



**Fourth Sunday after
Epiphany
February 2, 2020**

PRELUDE

“Pièce d’ Orgue”

Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Greg Allen-Pickett

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

CHORAL INTROIT

“You Are My All in All”

Martin and Stevens

Calvin (grades 6-8) and Westminster (grades 9-12) Youth Choirs

Hannah Jensen, accompanist; Linda Johnson, director

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hannah Hafer

There is uncertainty in our hearts, Lord. So we gather here looking for direction.

Though your plan for us isn’t always convenient or satisfying,

We know that your divine plans outweigh our earthly priorities or human ambitions.

When you intercede in our lives, we want to embrace you but don’t always know how.

Lord, we want to break out of the “give me a sign” mentality.

Give us a forum today that is suited for our growth and your glorification.

***HYMN**

“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Eleanor Oliver

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh God, we are so blessed by your presence. We gather before you so that we may be forgiven in your name. We thirst for your righteousness so that you may fill our cups with salvation. We strive to reach the kingdom of heaven but are unable to obtain it without your guidance. Bless us with your teachings so we may be students of your faith. While we may be lawless sinners, with your assistance we can grow in our faith.

QUESTION AND TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

Where might you need God’s guidance?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have been pardoned.

Let us pardon others.

May God strengthen and encourage us

To always choose what is right and good.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory Be to The Father”

581

*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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Claire Schwarz

As your word is read and proclaimed, O God, may we open our hearts to your illumination. May we keep in mind these lessons as we go throughout the week and keep you in our hearts throughout our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 1

#blessed
“Those Who Mourn”

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 5:1-7

#blessed
“For Mercy’s Sake”

ANTHEM

“Jesus Savior, Lord I Adore You”

Benjamin Harlan

Calvin (grades 6-8) and Westminster (grades 9-12) Youth Choirs

#blessed
“Pure in Heart”

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 5:8-12

*HYMN “Blest Are They” (vs. 1, 3, 5)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Brief Statement of Faith” PCUSA) Chudier Duang
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

Sydni Johnson

OFFERTORY

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Johann Gottfried Walther

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blayse Starling

Dear God, as we relinquish control of a small portion of what you have provided us, help us to remember that everything we have is temporarily ours but permanently yours. May these gifts benefit others in ways that fulfill your heavenly and earthly plans for all of us. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *(Communion will be served via intinction.)*

Please come forward as directed to receive the communion elements before returning to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we'll come to you.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

"God Be with You till We Meet Again"

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(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Scout Troup 200. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offering in the basket.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Senior High Youth

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Go in Peace"

Hannah Jensen and Damen Heitmann

Calvin (grades 6-8) and Westminster (grades 9-12) Youth Choirs

*POSTLUDE

"Maestoso"

Joseph J. McGrath

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

This service was written and prepared by the Senior High youth of First Presbyterian Church. With deep thanks and appreciation to Kili Wenburg, who assisted in its formulation, and the many parents, grandparents, and others who support our programming and encourage their loved ones to come and check it out!

Cast List (in order of appearance)

Narrator: Nina Meyer

Henrietta: Erika Nielsen

Teammate 3: Carter Wenburg

Leader: Jackson Graves

Cassie: Shannon Canady

Rachel: Lily Black

Monica: Grace Canady

Teammate 1: Hannah Hafer

Leah: Eleanor Oliver

Stephanie: Nyaguor Duang

Teammate 2: Avery Essink

Homeless Person: Eric Brader

Ross: Campbell Schukei

Blake: Luke Brooks

(*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

February 2, 2020

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

Flowers are given in memory of Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson 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.

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

Greeters Today: Jan Ham, Rich & Carolyn McKenzie

Greeters Next Week (February 9): Julie Thomsen, Ted & Lori Schroeder

Acolytes: Madalynn Redline, Seth Schwarz

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

FPC Prayers for:

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Family of Virginia Malouf
Jim Duval	Irina Erickson's Mom	Family of Darrel Lloyd
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Jane Horton	Family of Linda Johnson
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Jeff Howard	Family of Tracy Pettit
Jim Hahne	Gretchen Lainson	Family of Al Behl
Jim Harrenstein	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Richard Viglicky
Everly Hogan	Georga & Duane Ochsner	Family of Zelma Fobben
Janet Schawang	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)	Family of Norm Giesler (father of Melissa Davis)

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.

The Rose on the Lectern is in honor of Ewan Thomas Eckhardt, born December 26, 2019, to Louie and Kristen Eckhardt. Ewan joins his brother Malcolm and sister Fiona at home.

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.
- ❖ Byford Metzger, who passed away Jan. 12, 2020. Services were held Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at the First United Presbyterian Church in Pawnee City, NE. Byford was the father of Linda Johnson and grandfather of David, Kevin, and A. J. Ellerbee.

This Week at FPC --- February 3 – February 9, 2020

Mon, Feb 3	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
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Feb 4	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
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting in Anderson
Wed, Feb 5	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
	11:00a-11:45a	PW Coordinating Team in Library
	11:45a-1:30p	PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	5:00p-6:30p	New Members Class in Lydia Room
	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, Feb 6	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Room
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	12:00p-1:00p	Soup Group in Library
	5:00p-6:00p	Grief Group 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, Feb 7	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sat, Feb 8	2:00p-4:00p	Guys Gathering at Lynn Farrell Arena at HC
Sun, Feb 9	8:30a-9:30a	Taizé-Style Worship
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service

February Communion Offering goes to Scouting, which has been part of First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, for over a hundred years. The program has emphasized communication, service, citizenship, and leadership. FPC has supported the program by providing a place for the Scouts to meet. The commitment of adult leaders from the community and the Troop's outreach to youth across the community make it an ongoing successful mission of FPC. The Scouts typically fund their own program and conduct fundraisers to support service projects. However, the cost of Scouting has increased dramatically in the past few years, making it difficult to keep the program affordable for all youth. We sincerely appreciate your support through your donations to the February Communion Offering.

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.



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.*



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



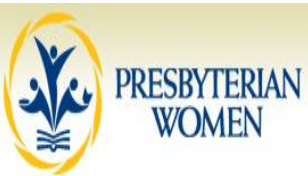
Bible @ Breakfast meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. (except on Christmas Day) in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will be leading a study on the "Rise of the Apocalyptic Imagination." There is no specific study book designated at this point.



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.

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 I 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)



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.

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.

	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

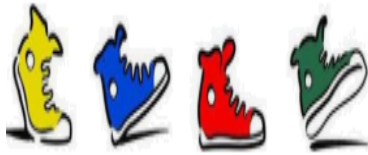


Knitters and Crocheters If you like to knit and/or crochet, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on or stop in for pointers on how to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



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.

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
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

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

Let's Roll



With First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 29

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Skate Island, Grand Island

Rides available - Drivers needed

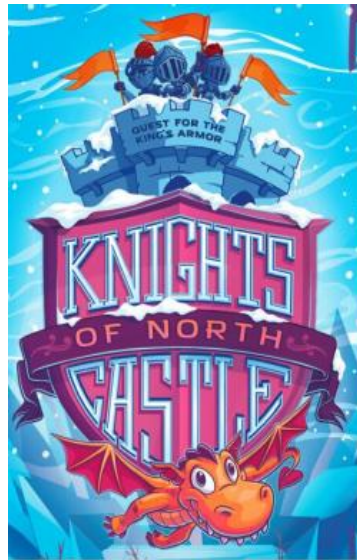
Admission \$5.50 - Skate rental \$1

Need More Information??

Contact Julie Thomsen

@ 402-984-8754

EVERYONE WELCOME



SAVE THE DATE

VBS

TRADITIONAL

JUNE 1-4

9:00-12:00

SPECIAL NEEDS

JUNE 1-3

1:00-3:00

Watch for more information in the coming months!

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



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

