

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



January 6, 2019  
Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major" Linda Vollweiler, Organist  
J.S. Bach

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60)

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

***The glory of the LORD has risen upon us!***

Lift up your eyes and look around;

***Then we shall see and be radiant; our hearts shall thrill and rejoice!***

***Come, let us worship God!***

\*HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 143

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 72)

***Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but often we prefer to live in the darkness. Your justices protects the weak and distressed, yet we find ourselves seeking the shelter of power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and needy, yet we seek status and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and defenseless, yet we seek security through other means. Forgive our sins and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news:

***Christ is the light of the world!***

Christ grants healing and forgiveness of our sins!

***Thanks be to God!***

\*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.)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Spirit of God, in the reading and proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 60:1-6

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON “Outsiders Becoming Insiders”

\*HYMN “We Three Kings of Orient Are” 151

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY “Three Kings” arr. John H. Hopkins, Jr.

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

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Glorious God, you led three men of wisdom to seek Jesus, your Holy Child. Overjoyed in the presence of his radiant light, the men knelt down at the infant’s crib and offered him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We too, offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love, and abundant life and light we are called to share in Christ. Amen.***

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### 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.***

#### 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.***

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Take and eat the bread when it is passed to you.

Take the cup and hold it until the entire congregation has been served.

We drink the cup together as a sign of unity in the Body of Christ.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***In this feast you have made us one with you, O God. Enliven us with your Holy Spirit that we may be united in ministry in every place. Send us, in your marvelous light, into the world ready to serve others and work for peace. We pray this in the triune name of God. Amen.***

### \*HYMN

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

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During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Healthy Beginnings.

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

"Concertino for Organ"

Craig A. Penfield

*(\*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

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

8:30 AM – CELEBRATE SERVICE (CONTEMPORARY STYLE)

9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30 AM – 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 and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler

**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson

**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Tim and Teresa Canady

**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver

**Accompanists:** Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

**Parish Associate and Spiritual Formation:** Kili Wenburg

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann

**Interim Director of Adult Education &**

**Fellowship:** Sharon Brooks

**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer

**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**

**Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen

**Church Office Administrator:** Jean Matheny

**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

**January 6, 2019:**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

**Today's service will be broadcast live** on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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 Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or [jean@fpchastings.org](mailto:jean@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 Dr. Robert Butz.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are located on the glass shelf in front of the church office and on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room.

**Ushers Today (Team #5):** Ken Stein – Captain, Dale Behrens, Travis Feezell  
Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Kathleen Nelson

**Greeters Today:** Erika Brooks & Family, Dick & Daveta Brader

**Acolytes:** Laura Kate Oliver, Moses Rhodes

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Abigail Shetler

<b>FPC Prayers for:</b>	Rowan Williams	Dwight Marsh and family
Judy Brown	Family of Jack Osborne	Katharine Davis
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Elmer Heeren	Zelma Fobben
Ryan Barker	Richard & Wanda Langer	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Ramona Shetler	John Harrington	Arlene Kort
Sharon Harvey	Georgie Evans	
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Robin Koozer & Family	Lynn and Andy Barrows
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell, grandson of Bev & Ken Stein)	Holly Mack-Kretzler
<i>Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.</i>		

**Ushers and Greeters for 2019**

The list of ushers and greeters and dates of service are now available in the Memorial Room and the glass shelf outside the church office. Please let the office know if you are unable to serve on a particular date and who will be filling in for you.

**This Week at FPC --- January 7, 2019 – January 13, 2019**

<b>Mon, Jan 7</b>	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in FPC Annex NW Classroom
	<b>7:00p-9:00p</b>	<b>Boy Scouts Troop 200</b> in Scout Room
	<b>7:30p-9:30p</b>	<b>Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
<b>Tues, Jan 8</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>12:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> in Anderson Room
	<b>1:00p</b>	<b>Quilters</b> meet in FPC Annex
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Congregational Life Meeting</b> in Parlor
<b>Wed, Jan 9</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>NO Bible at Breakfast</b> in the Library
	<b>4:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)</b>
	<b>6:00p-6:45p</b>	<b>Family Meal Time (WNL)</b> All are welcome!
	<b>6:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers</b> meet in Church Basement
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Chancel Choir</b>
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Calvin Middle School (WNL)</b>
		<b>Westminster Choir</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>High School (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship</b>
	<b>Thurs, Jan 10</b>	<b>4:15p-5:15p</b>
<b>5:00p-6:00p</b>		<b>Personnel Committee</b> in the Anderson Conference Room
<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>		<b>Spanish Class</b> in Annex NW Classroom
<b>Fri, Jan 11</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in Youth Activity Room
<b>Sun, Jan 13</b>	<b>8:30a-9:15a</b>	<b>Celebrate Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b>	<b>Sunday School-All Ages</b>
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>

**Soup Group for Women** 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.

❖ Jan 17 – Topic to be determined.

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**Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School** A new six-week series has just begun, "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why." It is a study of historic Christian faith and how the Apostle's Creed matters in lives today. The study asks questions such as: How does belief affect us? What is the source of our belief?

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**Save the Date!!!** Support the Go & Serve Mission Team by attending the annual *Valentine's Dinner, February 14<sup>th</sup>*. Watch for further details!

## Upcoming Forum Class

### ❖ January 13: Gallup Strengths Program

College students are beginning to discern their passions well before their senior year. Planning coaches help them by identifying their interests and strengths early on. All of us can benefit from reassessing our own passions in the New Year.

*Presenter:* Valerie Bren, Coordinator of Vocation & Career Services, Hastings College



**The next Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Tuesday, **Jan 8, 2019**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! *Donors are needed!* To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

### **January Communion Offering goes to Healthy Beginnings**

Healthy Beginnings offers help and encouragement for parents and families while lessening the opportunities for abuse and neglect.

The Mission of Healthy Beginnings is to provide a cost effective nurse home visitation program that will improve pregnancy outcomes, child health, growth and development, and self-sufficiency for program eligible families. The effects of this program will benefit generations to come as these parenting skills are passed from generation to generation.

We provide weekly home visits for families prenatally and these visits continue until the youngest child in the home turns three years old. Nurses weigh the children and provide developmental screening so we can be sure that the child is developing appropriately. We provide support and role modeling to help make sure that children have the best care possible from their parents. We also provide referrals to other agencies and resources when families have need for them.

### **LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

You are invited to participate in a very exciting program offered by the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, a program was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

*Application forms will be available in the church office and on the church website starting January 4, 2019. DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING 2019 GRANT PROGRAM IS FEBRUARY 1, 2019. ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.*

If you have any questions regarding this program, please call the church office, 402-462-5147. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this wonderful program!