

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2018**

PRELUDE “Introduction and Toccata in G Major” William Walond
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT “God Is Here!” ABBOT’S LEIGH
Chancel Choir – Robin Koozer, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of our darkness, Jesus brings holy light!

Pierce our darkness; scatter the shadows of doubt and fear! Bring us your light, O Lord.

We seek the light but have long lived in the darkness. Bring your light, O Lord.

Help us be ready to receive that light!

Come to the shining presence of Jesus. Receive healing and hope.

Lord, our lives are ablaze with your love and healing power. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN “Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining” 192

CALL TO CONFESSION Damen Heitmann

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, do not be silent, but speak, that we may hear. Speak justice, that we may correct our lawlessness. Speak righteousness, that we may know your ways. Speak compassion, that we may know your mercy. Speak abundance, that we may serve others. Speak understanding, that we may be peacemakers. Speak, and we will listen to you. You promise forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace when we speak our shortcomings. We speak of mistakes we have made. We speak of

abandoning your ways. We speak of failures to show compassion and mercy. We speak of our need for forgiveness. Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To you God's light and love have been revealed. Rejoice!

We have been blessed by God to be witnesses, to proclaim God's love to all.

Be at peace! 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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Deacons

Elders

Trustees

Teresa Canady

Brian Johnson

Sue Horton

Linda Hall

Pat Kern

Ted Schroeder

Marni Soderquist

Erik Nielsen

Roger Sunderman

Peg Thomson

Neil Riley

C.L. Wimer

Lorna Zajack

Do we, the members of the church, accept these sisters and brothers as deacons, elders, and trustees, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

LAYING ON OF HANDS and PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

All elders are invited to come down as we commission these church officers to service.

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.

ANTHEM

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, on this Sunday of Transfiguration, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 50:1-6

Grace Brader

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 9:2-9

MESSAGE

“Exposed! Transfiguration Revelation!”

*HYMN

“Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

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

OFFERTORY

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

arr. Holstein

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord Jesus, all that we have is yours, and all that we are is yours. In offering these tokens of our lives, may all that we do serve you to the glory of God. 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

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“God Is Here!” (409 vs. 4)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Tomaso Albinoni/arr. Wolff

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON ASH WEDNESDAY 2/14 AT 7PM

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY 2/18, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

8:30AM – TAIZE-STYLE CONTEMPLATIVE 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



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.



Announcements

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

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 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 Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Foote and Mr. Robert L. Foote by the Foote family.

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

Greeters: Lorna & Mark Zajack, Alice Throckmorton

Acolytes: Erika Nielsen, Hazel Zajack

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

Prayers for: Arnie Boehler, Erica Brooks, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Jane Foote, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Lois Hahne, Carol Harrenstein & her mother Ethel Johansen, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Linda Johnson, Richard & Wanda Langer, Carol Medsker, Bob Nedderman, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

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

Special Attendance Recognition

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children preschool thru 8th grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. Two children will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their faith growth to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

- Acolyte (if under 4th grade)
- Usher
- Liturgist
- Music soloist
- Call to Worship leader
- Prayer leader
- Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of January, eleven (11) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-five (25) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for January's recognition are Meredith Oliver (Sunday School) and Chudier Duang (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders.

Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program Applications for Spring 2018 are now available on the glass shelf in front of the church office or online at www.fpchastings.org. Call the office if you'd like a copy mailed.

"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 today. 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

Moms Group: Information, Encouragement, Support

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the library, noon-1.

February 15: *Elusive Happiness*. Sure, there is deep joy in parenting, but where is the *fun*?

*Free childcare! *Bring a sack lunch if you like. *Invite a friend; women of all faiths are welcome!

Financial Peace University Series Begins February 20

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.

Beyond Survival: Thriving and Faithful to the End

FORUM

Sun., Feb. 25.

9:15 a.m.

Fellowship Hall



SPEAKER

Rev. Bill

Nottage-Tacey

**Sharing inspiring stories of rural churches,
like Hanover Presbyterian Church,
which have made a difference in the landscape of
ministry and mission on the prairies.**

Irva Smith has been a member of FPC Hastings since April 2, 1933! Her family is hosting **an open house for Irva's 100th birthday** on Sunday, February 18th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Join us in the 200 wing dining hall in Perkins at Good Samaritan Village.

2018 Directory is available 3-hole punched or as a stapled booklet and may be found in the church parlor or on the wooden table in the common office area. It is also available in digital format as a .pdf. Please contact Tarci in the office if you'd like a copy emailed.

This Week --- Feb 12 – Feb. 16, 2018

Mon, Feb. 12	5:00p-6:00p	HSO Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Feb. 13	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-6:30p	Congregational Life Committee Meeting in the Parlor
	5:30p-6:30p	Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	5:30p-6:30p	Life Source Dance Class in NE Classroom, Annex
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class in NE Classroom, Annex
Wed, Feb. 14	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. 15	12:00-1:00p	Mom's Group Meets in the Library
	5:30p-6:30p	Session Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Feb. 16	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, Feb. 17		United Harvest Food Distribution in the Annex

United Harvest needs your hands and your hearts next Saturday, February 17!

Two ways you can help:

1. **VOLUNTEER.** Volunteers need not register in advance. Just show up around 9:30 and get an assignment at the volunteer check-in table. *We especially need volunteers who can help clean up at the end (approximately 12:30-2:00)!!*
2. **PRAY.** As you lift up both the volunteers and the recipients, allow your prayers to be guided by the following quote from Robert Kruschwitz: "Through the practice of Christian hospitality, the church participates in God's peaceable kingdom. Such hospitality indicates the crossing of boundaries (ethnic origin, economic condition, political orientation, gender status, social experience, educational background) by being open and welcoming of the other. Without such communities of hospitality, the world will have no way of knowing that all God's creation is meant to live in peace."