



**January 19, 2020
Second Sunday
After Epiphany**

PRELUDE

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

arr. Diane Bish

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 40, inspired by the band U2)

Damen Heitmann

We wait patiently for the Lord

God inclines and hears our cries

God brings us up out of the pit, Out of the mire and clay

Therefore we will sing! We will sing a new song!

God sets our feet upon solid ground

God makes our footsteps firm

Many will see and come to know God

Therefore we will sing! We will sing a new song!

How long will we sing this song?

Until all the world comes to know the saving grace and love of God.

Come let us worship our God who is always faithful!

*HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you name us your beloved children. You love us and are always faithful to us, yet we don't always respond with that same faithfulness. We find ourselves chasing after foolish things that don't honor you or show love to one another. We spend our strength and our resources on vanity and then our labor is in vain. Deliver us from our pride and vanity. Forgive us when we spend all our energy on ourselves instead of on you, O God. Remind us that our reward is with you, as servants of your dream and vision for this world. Through Jesus Christ we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question to contemplate: How have I not been faithful to God?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, we are children of God and heirs to Christ;

The Lamb who bears our sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*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

Pastor Greg

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the Good News of deliverance revealed. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 40:1-11

REFLECTION

Kimberly Stein Borrell

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

SERMON

God's Promise of Faithfulness:

God is faithful, even in the unknown

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Rev. Dr. Amanda Barr)

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world.

We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth, reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O loving God, for your faithfulness. We also thank you that you have placed, in the hearts of your faithful people, the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim Good News to every nation and restore us to Christ. 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 "O Lord My God: How Great Thou Art" (vs. 1-2) 625

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE "O Lord My God: How Great Thou Art" (vs. 4) 625

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in D Major" *Henry Purcell*
(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

11:30 – Annual Congregational Meeting

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

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Ministries: Stephanie Brader

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

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Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann

Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

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The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Atha Borley by family and friends.

Flowers are given by Les & JoAnn Seiler.

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.

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

Greeters Today: Vonda Essex, Roger & Karen Doerr

Greeters Next Week (January 26): Georgie Evans, Jim & Carol Harrenstein

Acolytes: Addyson Hermes, Keira Erickson

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 20 – January 26, 2020

Mon, Jan 20	8:30a-4:30p	OFFICE CLOSED
		MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center
	2:00p-4:00p	Food from the Heart-Food Prep
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls
Tues, Jan 21	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
Wed, Jan 22	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:45-7:45p	Deacon Meeting in Anderson
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5 th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Mealtime <i>All are welcome!</i>
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group</i>
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group</i>
Thurs, Jan 23	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Room
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	5:30p-6:30p	Session Meeting in Anderson
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scout Pack Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Fri, Jan 24	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Jan 26	8:30a-9:30a	Taizé-Style Worship
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	11:30a	Congregational Meeting

Please note

The office will be closed tomorrow in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



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 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.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women meet for food, fellowship, and programs the first Wednesday of the month at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall. The next luncheon will be February 5, 2020. Please RSVP to your Circle calling chairman and to the Office by February 3rd.



- The program will be given by Margaret Marsh on the census.
- Circle III will prepare lunch and provide kitchen helpers.
- Circle II will set tables, provide centerpieces, devotions, nametags, Hunger Cups, and act as Cashiers.

- ✓ Circle I will meet February 19-9:30am in the Parlor
(Hostess: Darlene Payne and Jane Bauer, Lesson: Peggy Thomson)
- ✓ Circle II will meet February 19-9:30am in the home of Susie Graham
(Hostess: Susie Graham, Lesson: Joy White)
- ✓ Circle III will meet February 19-12:00 pm in the Library
(Hostesses: Katharine Davis, Lesson: Kathy Reimer)



Sponsored by:
First United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church

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

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.

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



Feel Free to take a Poinsettia plant home with you. They can be found on the counter in Fellowship Hall. It is not too late to gift a friend, neighbor, or shut in with a live Poinsettia plant. A gift from the heart is always welcome!



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 1st & 3rd 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 1st and 3rd 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

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.