



**February 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday
after Epiphany**

PRELUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *arr. Earl Larson*
Linda Vollweiler, organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Jesus Loves Me" *Alleluia Bells (1st & 2nd Grades); Susan Oliver, director*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain. Then he began to speak and taught us, saying: We are the salt of the earth! We are the light of the world!

We come to worship today to learn how to be salt and light!

Jesus said: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

We come to worship today to learn how to practice forgiveness, love, and prayer.

Jesus said: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

We come to offer the treasure of our praise, our time, our songs, and our joy. Come, let us worship God today!

***HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" (vs. 1-2, 5) 321

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we read the words in the Sermon on the Mount, and we think to ourselves, how can we possibly do this? Don't hold anger towards other people? Don't insult people? Forgive as we have been forgiven? Give to those in need? Love our enemies? Pray for those who hurt us?

God, how can we do all that you demand of us? Our life experience has taught us that we will fall short of these commands of love you give us. Please forgive us when we do and nudge us back onto the path of love and righteousness.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION

Which of Jesus' words are hardest for me to follow? Why?

How can I ask God for help in those areas of my life?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God, who is always just and merciful,

Reproves our sinful ways and offers us the grace of repentance.

God frees us to live as God's beloved children. In the name of 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!

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Skylynn Norris – Parents: Briana Walker and Blake Norris
*(While the family is coming down, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me”
 and the children are invited to come down and gather around the baptismal font)*

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ’s church, and we all have a role in her nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God’s help, to support and pray for this child and her parents? And do you promise to love this child and to assist her in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, “We do.” ***We Do.***

BAPTISM SONG

“God Claims You”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Adapted from Psalm 119:33-40)

Teach us you through your words, O LORD, and we will observe them to the end. Give us understanding, that we may follow your way and observe it with our whole hearts.

Lead us in your path by your words, for we delight in them!

Turn our hearts to your decrees and not to selfish gain.

Turn our eyes from looking at vanities; give us life in your ways.

Turn away the disgrace that we dread, for following your word is good.

See, we have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness, give us new life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Matthew 5-7

Greg Allen-Pickett

“Jesus spoke and taught us... Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount”

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

*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

“Who Will Keep God’s Lambs?”

Dvorak/arr. Gilpin

Alleluia Choir (1st, 2nd Grades) and Praise Choir (3rd-5th Grades)

Directed by Tim & Teresa Canady

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

John & Linda Carllson

Liesel Hogan

Jake & Kelsey Stokely

Bruce & Kim Day

Tom & Joyce Moore

Ross & Melissa Struss

Scott Hobson

Sung Bong Shin

QUESTIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? ***I do.***

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? ***I do.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple obeying his word and showing his love? I will.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? ***I will, with God's help.***

PROMISE FROM THE CHURCH

To the members of this church: Do you promise to help these new members find their place in the body of Christ, to pray with and for them, to welcome them fully in holy friendship, to be angels for them in times of distress and servants to them in times of need? ***We promise, with the help of God.***

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We joyfully welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“O That I Had a Thousand Voices”

arr. Jeffrey Biesrch

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, today we have offered you many gifts. We have offered you the gift of praise and music. We have offered you the gift of our commitment to the newly baptized child and her family and to our new members. And we have offered you our tithes and our offerings collected this morning. Take each of these gifts we offer you and use them to build up this church, so that this church may build your kingdom of love, justice and peace. 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** "Blest Are They" (vs. 1-3) 172

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

***BLESSING RESPONSE** "Blest Are They" (vs. 4) 172

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary" *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 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

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

February 23, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in loving memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family.

Flowers are given in memory of Mrs. Besse Byrne Foote; Mrs. Gwendolyn Foote Beck; Dr. & Mrs. E. C. Foote; Dr. & Mrs. E. C. Foote, Jr.

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

March Ushers (Team #1): Chuck Hastings – Captain; Luke Brooks, LaVern Franzen, Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht

Greeters Today: Jane Foote, Barry & Peggy Thomson

Greeters Next Week (March 1): Alice Throckmorton, Kent & Bonnie Grams

Acolytes: Corlé Hall, Ruei Duang

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Kristen Eckhardt

FPC Prayers for:

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

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 24 – March 1, 2020

Mon, Feb 24	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 25	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
Wed, Feb 26	7:00 p-8:30p	Knit Wits in the Parlor
	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-6:45p	WNL Activities-Pre-K-5 th Grade ONLY
Thurs, Feb 27	7:00p-8:00p	Ash Wednesday Services
	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Room
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	5:00p-6:00p	Grief Group in Lydia Room
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Fri, Feb 28	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
	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
	8:30a-9:30a	Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship with Communion
Sun, Mar 1	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service



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, TODAY, February 23rd, at 6:00 p.m.*

March Communion Offering goes to the Middle School Garden.



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.



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

❖ *Writing From Faith*, Feb 23, March 1, 8: Three-part series on learning to express our own faith using common biblical forms



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.
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- ✓ Circle I will meet March 18-9:30am in the Parlor
(Hostess: Elaine Specht & May Wierenga, Lesson: Flossie Sanderson)
 - ✓ Circle II will meet March 18-9:30am
(Hostess: Sally Smith, Lesson: Betty Kooy)
 - ✓ Circle III will meet March 18-1:15 pm in the Library
(Hostesses: Nancy Grams, Lesson: Sue Medsker-Nedderman)

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.



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 STUDY
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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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

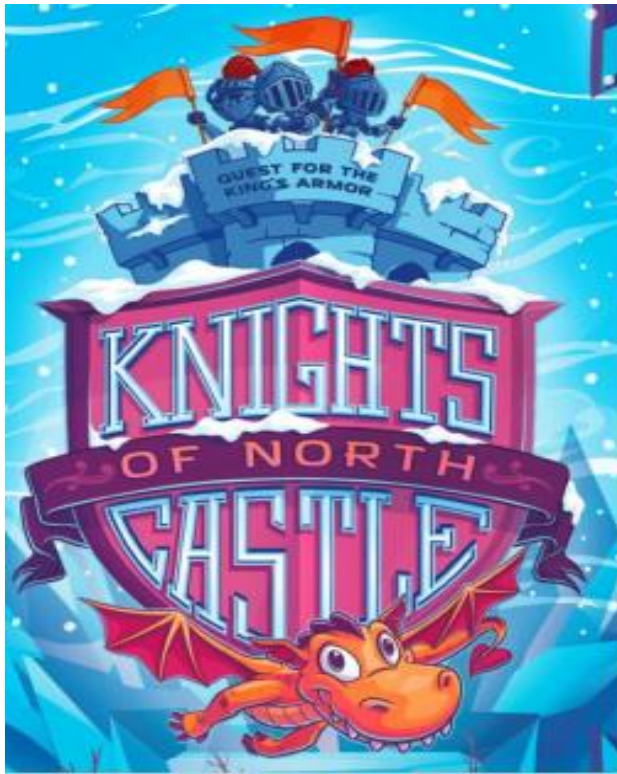


Love to Walk? The First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center gym is a great place to walk during the winter months. Shut out of the Mall? The Walkers are your solution from 8:15 to 9:15 Monday through Thursday.

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. Handicrafts include baskets, scarves, jewelry, woolen hats and mittens, holiday decorations, gourmet chocolates, spices, teas, coffee, and more. We give \$100.00 from the store each month to United Harvest, which helps to feed those in need in our community. We are open from 9:00-12:00 every Sunday.



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!

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

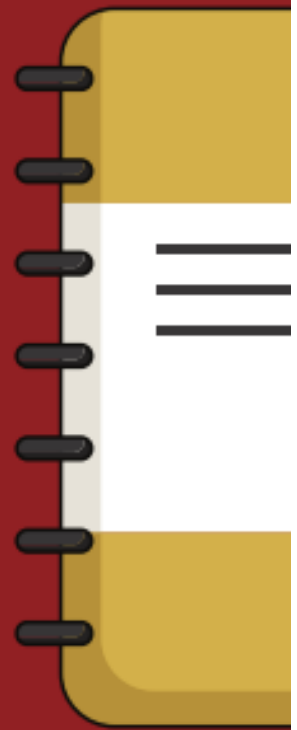
EVERYONE WELCOME



FORUM, FEB 23, March 1, 8

Writing From Faith

3-Part Forum Series on Learning to
Express Our Own Faith Using
Common Biblical Forms



**Led By Damen Heitmann &
Dr. Constance Malloy**

9:15 AM, Lydia Adult Ed Room
No Skill Needed!