	“Lord, Prepare Me”	701

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Josh Brooks

Thank you, O God, for identifying us as helpers and givers. We offer today our financial gifts as a sign and portion of our giving that is yet to come. Help us also to offer our time, talents, and energy to one another for today and always. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

"Here I Am"

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Praise His Holy Name"

Keith Hampton

*POSTLUDE

"The Awakening"

Edward Bourghton

This service was written and prepared by the Senior High youth of First Presbyterian Church. With many thanks to Justin Miller who co-sponsors our Wednesday night youth group and Kraig and Laurie Lofquist who co-sponsor our Sunday School programming. Also deep thanks and appreciation to the many parents, grandparents, and others who support our programming and encourage their loved ones to come and check it out!

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

8:30AM – CONTEMPORARY STYLE SERVICE

9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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 Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson 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 given in memory of Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson family.

Ushers (Team #6): Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein, Belinda & Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker

Acolytes: McKain Ratzlaff, Norah Snell

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

Prayers for: Arnie Boehler, Erica Brooks, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacey Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Lois Hahne, Carol Harrenstein & her mother Ethel Johansen, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Carol Medsker, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Norma (& Cleon) Ochsner, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's Brother-in-Law), Audrey Watson and families.

Condolences to: the Hermes' family for the loss of Charlotte Hawthorne, and to the family and friends of Carla Reese.

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.

Correction to February Birthdays: Jenni Welsch's birthday is March 26.

"We thank the congregation and pastoral staff for the prayers, cards, and expressions of concern and support during this period for loss of our mother. We are truly blessed to be part of the caring family which is First Presbyterian Church." – Al & Lee Meyer

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.

Financial Peace University Preview Class TODAY

Following the 10:30 worship service, there will be a 15-minute preview class held in the Parlor. Financial Peace University is open to anyone: couples or singles, young or "more experienced," just starting out or retired. Anyone who needs to clean up their finances or just wants to understand better how money works can benefit from this material. Managing our money is a life skill that is becoming increasingly important in this rapidly changing world. If you have taken the class before and want a "refresh," it is free. If you are new to FPU, there is a fee for materials. FPU will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church starting on February 20, and concluding on April 24 (with no class on March 20). Childcare will be available upon request for a free will donation. You can register online at www.daveramsey.com, or contact Deb Johnson at [402-469-5847](tel:402-469-5847) for more information.



FORUM, Sun., Feb. 11, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

"Reluctance into Boldness"

Adam Hamilton's new book *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* provides the background for a new DVD-based study series to be utilized by the Heirs Apparent class beginning next Sunday, February 11. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, we will gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in our lives today, and we'll discover how we, too, can turn our own reluctance into boldness!

Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m., Anderson Conference Room



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

Register NOW for 2018 Summer Camp--3rd thru 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 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 with any questions

This Week --- Feb 5 – Feb. 10, 2018

Mon, Feb. 5	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Feb. 6	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
	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	5:30p-6:30p	Life Source Dance Class in NE Classroom, Annex
Wed, Feb. 7	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
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High (6 th thru 8 th Grades)
Thu, Feb. 8	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel Committee Meeting in Kessler
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Feb. 9	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room



How did our election campaigns get this way?

FORUM: Feb 18, 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall

The U.S. was the first country in history founded not by military conquest or religious fervor, but by a small group of men who convinced the majority of people it should exist. The founding fathers understood the rules of effective public relations campaigns, and journalists were always integral to the process, but politics changed in the 1930s when two individuals met by chance, formed a PR firm, and invented the modern negative media campaign. Barry Anderson, retired professor of journalism and former radio and television producer, will share the fascinating story of the birth of the tactics evident today in every American election.