

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 3, 2019**

PRELUDE "Suite Gothique" Linda Vollweiler, Organ
Introduction – Choral Allegro, Leo Boellmann

WELCOME Rev. Damen Heitmann

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

CHORAL INTROIT "Thy Word" arr. Lloyd Larsen
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir
Linda Johnson, Director; Mary Plock, Piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP Eric Brader

On Sunday morning we come to church.

Some of us may be happy and others may be upset.

But we gather for one reason, to praise our Lord.

The Lord is our future, we choose to worship God.

We seek to be drawn back to one another.

May we find in this hour, the inspiration to love and follow Christ.

*HYMN "Lord, Prepare Me" 701

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Nyagour Duang
Let us, O God, not only hear your word but embrace it. Let us not only encounter it but engage with it. Let your word, as it is shared and proclaimed, form and shape our lives. Amen.

What Would You Do?
"Slandals"

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 16:10-13

CALL TO CONFESSION Grace Canady

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
We confess, O God, that we know the right choices, but we don't always choose them. You teach us right from wrong and sometimes we choose wrong. You have given us courage but we don't always use it. Forgive us, O God, for the mistakes we've made. Give us steadfast courage to always choose acts which are loving, kind, and just. Amen

QUESTION AND TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

Is there a choice you are facing?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Chudier Duang

We have been pardoned.

Let us pardon others.

May God strengthen and encourage us

To always choose what is right and good.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

*PEACE OF CHRIST

Erika Nielsen

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you)

What Would You Do?

“Friends?”

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 43:1-4a

ANTHEM

“You Are Mine”

David Haas

What Would You Do?

“Signs of Trouble”

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 11:28-30

*HYMN

“The Summons”

726

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Brief Statement of Faith” PCUSA)

Hannah Hafer

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

arr. Gayden Sikes

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abigail Kerr

All this came from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. So with thanksgiving for your gifts we offer you ourselves, and all that we have. Amen.

What Would You Do?

“Shared Space”

SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 12:15-18

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

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

(All of the bread is prepared by volunteers with gluten-free ingredients.)

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.

COMMUNION SONG

“Bless the Lord”

(See Insert)

(While communion is being served we'll join together to sing in the style of Taizé)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

“Send Me, Jesus”

746

(Communion Offering goes to Hastings Literacy Project)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Senior High Youth

*POSTLUDE

“Triumphal March”

Edward Grieg, Op. 56

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

This service was written and prepared by the Senior High youth of First Presbyterian Church. With many thanks to 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 &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30 – Celebrate Worship Service

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 – Traditional Service

Bless the Lord

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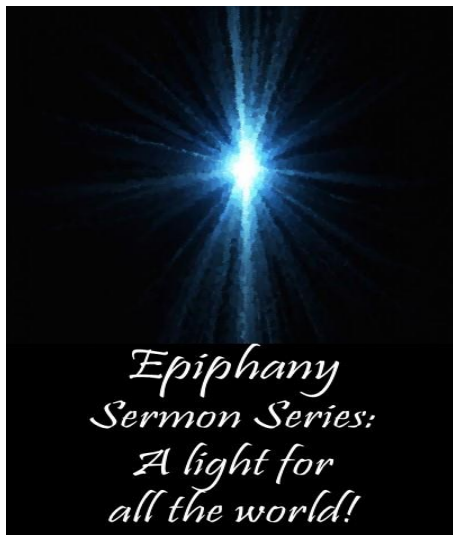
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Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

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Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.



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

"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

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

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

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

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

February 3, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson 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 Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

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

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 #6): Jim Harrenstein – Captain, Eric Brader, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker

Greeters Today: Jan Ham, Rich & Carolyn McKenzie

Acolytes: Paige Redline, Rwei Duang

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

2018 Annual Reports are still available in the Memorial Room. Be sure to stop and pick one up to read the interesting reports from all the committees and boards of the church. Included are the annual budgets and officers for the coming year.

	FPC Prayers for:	
Jim Cooke	Jim Harrenstein	Andy Barrows (his mother, Lynn, passed away 1/11/19)
Tom Kubica	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	Weston Mullins
		Levi Kaiser

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.

February Communion Offering goes to Hastings Literacy Program

The Hastings Literacy Program offers FREE adult education services to adults 16 and above including:

- Literacy and basic skills
- Preparation for the GED test
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Citizenship (by request)

In addition, all of our classes include computer literacy skills, college preparation, and workplace readiness skills.

This Week at FPC --- February 4, 2019 – February 10, 2019

Mon, Feb 4	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in FPC Annex
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in FPC Annex NW Classroom
Tues, Feb 5	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
Wed, Feb 6	1:00p	Quilters meet in FPC Annex
	6:30p-8:00p	WAM Meeting in Anderson
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	11:00a-11:45a	Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team in the Library
	11:45a-1:45p	Presbyterian Women Lunch and Business Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	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
Thurs, Feb 7	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
	12:00p-1:00p	Women's Soup Group in the Library
	5:00p-6:00p	Pooh corner/FPC Liaison Meeting in Anderson Room
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in Annex NW Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scout Den Meeting
Fri, Feb 8	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Feb 10	8:30a-9:15a	Celebrate Worship Service
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School-All Ages
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	12:00p-1:00p	FPC New Member Class in Adult Ed Rm
	11:45a-1:45p	Strategic Planning: Advisory Team and Staff in Fellowship Hall

Create a String Art Project *February 17 at 2:00.* The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up TODAY in the Memorial Room.



Knitters and Crocheters If you like knitting and/or crocheting, join us for our new knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. First gathering will be on February 12. Bring whatever project you're currently working on, or stop in for pointers on how to get started. We'll have refreshments, fellowship, and fun!

Soup Group for Women 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.

❖ February 7 – Topic to be Determined

Upcoming Forum Class

❖ Feb 10: *Being AWARE of our Children's Mental Health*

Hastings is one of three sites in Nebraska participating in a new plan to focus on mental health and well-being for our children.

Presenters: Susan Lindblad and Donna Moss

❖ Feb 17: *The First Native American Woman Physician & The Presbyterian Church*

Susan La Flesche Picotte grew up on the Omaha Reservation and went on to earn a medical degree and build a hospital in Walthill, NE. Her story, including her connection to the Presbyterian Church, is the subject of a *PBS special*, "Medicine Woman".

Presenter: Bruce Sheffield

Bible @ Breakfast Wednesday's at 7 a.m.

We will be focusing on First Kings, chapters 1-8 this week. Come join this new series with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history.

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



Presbyterian Women's (PW) luncheons. *The next meeting will be February 6. Circle II will prepare the lunch. Circle III will do the devotions, centerpieces, etc.*

The program will be about Hospice presented by Penny Price. To reserve your place, please give your reservations to the calling chairman for your circle or call the office.

- ✓ Circle I will meet February 20-9:30am
(Hostess-Lynette Krieger; Lesson Elaine Specht)
- ✓ Circle II will meet February 20-9:30am
(Hostess-Mary Jeanne Cooke; Lesson-Mary Lewis)
- ✓ Circle III will meet February 20 – 1:15 pm
(Hostess-Katharine Davis; Lesson-Jane Marsh)

Spirituality Lab

Learn and practice together a different form of prayer or meditation at each gathering. Join us to find the information and support you need for a more interesting and fruitful prayer life. 7:00 a.m., *The Upper Room Classroom (upper level Memorial Room)*.

- ❖ February 14: *Praying before (and during) meals*
How do you understand what happens during communion?
- ❖ February 28: *"The Jesus Prayer"*
How do you understand the relationship of the trinity?
- ❖ March 14: *Using the Lord's Prayer as guide for meditation*
How do you use the Bible in your prayer/meditation?
- ❖ March 28: *Writing prayer as a letter between myself and God*
How is prayer different from other spiritual practices?
- ❖ April 11: *Praying via mandala creation*
How can we involve family in prayer?
- ❖ April 25: *Prayer walking (using the labyrinth at Hastings College)*
How do you understand the relationship b/w happiness and joy, and where do you find them in your life?

New Member Class Coming in February

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or simply curious about what membership might mean? You are invited to attend our three-session New Member course, which will cover Presbyterian history and theology, as well as local structures and involvement opportunities. Classes will take place from 11:30am-1:30pm on three Sunday's, February 10, 17, and 24. Each session includes complimentary meal and child care.

Please contact the church office to RSVP (402-462-5147)



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 _____

