

First Presbyterian
Church Hastings



February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer
Linda Vollweiler, organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

INTROIT "Your Law, Oh Lord, Is Perfect" Psalm 119/Vulp 145
Chancel Choir; Linda Johnson, Director

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

*HYMN "God Is Calling through the Whisper" 410

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION

How have I sought happiness in worldly things? How have I failed to live as a witness to God's love and grace?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation!

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Greg Allen-Pickett

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

REFLECTION

Pamela Lay

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 119:1-8

SERMON

God’s Promise of Freedom

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

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

Holden Holloway/arr. Koozer

Chancel Choir; Linda Johnson, Director

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Allegretto in D Major"

Jean Phillippe Rameau

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. 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	“Give to the Winds Thy Fears” (vs. 1, 3)	815
*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING		
*BLESSING RESPONSE	“Give to the Winds Thy Fears” (vs. 4)	815
POSTLUDE	"Toccatà"	Gordon Young
	<i>(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)</i>	

(*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

***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873***

Head of Church: Jesus Christ	Ministers: Members of the Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett	Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann
Director of Children & Family	Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg
Ministries: Stephanie Brader	Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler	Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson	Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady	Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver	Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton	Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey	

February 16, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Les & JoAnn Seiler.

Flowers are given in loving memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop 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: Julie Thomsen, Doug & Marnie Soderquist

Greeters Next Week (February 23): Jane Foote, Barry & Peggy Thomson

Acolytes: McKain Ratzlaff, Norah Snell

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

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.

Please Note: The church office will be closed Monday, February 17 for President's Day

This Week at FPC --- February 17 – February 23, 2020

Mon, Feb 17	<p>8:30a-4:30p 8:15a-9:15a 1:00p-3:00p 2:00p-4:00p 6:00p-8:00p 7:00p-9:00p 7:30p-9:30p</p>	<p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED-PRESIDENT'S DAY Walkers in PEACE Center Pickle Ball in PEACE Center Food from the Heart Food Prep Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls Chorus of the Plains</p>
Tues, Feb 18	<p>8:15a-9:15a 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 1:30p-4:00p 5:30p-8:00p 6:45p-7:45p</p>	<p>Walkers in PEACE Center Staff Meeting Bible Study in Anderson Room Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym Deacon's Meeting in Anderson</p>
Wed, Feb 19	<p>7:00a-8:00a 8:15a-9:15a 9:30a-10:10a 9:30a-10:30a 9:30a-10:30a 1:15p-2:15 p 11:45a-1:30p 4:00p-6:00p 5:00p-6:30p 6:00p-6:45p 6:20p-6:50p 6:30p-8:00p 6:45p-7:30p 6:50p-7:30p 7:30p-8:15p 7:30p-8:15p 7:30p-8:15p</p>	<p>Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor Walkers in PEACE Center HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel Circle I Circle II in Parlor Circle III in Library PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL) New Members Class in Youth Room, Lower Level WNL Family Mealtime <i>All are welcome!</i> WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement Chancel Choir WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir Chancel Bells WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group</p>
Thurs, Feb 20	<p>7:00a-8:00a 8:15a-9:15a 5:00p-6:00p 5:30p-6:30p 5:30p-8:00p 6:00p-8:00p 6:00p-7:00p 7:00p-8:00p</p>	<p>Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Room Walkers in PEACE Center Grief Group in Lydia Room Session in Anderson Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom Cub Scout Pack Meeting in Fellowship Hall</p>
Fri, Feb 21	<p>10:00a-12:00p</p>	<p>Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room</p>
Sun, Feb 23	<p>8:30a-9:30a 9:15a-10:15a 10:30a-11:30a</p>	<p>Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with Communion Sunday School for All Ages Traditional Worship Service</p>

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.



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

❖ The next forum is yet to be announced.



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 the Sermons à la Carte at St. Mark's Episcopal.

The next regular 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)

Presbyterian Women and Church Women United are collecting items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Emergency Cleanup Buckets. Information can be found at the table in the Memorial Room. Questions? Call Nancy Grams for the answers.



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.*



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. Create your login at <http://instantchurchdirectory.com>. You will use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access. Only members will be able to create a login and load an app (from the app store) on their phones. **Be sure to notify the church office when you change phone numbers, address, or emails!**



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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.

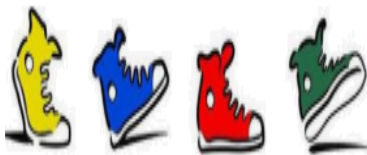
	March 21, 2020	
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
P, Q, R	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

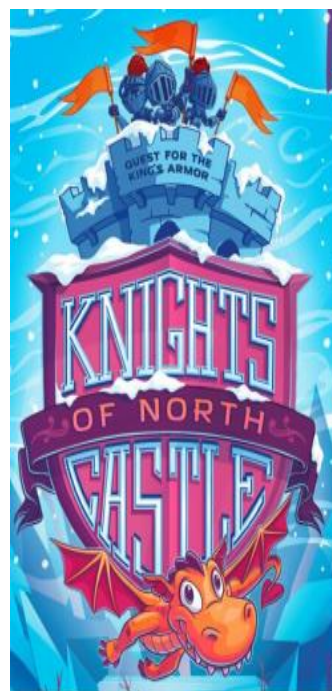
Admission \$5.50 - Skate rental \$1

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!