



**January 12, 2020  
Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday**

PRELUDE

“Voluntary”

William Selby

Linda Vollweiler, organist

*(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)*

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Take Me to the Water” *African American spiritual/arr. Koozer*  
Chancel Choir, director Robin Koozer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

Loving and caring God, we need this time together

***To be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith.***

We need this time of worship

***To be comforted and strengthened in your presence.***

We need this time of hope

***To be reminded that you are at work in the world.***

Remind us again of your vision

***That all might live in a world of peace and justice, filled with your love.***

May our time together this morning imprint this vision and promise on our hearts.

***Come let us worship God and seek to build a beloved community!***

\*HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God who split the skies at the baptism of Jesus, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to this passage. 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 just like Jesus, 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 that 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 also 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

Question to contemplate: When have I acted in ways that are not consistent with the call that God placed on my life through the waters of baptism?

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!”

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\*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***May your Holy Word enter our minds and our hearts. May your Word both challenge us and give us hope as we hear it read and proclaimed this morning. May your Word enable us to lead lives that embody both challenge and hope, always bound together by the Good News of your love. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 29

ANTHEM

“Christ, When You Came to Jordan” *MERLE'S TUNE/H. Hopson*

Chancel Choir, director Robin Koozer

*Christ, when you came to Jordan and asked to be baptized, what was your vow and vision of love and sacrifice? Was there a sudden splendor of prophets, priests, and kings, a wind that stirred the waters, a blur of mighty wings?*

*Was this God's crowning moment of all you had become, the Spirit's power and blessing: “Go now, you are my Son”? Did scripture join with scripture in words of sharp surprise: “the true Messiah shall conquer, rejected and despised”?*

*Faith rests content with questions of when and why and how but craves the gift of seeing what God is doing now. Come, bring us to our Jordan of newly opened eyes, through love, immersed in living, as you were once baptized. Amen.*

*-Brian Wren*

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON

God's Promise of New Life:

Through the waters of baptism, we are given new life

Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“Down by the Jordan”

Insert

\*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 "Prayer" René Vierne

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***O God, we long to make a difference in our world, to live into our baptismal covenant. We offer you what we have: our resources, our visions and dreams, our lives as witnesses to your saving act of love. We offer you all of this that we may be coworkers with you to bring about true change in the world. Amen.***

THE 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 "Take Me to the Water" (vs. 1 & 2) 480

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE "Take Me to the Water" (vs. 3 & 4) 480

POSTLUDE "Carillon-Sortie" Cesar Franck  
(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

***(\*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 Taizé-Style Service with Communion

9:15 – Sunday School for children, youth, and adults

10:30 – Traditional Service

**January 12, 2020**

**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.

**Flowers** are given by Les & 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 Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

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

**Greeters Today:** Melissa Davis, Steve & Lesa Cropley

**Greeters Next Week (January 19):** Vonda Essex, Roger & Karen Doerr

**Acolytes:** Jonah Snell, Selah Wenburg

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

***FPC Prayers for:***

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Family of Virginia Malouf
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Zachary, Noble, Cale Henderson	Family of Darrel Lloyd
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Irina Erickson's Mom	Janet Schawang
Norm Giesler	Jeff Howard	Joan Shaw and Family
Jim Hahne	Family of Lee Kreager	Alden Talbert (Bill's Dad)
Jim Harrenstein	Gretchen Lainson	Family of Al Behl
Jane Horton	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Zelma Fobben

*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.*

***In Memory of***

- ❖ Zelma Fobben, who passed away Friday, Dec. 27, 2019. Graveside services were held Jan. 3, 2020, in Hastings. Rev. Damen Heitman presided.
- ❖ Virginia Malouf, who passed away Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019. Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, in the Chapel at Livingston Butler Volland, Funeral Home. Rev. Damen Heitman presided.

**January Communion Offering** goes to the Sunflower Project, to inspire hope and contribute to individuals and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. It was established in 2019 by Kelly Bonifas, who lost her mother to early onset Alzheimer's disease. The project provides education, awareness, emotional support, and funds to those individuals and caregivers facing Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

**This Week at FPC --- January 13 – January 19, 2020**

<b>Mon, Jan 13</b>	<b>8:15a-9:15a</b>	<b>Walkers</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>7:00p-9:00p</b>	<b>Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls</b>
	<b>7:30p-9:30p</b>	<b>Chorus of the Plains</b>
<b>Tues, Jan 14</b>	<b>8:15a-9:15a</b>	<b>Walkers</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> in Anderson Room
	<b>1:30p-4:00p</b>	<b>Quilters</b> meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	<b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Congregational Life Meeting</b> in Parlor
	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting</b> in Anderson
	<b>7:00p-8:30p</b>	<b>Knit Wits</b> in Parlor
<b>Wed, Jan 15</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible @ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor
	<b>8:15a-9:15a</b>	<b>Walkers</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>9:30a-10:10a</b>	<b>HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel</b>
	<b>9:30a-10:30a</b>	<b>Circle I</b>
	<b>9:30a-10:30a</b>	<b>Circle II</b>
	<b>1:15p-2:15p</b>	<b>Circle III</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>WNL Family Mealtime</b> <i>All are welcome!</i>
	<b>6:20p-6:50p</b>	<b>WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells</b>
	<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>6:50p-7:30p</b>	<b>WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</b>
<b>Thurs, Jan 16</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Retreat in the Real World</b> in Adult Ed Room
	<b>8:15a-9:15a</b>	<b>Walkers</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Soup Group</b> in the Library
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b> in Anderson
	<b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Cub Scout Den Meeting</b> in Fellowship Hall
<b>Fri, Jan 17</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in the Youth Room
<b>Sat, Jan 18</b>	<b>9:30a-2:00p</b>	<b>United Harvest</b>
<b>Sun, Jan 19</b>	<b>8:30a-9:30a</b>	<b>Taizé-Style Worship</b>
	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b>	<b>Sunday School for All Ages</b>
	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>



## 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 2020 GRANT PROGRAM IS February 1, 2020.
- ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

## PRAYING *Our* GOODBYES

Starting Thursday, February 6, we will host a **weekly grief group**. The group will meet every Thursday for 8 weeks, 5pm-6pm, in the Anderson Room. If someone you know has lost a loved one in the past year, please share this information with them and invite them to come. We will use the book “Praying Our Goodbyes” by Joyce Rupp. Please contact Pastor Greg for more details.



We will be holding a **New Members Class** in February, meeting 5pm-6:30pm on Wednesday, February 5, 12, and 19, in the Lydia Room (formerly known as the Adult Ed Classroom). This is a great opportunity for people who are interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church and exploring membership, and dinner is provided! Please contact Pastor Greg for more details.



### 2020 Offering Envelopes are Now Available

They can be found on the wood shelf in the hall outside the office as well as on the Welcome Stand in the Memorial Room.



**Forum Adult Sunday School Class** meets at 9:15am in the Lydia Room (Formerly the Adult Ed Room).

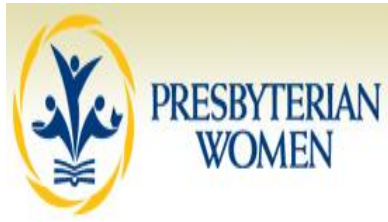
- ❖ January 19, 2020: Honor Thy Mother and Father
- ❖ January 26, February 2, & 9: Christian Myths, a 3-part series on the meaning and power of myths, led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh.



The **next Red Cross Blood Drive** will be **Monday, March 30, 2020**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! 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).



## Presbyterian Women - The next PW luncheon will be held February 5, 2020



- ✓ Circle I will meet January 15-9:30am  
(Hostess: Lynette Krieger, Lesson: May Wierenga)
- ✓ Circle II will meet January 15-9:30am  
(Hostess: Bonnie Grams, Lesson: Pamela Lay)
- ✓ Circle III will meet January 15-12:00 pm in the Library  
(Hostesses: Sue Medsker-Nedderman & Nan Huey, Lesson: Katharine Davis)



Third Saturday of the Month  
Annex Building  
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

Sponsored by:

First United Methodist Church  
First Presbyterian Church

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

January 18, 2020		
M,N,O	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
P,Q,R	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
S,T,U	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
V,W,X,Y,Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
A,B	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
C,D,E	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
F,G,H	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
I,J,K,L	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.

## Shop Hands Around the World



Our products come from artisans who live in poor areas around the globe. Purchasing their goods helps them to feed their families, send their children to school, and improve their lives by making them economically self-sufficient. Handicrafts include baskets, scarves, jewelry, woolen hats and mittens, holiday decorations, gourmet chocolates, spices, teas, coffee, and more. Purchasing products from the store also supports our local mission, United Harvest. We give \$100.00 from the store each month to this outreach, which helps to feed those in need in our community. We are open from 9:00-12:00 every Sunday.

## Food from the Heart

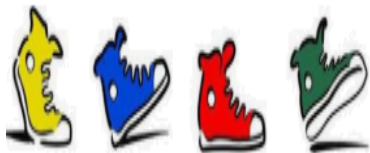


The women of our church have started a mission of giving to our friends and families. This mission is called Food from the Heart. Our plan is to get together on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 2:00pm to prepare casseroles to be placed in the church freezers. Everything will be ready to go when volunteers arrive. It would be nice to have 5-6 people help prepare the meals.

Casseroles are available to give to anyone who just needs some "Food from the Heart." To let Nancy Grams know you are coming to help prepare the casseroles, or if you have any questions, call or text her at 402-705-8179



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



**Love to Walk?** The First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center gym is a great place to walk during the winter months. Shut out of the Mall? The Walkers are your solution from 8:15 to 9:15 Monday through Thursday.

No lectures here about your need to stay fit by walking as you all know that story by now. Afterwards, we have fabulous Café Justo and good conversation, but, hey, that's the bonus option.

And during the spring through the early fall, we walk in the beautiful Heartwell Park, which provides about a one-mile loop – and second loops are available at no extra charge. Interested? Call or text Denny Storer at 402 460 8804.



**Adult Classes**

**Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School** meets during the Sunday School hour in the Anderson Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



**Bible Study**  
Join us!

**Bible @ Breakfast** meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. (except on Christmas Day) in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will be leading a study on the “Rise of the Apocalyptic Imagination.” There is no specific study book designated at this point.



**Knitters and Crocheters** If you like to knit and/or crochet, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We 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. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and fun!



**First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an “APP” for you!** Our directory of names, contact information, and corresponding family photos is ready for you. Create your login at <http://instantchurchdirectory.com>. You will use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access because only members will be able to create a login and load an app (from the app store) on their phones.

**First Presbyterian Church of Hastings**  
*Sharing the love of Christ from 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

**Ministers:** Members of the Church  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann  
**Parish Associate:** Kili Wenburg  
**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

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