



First Sunday after Epiphany & Baptism of our Lord Sunday

PRELUDE “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Organist Linda Vollweiler
 Arr. Earl Larson

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT “This is the Day the Lord Has Made”
Chancel Choir, Directed by Linda Johnson

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)**

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; it is full of majesty.

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace! Come let us worship God!

*HYMN	“Do Not Fear, God has Created You”	Insert
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that sometimes we have behaved in unloving ways which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Spoken from the Baptismal Font)

People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator.

We are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others.

Be at peace and live in hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*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

(While the children come down, the congregation will sing “This Little Light of Mine”.)

ANTHEM

“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might hear what you would say to us today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 43:1-7

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

SERMON

“Saved to Serve the Whole World!”

*HYMN

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

623

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from ELCA Statement on Baptism)

We are a church whose unity is in Jesus Christ, who gathers us around word and water, cup and bread. Baptism is a significant part of our faith journey as we, like Jesus, come from the baptismal waters to live a new life as children of God.

Jesus’ baptism reminds us of our own baptism, and the commitments we make: to live among God’s faithful people in community; to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper; to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; to serve all people following the example of Jesus; and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. This we affirm and we ask God to help and guide us in our journey.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Air” from Overture in D Major”

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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" 156

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "Arise Your Light Has Come" (vs 1) 744

*POSTLUDE "Trumpeting in B Flat Major" James Melby

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

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

8:30 – Contemplative Taize-Style Service

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 – Traditional Service

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to all!" –Luke 2

Join us for an Epiphany Sermon Series as we learn how Christ shines as a light beyond his local context to the whole world, and how we are called to do the same!

1/6: "Outsiders Becoming Insiders" Matthew 2:1-12

1/13: "Saved to Serve the Whole World" Luke 3:15-22

1/20: "Jesus' first miracle" John 2:1-11

1/27: "A Mission Statement" Luke 4:14-21

2/10: "Called and Sent" Luke 5:1-11

2/17: "Fullness and Emptiness" Luke 6:17-26

2/24: "Unlimited Love" Luke 6:27-38

3/3: "Shine like Jesus!" Luke 9:28-43

*Epiphany
Sermon Series:
A light for
all the world!*

***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

Do Not Fear, God has Created You


Isaiah 43

F Dm B \flat



Do not fear. God has cre-at-ed you, formed you, called you
From the east come all your child-ren. From the west you're
All earth's pow'rs are naught be-fore God. All lie down and

F Dm




by your name. Though you pass through trou-bled wa-ters God will
gath-ered in. Sons and daugh-ters join to-geth-er. All who
do not rise. De-sert paths are filled with wa-ter. Cho-sen

B \flat F C




ne-ver leave you lame. Fire and flame can-not con-
praise God are your kin. Blind eyes see now, deaf ears
ones re-count God's praise. Sin-ful bur-dens, e-vil

Dm Am Dm B \flat C F



sume you. You will ne-ver be-- a-lone. God will hold you
o-pen. Na-tions ga-ther, all are here. Let them wit-ness
ac-tions, all wiped from the song of life. Sac-ri-fice does

Dm B \flat F



pre-cious, hon-nored, for e-ter-ni-y the same.
God's great good-ness. You pro-claim God's pow'r a-gain.
not un-bur-den. On-ly God will sat-is-fy.

January 13, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Rev. Willard Payne by the Payne 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 Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or 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 by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

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: Melissa Davis, Steve & Lesa Cropley

Acolytes: Seth Schwartz, Ashton Essink

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

FPC Prayers for:		
Ryan Barker		Andy Barrows (Lynn passed away 1/11/19)
Ramona Shetler	John Harrington	Zelma Fobben
Sharon Harvey	Dwight Marsh and family	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Katharine Davis	Arlene Kort
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell, grandson of Bev & Ken Stein)	Judy Brown
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Betty Siemoneit and family	Richard & Wanda Langer
<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 14, 2019 – January 20, 2019

Mon, Jan 14	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in FPC Annex
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in FPC Annex NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room
Tues, Jan 15	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in FPC Annex
Wed, Jan 16	6:45p-7:45p	Deacon's Meeting in Anderson Room
	7:00a-8:00a	NO Bible at Breakfast in the Library
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle I in the Library Hostess-Jane Bauer; Lesson-Flossie Sanderson
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle II at Jorn Olsen Photography Gallery Hostess-Susie Graham; Lesson Joy White
	1:15p-2:15p	Circle III in the Library Hostess-Sue Medsker-Nedderman; Lesson-Jill Kramer
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time (WNL) All are welcome!
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:45p-7:30p	Calvin Middle School (WNL) Westminster Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
	7:30p-8:15p	High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
Thurs, Jan 17	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in Annex NW Classroom
Fri, Jan 18	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
	5:30p-7:00a	Cub Scouts in FPC Annex
Sat, Jan 19	9:30a	United Harvest in FPC Annex
Sun, Jan 20	8:30a-9:15a	Celebrate Worship Service
	8:45a-9:15a	Calvin/Westminster Bell Rehearsal
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School-All Ages
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30a-12:00p	Nifty Knitters in the Parlor

Perfect Practice Makes Perfect: Parenting with a Purpose

Saturday, January 26, from 1-5 p.m. Dr. Nancy Foster, University of Nebraska Medical Center professor and clinician, will host a parenting workshop at FPC. It is free and everyone in the community is welcome. Childcare will be available, free.

Upcoming Forum Class

❖ January 20: *The mind Inside*

One of the most pressing and complicated issues in public education today is mental health. More than ever students need social, emotional, and behavioral support. A new film series has just been created by Nebraska Loves Public Schools about how to show empathy, support, and understanding for the students in our community.

Presenter: Video with discussion

❖ January 27: *Mentoring Our Youth*

January is National Mentoring Month. A newly-designed local program is tailoring our community needs with its significant resources. Learn about "CareerConnect" and "SchoolConnect".

Presenter: Executive Director of Mentoringworks

Bible @ Breakfast will resume on Wednesday, January 23 at 7 a.m. We will be starting a new series with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. It will begin with the early prophets like Amos, moving on through Enoch, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Gospels and finally the Book of Revelation.

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

❖ Jan 17 – Topic to be determined.

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.

Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School A six-week series, "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?

LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, the LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP 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.
- 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 are available in the church office and on the church website.

- *DEADLINE FOR THE Spring 2019 GRANT PROGRAM IS February 1, 2019.*
- **ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**

December 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
- Music soloist
- Call to Worship leader
- Prayer leader
- Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of December, twelve (12) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-seven (27) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for December's recognition are Laura Kate Oliver (Sunday School) and Porter Ourada (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!

Hello Nifty Knitters (and Crocheters)!

If you like knitting and/or crocheting (or if you want to *learn!*), join us for an introductory meeting for our new knitting/crocheting fellowship group. The introductory meeting will be in the library on Sunday, January 20, following 10:30 worship. At that time, we'll decide upon future meeting times (probably Tuesday or Friday afternoons) and frequency (once a month? twice?) I hope to see you there!

--Nina Meyer

Save the Date!!

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 27th in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 service. Plan to stay and participate in the life of our church. Printed reports will be available soon.

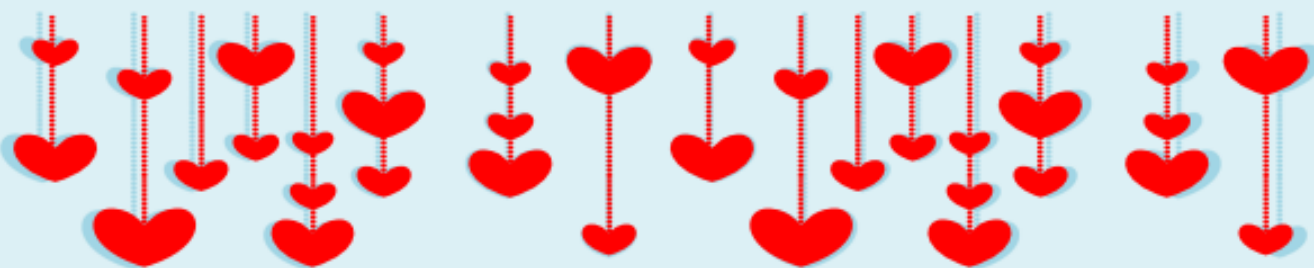


Photo Booth

Hannah Jensen on piano
for listening pleasure

Giveaways

Spaghetti or Cordon Bleu Dinners

VALENTINE'S DINNER

February 14th, 2019

6 pm

First Presbyterian Church

Hastings

\$20 per person



JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT (PROCEEDS SUPPORT GO & SERVE YOUTH)!

Space is limited: Reserve by Feb. 7th (can also contact office at 462-5147)

RESERVATION CONFIRMATION:

Reservation Last Name _____

Number in Party _____

Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinners _____

Spaghetti/Meatball Dinners _____

Total Due \$ _____ Paid/Owes





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



INVITES YOU TO OUR VERY FIRST EVENT TO

CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF FRIENDSHIP

WE WILL CREATE A
STRING ART PROJECT
(CHOICE OF A CROSS OR FLOWER)

**All are welcome: Bring Family or friends
who are non-members & ½ dozen cookies
to share.**

\$20.00 PER PERSON PER PROJECT

HOT COCOA AND COFFEE PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH

Free will donation for child watch- going towards youth
mission trip.

February 17th

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

in Fellowship Hall

SIGN UP AT TABLE IN MEMORIAL ROOM OR OFFICE BY
JANUARY 27. STARTING JANUARY 6, 2019.

Contact person
Julie Thomsen 402.984.8754

