



February 24, 2019
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

“Cantabile”

Clifford Demarest

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

Preschool and Kindergarten Choir, Directed by Tim and Teresa Canady

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Loving the way that Jesus taught us to love is an all or nothing proposition. Come and learn the ways of life and love in the way of Jesus Christ.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Teacher of hard truths, sometimes it is difficult to let go of our anger, particularly towards those who hurt us or those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated, and we recognize the times in our lives when we have not lived up to that standard that you have set for us. Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we treat others as we would have them treat us,

Jesus calls us beloved children of the Most High.

God is merciful and just to all. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Rest in this assurance and be at peace.

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!

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Open Table Ministry

Mona Mueller

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? ***I do.***

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? ***I do.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying his word and showing his love? ***I will.***

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? ***I will, with God's help.***

PROMISE FROM THE CHURCH

To the members of this church: Do you promise to help these new members find their place in the body of Christ, to pray with and for them, to welcome them fully in holy friendship, to be angels for them in times of distress and servants to them in times of need? ***We promise, with the help of God.***

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need:
For salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life.***

Now draw us close in your spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

ANTHEM

“Blessed Are They”

Praise and Alleluia Choirs (Grades 1-5) Directed by Tim and Teresa Canady

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

"Unlimited Love"

*HYMN

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives, and in all people. We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well. We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love we participate in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving God by loving our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.

Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. We thank God, and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY Variations on "Holy Manna" arr. Charles Callahan

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gifts be used to share God's love with everyone. May our lives do the same. 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) 547

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "Go My Children, with My Blessing" (vs.3) 547

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 – Taizé Style Worship Service

9:15 – Sunday School for all ages

10:30 – Traditional Service

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February 24, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM in loving memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop 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 memory of Mrs. Besse Byrne Foote; Mrs. Gwendolyn Foote Beck; Dr. & Mrs. E. C. Foote; and Dr. & Mrs. E.C. Foote, Jr.

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: Alice Throckmorton, Doug & Marnie Soderquist

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Shannon Canady

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

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

In Loving Memory of

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

This Week at FPC --- February 25, 2019 – March 4, 2019

Mon, Feb 25	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
Tues, Feb 26	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in FPC Annex
Wed, Feb 27	7:00p-8:30p	Knit Wits (and Crocheters) in the Parlor
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	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 28	7:00a-8:00a	Spirituality Lab in the Upper Room
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in Annex NW Classroom
Fri, Mar 1	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, Mar 3	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Style Worship Service
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School-All Ages
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

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

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.



*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



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!

March Communion Offering goes to Open Table Program

The Open Table program was created in 2004 to provide a daily sack lunch to people, no questions asked, no judgments made.

Spirituality Lab Learn and practice together a different form of prayer or meditation at each gathering. Come find the information and support you need for a more interesting and fruitful prayer life. 7:00 a.m., *The Upper Room (upstairs 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?

❖ March 28: *Writing prayer as a letter between myself and God*

How is prayer different from other spiritual practices?

The Forum

❖ March 3 “Bagels and Banners”

Banners draped from the railings in our Memorial Room provide an intriguing set of symbols connected with the history of Presbyterian creeds. Come learn more about what and who they represent.

Presenter: Rev. Dr. William Nottage-Tacey

❖ March 17 “Habitat for Humanity”

Anchored in our community for a number of decades, Habitat for Humanity engages the skills of many people. When the weather cooperates, the team will be ready for a new build. How does this process work? Come learn from a panel of seasoned volunteers.

Presenters: Members of the Board of Habitat for Humanity

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. March 7 – Topic to be Determined

Bible @ Breakfast (Wednesday's at 7 a.m. in the Parlor) The study is on the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history. Come join this class with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh studying from scripture in the Old and New Testaments.

Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School

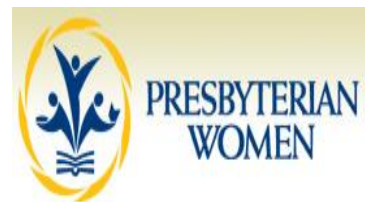
"Liking Jesus: Intimacy and Contentment in a Selfie-Centered World" is a study that looks at how social media works in relation to our emotions, relationships, attitude, beliefs and our biblical values.

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.

Presbyterian Women.

The monthly luncheon, March 6, is open to all Presbyterian women. Please call the office to add your name to the reservation list. Circles please let your calling person know if you plan to attend.



Circle III will prepare lunch and act as Kitchen helpers. Circle I is in charge of setting the tables, centerpieces, devotions, nametags, cashier, and Hunger Cups. The program will be given by Revive Ministries.

- ✓ Circle I will meet March 20-9:30am
(Hostess-Darlene Payne; Lesson-May Wierenga)
 - ✓ Circle II will meet March 20-9:30am
(Hostess-Bonnie Grams; Lesson-Pam Lay)
 - ✓ Circle III will meet March 20 – 1:15 pm
(Hostess-Nancy Grams; Lesson-Katherine Davis)
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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
- 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.

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

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