

*First Presbyterian
Church Hastings*



**February 17, 2019
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

PRELUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *James Ellor/arr. Diane Bish*
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Arise Your Light is Come!"
Chancel Choir, Directed by Linda Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 1)
Happy are those who delight in the word of the LORD!
We are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
God promises that if we follow God's word, we will find peace, joy, and hope!
For the LORD watches over the righteous. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" 263

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gentle guide, loving guardian, heal our foolish ways. We yearn to be like trees planted beside living waters, bearing the fruit of righteousness in due season, but the ways of the world call to us and the temptation to disparage those we disagree with, to hate our enemies, and to return evil for evil withers our souls like shrubs in the desert.

Our hearts seek the ways of your Spirit and the waters of life, but our footsteps lead us into arid, desert sands. This is not your hope and plan for us. Forgive us. Turn us again to the healing you so freely offer, and mend the brokenness in our lives and in our world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God looks at us in our brokenness,

And offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord.

With the assurance of God's faithful love, let us choose this day to be people of blessing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God"

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*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)
The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads, and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

BAPTISM

Weston Lee Mullen

Parents: Riley and Ashley Mullen

(While the family is coming up for the baptism and the children are coming to sit around the font, the congregation will sing, "Jesus Loves Me.")

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church and this congregation has a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, "We do". **We Do.**

PRESENTATION TO THE CONGREGATION AND BAPTISM SONG "God Claims You"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Those who delight in the word of God, and who meditate on God's teachings are like trees planted by streams of water. Today may we hear God's word; may we send our roots into streams of living waters. Then may we live God's word in the world. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 5:21-22, 38-48 (CEB)

ANTHEM

"Go Ye Into All the World"

Eugene Butler

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 6:17-23

SERMON

"Empty us of hate. Fill us with love."

*HYMN

"Blest Are They"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5)

Jesus spoke these words to us, and this is what we believe:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

We believe that God gave us these words to shape us and our world. May our actions and our lives reflect these values of the Kingdom of God. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"My Spirit Be Joyful"

J.S. Bach/ arr. E. Power Biggs

Musicians: Louie Eckhardt and Kenneth Kummerfeldt on Trumpet

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. Amen.

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

"Go My Children, with My Blessing" (vs. 1-2)

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE

"Go My Children, with My Blessing" (vs.3)

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POSTLUDE

"Go My Children, with My Blessing"

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

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

8:30 – Celebrate Contemporary Style Worship Service

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 – 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

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 17, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM.

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 loving memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family.

2019 Offering Envelopes are located on the built in wood shelf in the hall by 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: Kathy Utter, Barry & Peggy Thomson

Acolytes: Corlé Hall, Paxton Rhodes

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Leah Ratzlaff

Jim Harrenstein Update Jim has been moved to a cardiac rehab facility in Lincoln. He would love to receive cards or notes of encouragement. The address is: Select Specialty Hospital - Lincoln; 2300 South 16th St; 7th floor Room 714; Lincoln, NE 68502

The rose on the lectern this morning is in celebration of the birth of Max Franklin Nedderman, born February 8, 2019 in Lindenhurst, Illinois, son of Drew Nedderman & Madeline Weiland. Proud grandparents are Robert Nedderman & Sue Medsker-Nedderman; Great-grandparents are Carol & Frank Medsker; Great-aunt is Nan (Medsker) Huey.

In Loving Memory of

❖ **Craig Balnicke** who passed away February 04, 2019. Graveside services were held at Parkview Cemetery in Hastings on February 16.

FPC Prayers for:

Jim Cooke	Jim Harrenstein	Zelma Fobben
Tom Kubica	John Harrington	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Sharon Harvey	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Arlene Kort
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Katharine Davis	Judy Brown
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell, grandson of Bev & Ken Stein)	Weston Mullins
Levi Kaiser	Betty Siemoneit and family	Andy Barrows

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.

This Week at FPC --- February 18, 2019 – February 24, 2019

Mon, Feb 18	8:30a-4:30p	<i>The Church Office will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, in honor of President's's Day.</i>
	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
Tues, Feb 19	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in FPC Annex
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons in Anderson
Wed, Feb 20	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle I (Hostess-Lynette Krieger; Lesson-Elaine Specht)
	9:30a-10:30a	Circle II (Hostess-Mary Jeanne Cooke; Lesson-Mary Lewis)
	1:15p-2:15p	Circle III (Hostess-Katharine Davis; Lesson-Jane Marsh)
	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!
	6:20p-6:50p	Calvin Middle School (WNL) Westminster High School Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:50p-7:30p	Calvin Middle School (WNL) Westminster High School 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, Feb 21	12:00p-1:00a	Women's Soup Group in the Library
	5:00p-6:00p	Session meet in Anderson
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in Annex NW Classroom
Fri, Feb 22	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Feb 24	8:30a-9:15a	Celebrate Style 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



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. 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!

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.

Bible @ Breakfast Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor

Bible @ Breakfast is focusing on the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. Come join this new series with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying from scripture in the Old and New Testaments.

Presbyterian Women.

- ✓ 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)



Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School A six-week series, "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why" 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?

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 21 – Topic to be Determined

2nd Semester Grief Group

Find strength and comfort by gathering with others experiencing similar struggles at the loss of a loved one. The grief group for men and women will be starting March 6 at 4:30-5:30 and continue to meet every Wednesday for 8 weeks in the Kessler room. The group will be using the book "Praying our Goodbyes" by Joyce Rupp. Contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

Name the Annex! It's time to quit calling it the old middle school. Send your ideas in for a fresh new name for our outstanding mission and ministry center to the office.

Register NOW for 2019 Summer Camp Grades 3 - 12,

PLUS Intergenerational & Family 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.

(Supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association)

Highlands Presbyterian Camp & Retreat Center Summer Camp brochures are available on the built in wood shelf in the hall by the church office. Scholarship Applications are also available. Contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org with any questions.

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 28: "*The Jesus Prayer*"

How do you understand the relationship of the trinity?

❖ March 14: Using the Lord's Prayer as a guide for meditation

How do you use the Bible in your prayer/meditation?

New Member Class

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)*



*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

January 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 January, seven (7) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Twenty-four (24) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for January's recognition are Ashton Essink (Sunday School) and Peter Ratzlaff (WNL). Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!

Have you ever wanted to visit the Holy Land? Now is your chance!!

Pastor Greg will be traveling to the Holy Land October 4-12, 2019. The total package includes roundtrip airfare, all accommodations, meals, and eight days of sightseeing. Flyers are located in the office and in the Memorial Room. Questions? Please call the office.

In the "Foot steps of Jesus" Journey to the Holy Land



Spiritual Directors
Pr. Greg Allen-Pickett



October 04 - October 12 2019

Package Price: \$3450.00 From Omaha, NE
Other Cities Available

Package Price Includes:

- * Roundtrip Airfare
- All nights accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Eight days sightseeing in modern air conditioned private bus
- * English speaking government licensed Christian tour guide on duty
- * And much more

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