



**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2020**

PRELUDE

"Prelude in G Major"

J. S. Bach

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

INTROIT

"When Morning Guilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI/Dan Bird

Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, director

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God said, "Let there be light."

And there was light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

And the light shone in the darkness.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

Through our worship today and our lives every day, may our light shine before others so that all may see God's good works and give God glory!

***HYMN**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips but dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end suffering in the world, yet we have not always practiced compassion and generosity towards others. We have allowed our religion to become a source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your love and grace. Forgive us and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation.

SILENT CONFESSION

QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION:

In what ways have I not integrated my faith into my daily life?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News! Christ on the cross witnesses to the depth of God's love and forgiveness.

Our faith is not built on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved. Alleluia! Amen!

*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

Nancy Grams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts, and our spirits this morning to your Holy Word, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 58: 1-12

BELL ANTHEM

“Who’ll be a Witness”

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Chancel Bells; Byron Jensen, director

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 5:12-20

SERMON

God’s Promise of Guidance

Greg Allen-Pickett

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence, he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

“I Sing as I Arise Today”

ST. PATRICK’S BREASTPLATE/arr. Clokey

Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, director

(While the anthem is sung, newly elected church officers are invited to come down for the installation.)

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as deacons, elders, and trustees, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern and minister to your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *arr. Dale Wood*

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love; use it to bring peace, justice, and comfort to all the world, 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 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” (vs. 1, 3) 757

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” (vs. 4) 757

POSTLUDE “Siyahamba” arr. John A Behnke
 (We Are Marching in the Light of God) South African Freedom Song
(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 Worship with Communion
9:15 – Sunday School for children, youth, and adults
10:30 – Traditional Worship Service

February 9, 2020

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

Flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Foote and Mr. Robert L. Foote by the Foote 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: George & Jeni Howard, Ted & Lori Schroeder

Greeters Next Week (February 16): Julie Thomsen, Doug & Marnie Soderquist

Acolytes: Ashton Essink, Grace Brader

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

FPC Prayers for:

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	
Jim Duval	Irina Erickson's Mom	Family of Virginia Malouf
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.

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 10 – February 16, 2020

Mon, Feb 10	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center
	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 11	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	Congregational Life Meeting in Parlor
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees Meeting in Anderson
	7:00p-8:30p	Knit Wits in Parlor
Wed, Feb 12	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 Youth Room, Lower Level
	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: Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group
Thurs, Feb 13	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Room
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	4:30p-5:30p	Mission Committee in Parlor
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel in Kessler
	5:00p-6:00p	Grief Group in Lydia Room
	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 14	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sat, Feb 15	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest
Sun, Feb 16	8:30a-9:30a	Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with Communion
	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.



Hastings College Choir In Concert

The Hastings College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Fritz Mountford will perform a variety of Choral Music. The concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening, February 23rd, at 6:00 p.m.

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 Lydia Room (formerly known as the Adult Ed Classroom). 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 Youth Room in the Lower Level. 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.



January Special Attendance Recognition

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children in preschool thru 8th grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. One child will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their growth in faith to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

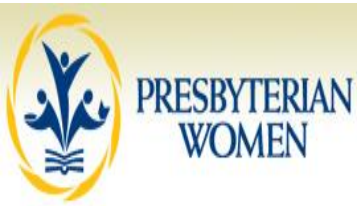
Acolyte (if under 4 th grade)	Usher	Music soloist
Call to Worship leader	Prayer leader	Children's Moment leader or helper

During the month of January, sixteen (16) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Nineteen (19) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The child's name that was drawn for January's recognition was Esther Allen-Pickett. Thanks be to God for our faithful attenders!

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



❖ February 16: Faith & Suffrage; Dr. Catherine Biba "Who is a True Woman? Gender Roles and the Battle for Women's Suffrage" The seventy-year campaign for the right to vote often centered less on Constitutional or political issues, and more on the question of what women should or should not do on the basis of their sex. Both pro-suffrage and anti-suffrage activists invoked common tropes of womanly or ladylike behavior as they attempted to carry their point, citing nature, the Bible, and American social mores as support for their views.



Presbyterian Women *Presbyterian Women meet for food, fellowship, and programs the first Wednesday of the month at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall.*

The March luncheon will be to attend Sermons à la Carte at St. Mark's Episcopal.

The next luncheon will be April 1, 2020. Please RSVP to your Circle calling chairman and to the Office by March 30th. The program will be given by Susan Kloke on "Angel Gowns."

- Circle I 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)



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.



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.



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.*



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 @ Breakfast meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. (except on Christmas Day) in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh is 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.



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.

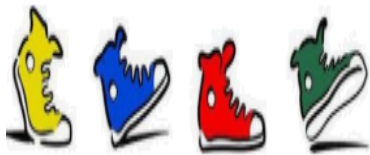
	February 15, 2020	
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
F, G, H	May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



Food from the Heart The women of our church have started a mission of giving to our friends and families called Food from the Heart. We will 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.

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. 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.



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.

Let's Roll



With First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 29

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Skate Island, Grand Island

Rides available – Drivers needed

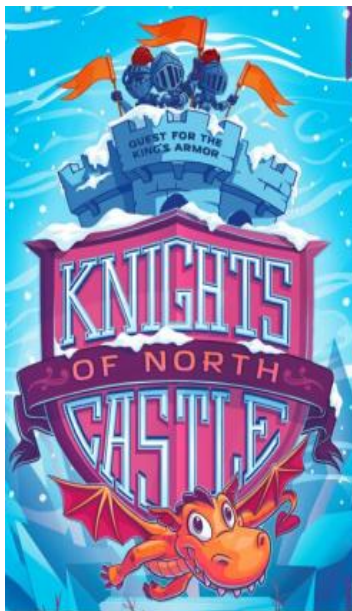
Admission \$5.50 – Skate rental \$1

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!

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

The background of the entire poster is a repeating pattern of a vintage illustration of women's heads and shoulders. They are wearing elaborate, wide-brimmed hats with large bows and floral decorations. The style is reminiscent of late 19th or early 20th-century fashion. The pattern is arranged in a grid, with the heads facing different directions (front, side, back).

Dr. Catherine Biba Presents:

**Who Is A
True Woman?**

Forum, February 16

9:15 AM

Gender Roles
and the Battle for
Women's Suffrage