



**January 26, 2020  
Third Sunday  
After Epiphany**

PRELUDE

“Allegretto”

G.F. Handel

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Listen”

*Pre-K and Kindergarten Choir; Alice Throckmorton, piano; Tim & Teresa Canady, directors*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

***Those who lived in a land of darkness, on them light has shined!***

Hear us, O Lord, when we cry out. Be gracious to us.

***Come, let us worship the God of light who hears our cries!***

\*HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Almighty God, we confess that we have not always been faithful to you in our thoughts and in our actions. Sometimes we let our selfish desires get the best of us. Sometimes we have quarrelsome relationships that we know we could mend if we just swallowed our pride, but we don't. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and we have let distrust separate us from our beloved sisters and brothers. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ.***

SILENT CONFESSION

Question to contemplate: When have I ignored or resisted the call to follow Jesus?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God always offers forgiveness to those who ask;

***Therefore, we trust God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression and covers us in mercy.***

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.)*

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

## ANTHEM

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

*Alleluia Choir (Grades 1-2) and Praise Choir (Grades 3-5);  
Alice Throckmorton, piano; Teresa & Tim Canady, directors*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 27:1, 4-9

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 4:12-23

## SERMON

**God's Promise of Ministry:**

God calls and equips us to serve the Kingdom Greg Allen-Pickett

## ANTHEM

**“Love Has Come”**

*Alleluia Bells (Grades 1-2), Susan Oliver, director*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Brief Statement of Faith” PC(USA) 1983)

***We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.***

***The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.***

***In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.***

***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

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

## OFFERTORY

**“This Little Light of Mine” Harry Dixon Loes/arr. Barbara Brocker**

*Praise Bells (Grades 3-5), Susan Oliver Director  
Accompanists Eleanor Oliver, Laura Kate Oliver, and Sarah Wolf*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord. 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                            “You Walk along Our Shoreline” (vs. 1-2)

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\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE                    “You Walk along Our Shoreline” (vs. 3)

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CALL THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ORDER

***(\*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

***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

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Charlie Frueling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Frueling.

**Flowers** are given in memory of all departed parents and grandparents.

**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

**February Ushers (Team #6):** Jim Harrenstein – Captain, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker, Eric Brader

**Greeters Today:** Georgie Evans, Jim & Carol Harrenstein

**Greeters Next Week (February 2):** Jan Ham, Rich & Carolyn McKenzie

**Acolytes:** Kinnick Pumroy, Laura Kate Oliver

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan

***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
Family of Richard Viglicky	Jeff Howard	Family of Tracy Pettit
Jim Hahne	Gretchen Lainson	Alden Talbert (Bill's Dad)
Jim Harrenstein	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Al Behl
Jane Horton	Family of Norm Giesler (father of Melissa Davis)	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***

- ❖ Richard James Viglicky, who passed away Friday Jan. 10, 2020. Services were held at Livingston, Butler, Volland Funeral Home Chapel in Hastings, NE on Friday, Jan. 17, 2020.
- ❖ Tracy Pettit, who passed away Jan. 15, 2020. Services were held Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at First Presbyterian Church.

**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 27 – February 2, 2020**

<b>Mon, Jan 27</b>	<b>8:15a-9:15a</b>	<b>Walkers in PEACE Center</b>
	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball in PEACE Center</b>
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Foundation Board in Anderson</b>
	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center</b>
	<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 28</b>	<b>8:15a-9:15a</b>	<b>Walkers in PEACE Center</b>
	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study in Anderson Room</b>
	<b>1:30p-4:00p</b>	<b>Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center</b>
	<b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym</b>
	<b>7:00p-8:30p</b>	<b>Knit Wits in the Parlor</b>
<b>Wed, Jan 29</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor</b>
	<b>8:15a-9:15a</b>	<b>Walkers in PEACE Center</b>
	<b>9:30a-10:10a</b>	<b>HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel</b>
	<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 meet in Church Basement</b>
	<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: <i>Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</i></b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>High School (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</i></b>
<b>Thurs, Jan 30</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Room</b>
	<b>8:15a-9:15a</b>	<b>Walkers in PEACE Center</b>
	<b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym</b>
	<b>6:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center</b>
	<b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom</b>
<b>Fri, Jan 31</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room</b>
<b>Sun, Feb 2</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>

***Please note***

***The Congregational Meeting will be held TODAY immediately following the 10:30 service.***



## 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.



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).



**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.



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

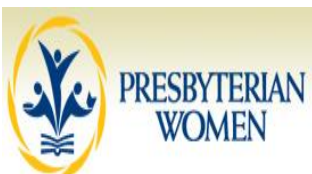




**Bible @ Breakfast** meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. (except on Christmas Day) in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will be leading a study on the “Rise of the Apocalyptic Imagination.” There is no specific study book designated at this point.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



- 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 19-1:15 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.



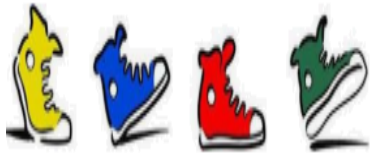
**Knitters and Crocheters** If you like to knit and/or crochet, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on or stop in for pointers on how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



## 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



**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.



## 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.

## Let's Roll



*With First Presbyterian Church*

**Sunday, March 29**

**1:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

Skate Island, Grand Island

Rides available – Drivers needed

Admission \$5.50 – Skate rental \$1

Need More Information??

Contact Julie Thomsen

@ 402-984-8754

EVERYONE WELCOME



**SAVE THE DATE**

**VBS**

TRADITIONAL

JUNE 1-4

9:00-12:00

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SPECIAL NEEDS

JUNE 1-3

1:00-3:00

Watch for more information in the coming months!



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2:00PM | FEB 8  
JIMMIES VS. BRONCOS  
LEGACY ROOM @ LYNN FARRELL ARENA

# IT'S A GUYS GATHERING



Join us for food, basketball and fellowship  
as we watch the Hastings College Broncos  
in action!

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE  
BY FRIDAY, FEB 7

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET AT THE DOOR

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FORUM JAN 26, FEB 2, FEB 9

# MYTHS, MISNOMERS, & FAITH WITH DR. DAN DEFFENBAUGH

*Rediscovering the Truth of the Older  
Testament*

**3-PART FORUM SERIES**  
**9:15 AM**  
**LYDIA ADULT ED ROOM**

