



January 17, 2020
10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

“Pastorale in D Minor”

J. S. Bach

Linda Vollweiler, Organ

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Samuel 3, John 1)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,

“Here I am!”

Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,

“Here I am!”

Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer,

“Here I am!” Come, let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

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Erika Nielsen, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 139, Galatians 5)

Awesome God, you have made all of creation and each cell of our bodies.

You know our thoughts, and you know our sins.

We desperately try to hide our mistakes, our weaknesses, our embarrassments. But you know it all.

You have granted us freedom through Christ, and we misuse that freedom in ways that do not glorify you and do not show love to our neighbors.

So we come before you now asking for your forgiveness. Even as you know the limits of our human capabilities, we know the unlimited power of your love. Forgive us, cleanse us, make us whole.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: When have I misused my Christian freedom in ways that did not show love to my neighbors?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who has made us will never desert us.

The God of creation is creating still, making us new.

The God whose love gave us the gift of Jesus Christ

Is the same God whose love forgives and sustains us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on me”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

FINDING GOD IN ISOLATION – FIVE FOR FIVE

Kili Wenburg

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our ears, O God, that we might hear your Word speaking to us in this moment. Open our ears, O God, that we might listen for your voice calling to us through scripture.

Open our ears, O God, that we might understand your promises to followers, both old and young, ancient and modern.

**Open our hearts, O God, that we might enter into the love you offer us.
Amen.**

1st SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter

*Chancel Choir, director Robin Koozer
Pre-Recorded from worship on 2/11/2018*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

SERMON

"Creating Christian Freedom"

Greg Allen-Pickett

Part of the Epiphany Sermon Series "Created Anew"

*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Lisa Frenz of Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church)

We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.

We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, and us: each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.

We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

arr. John G. Barr

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, you call to us today, just as you called to the boy Samuel so long ago. We present to you these gifts as one way of responding to that call, offering you these gifts and saying, “Here I am Lord!” We also present to you our lives, making ourselves a living offering as we strive to embody the fruits of the spirit so that all will know they are loved. And we say, “Here I am Lord!” Take these gifts and our lives and use them to your glory. 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 “We Are One in the Spirit”

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*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we’re the church together!

*POSTLUDE “Postlude in D Major”

A. Louis Scarmolin

Linda Vollweiler, Organ

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshippers 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!

10:30 am Stay-at-Home worship

Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on KICS 1550 AM

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the 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
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Ministries: Stephanie Brader
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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacev

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

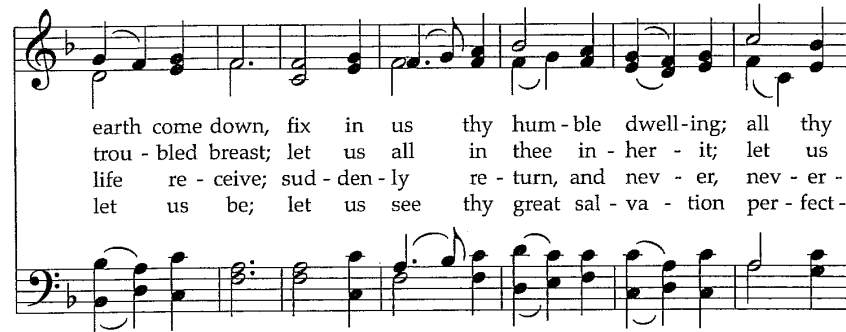
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

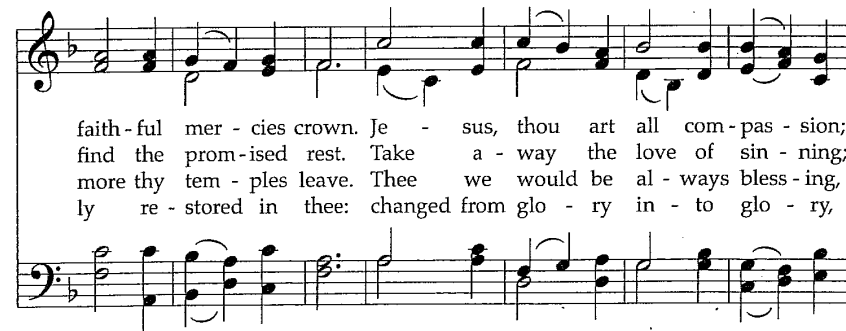
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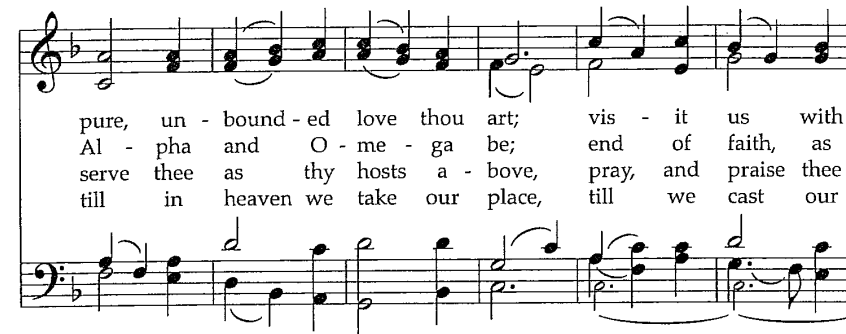
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



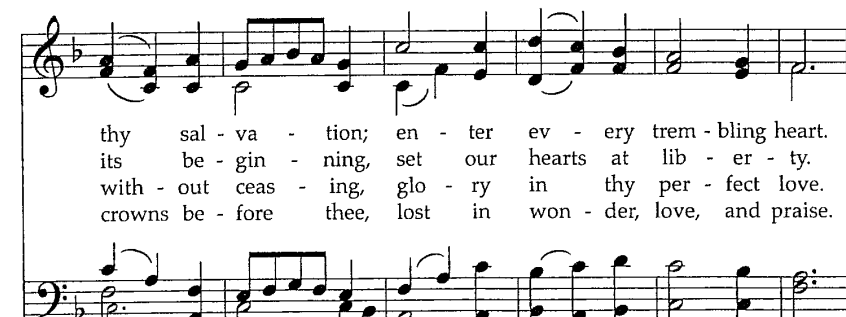
earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

January 17, 2020

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

Flowers are given by Les & JoAnn Seiler.

Today’s 10:30 “Stay at Home” Worship Service will be broadcast

- live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (You don’t need an account.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- at Good Samaritan Village, the 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.



Giving during our time of “Stay at Home” Church The church counts on your giving to carry on its work. As you participate in “Stay at Home” Worship, please take time to

1. mail your donation in,
2. drop by the church and leave your offering in the new locked "tithing box" located on the second brick column under the portico.
3. sign up for electronic fund transfers,
4. or give on-line at: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

Henry Black	FPC Prayers for	Rachael Lay
Lois Hafer	Family of Carlyn McPherson	Eleanor Oliver
Cindy Pickett	Family of Burdetta Fricke	Family of JoAnn Finley
Jeff Howard	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker’s parents)	Norris Swan and family
Gretchen Lainson	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard’s mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Carol Medsker	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger’s mom)	Craig and JoAnn Williams
Pastor Greg and family	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler’s son)	Paul Nuss and family
	Rev. Roger Williams, (Colleen Schukei’s dad)	
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

- ♥ Burdetta Fricke, who passed away 12/02/2020. Burdetta is Cindy Frickie’s and Cathy Mitzelfelt’s mother.
- ♥ Sylvia “Carlyn” McPherson, who passed away 12/21/2020. Carlyn is the mother of Dennis McPherson and grandmother to Sara, Rachel, and Rebecca.
- ♥ JoAnn Finley, who passed away 12/26/2020. Memorials may be given to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church at Northboro, IA, First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, or Hastings Public Library.
- ♥ Luella Hunzeker, who passed away 01/01/2021. Luella is the mother of Paul Nuss.

January Communion offering is designated to the Harvard People’s Project.



Thinking of You Notes With COVID-19 on the rise, a number of our retirement communities have closed to visitors again, which can lead to a sense of isolation. We want our members who live in these homes to know that they have a church family that loves them and is thinking about them. One way to do that safely is to send them cards. If you have a few moments, drop a card or note into the mail to help them feel connected and remembered. Please contact the church office for names and addresses. Even if you don't know them personally, a card or note can provide a real pick-me-up. Please join us in this important work.

This Week at FPC --- January 18 – January 24, 2021

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 5 or fewer in attendance, 2.) 1 hour or less in length, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6-ft. seating. All boards and committees will have the option to meet in person with 5 or fewer in attendance or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both to be coordinated by the church staff representative.

Mon, Jan 18	OFFICE CLOSED 8:30a-9:30a	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Walkers in PEACE Center GYM “Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
Tues, Jan 19	8:30a-9:30a 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 5:30p-6:30p 6:45p-7:45p	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM Staff Meeting Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing Foundation Board via Zoom Conferencing Deacons via Zoom Conferencing
Wed, Jan 20	8:30a-9:30a 12:00p-1:00p	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
Thurs, Jan 21	5:30p-6:30p	Session via Zoom Conferencing
Sun, Jan 24	9:15a-10:15a 9:15a-10:15a 10:30a	Heirs Apparent via Zoom Conferencing Forum via Zoom Conferencing “Stay at Home” Worship Service

LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

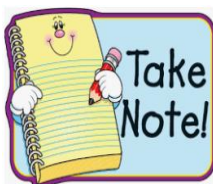
- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Grants are limited to one per child.

- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.

- 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 2021 GRANT PROGRAM IS February 1, 2021
- GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE; PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.



Notes for your Information:

1. The 2021 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Office, stop in and pick one up!
2. The 2021 Jan/Feb/March Daily Bread Devotions have arrived; both large print and regular print.



The **next Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 30, 2021** 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 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



The Hands Around the World Store has ordered more coffee. Stop by the church office to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag.

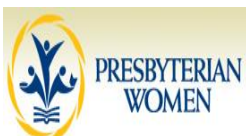


Connecting with God and Each Other While We Worship Apart (Finding God in the Solitude of Covid Times/Five for Five)

For many of us, attending church on Sunday mornings is our primary, if not only, means of connecting with our church family and with God. We give thanks for the technology and hard work of staff and volunteers who make it possible every week for us to worship "together apart," but it's not quite the same. Additionally, the uncertainty, isolation, stress, losses, and grief associated with living through a pandemic have created an increased need for the hope and security which can only be found in God. Because our familiar way of connecting with God (in-person worship) is not currently available, and because we all have more open calendars than ever before, this is the perfect time to learn new spiritual practices! God is just as present and available to us as ever before; it's just that we may need to learn new ways of seeking and finding God's presence in these new times. To that end, I will be creating short videos (90 seconds or so) each week, each of which will introduce a simple spiritual practice. Try these new practices for just 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week--5 for 5--and watch as your heart learns to recognize God in events, people, feelings, etc. as never before! The videos will be shown during Sunday worship and can also be found on the church YouTube page.

--Kili Wenburg, Parish Associate and Spiritual Director

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>



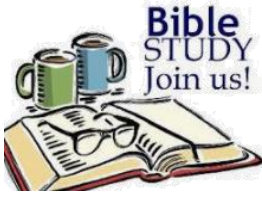
Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.



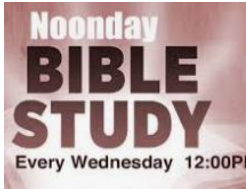
Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All

Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session at any time. To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up! The next class begins 01/10/2021 with a 3-week study on Epiphany: Created Anew – Faith and Art.

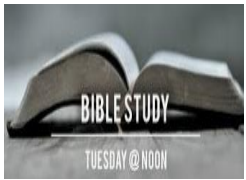
If you want to go back and watch a previous Forum, it can be found on the church YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Heirs Apparent will be starting a new study Sunday 1/10/21 with a 5-week study entitled *Dream Big: know what you want, why you want it, and what you're going to do about it* by Bob Goff. We will continue meeting via zoom. To join this study, please email Curtis at teece4@gmail.com or call the church office to get the Zoom link.



Bible at Breakfast has a new time and name! Join us for Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM on **Wednesdays** at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. We will be looking at the Book of Revelation using the text *Revelation & the End of All Things* by Craig R. Koester. To join the study, contact sbbrooks52@gmail.com. All are welcome!



Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Pastor Greg

All are welcome to join this weekly study. The focus for the group discussion and study each week is on the verses to be used on Sunday during worship. The group gathers either by ZOOM Conferencing or in person in the Anderson Room. To join by ZOOM, contact the church office.



PreK-5th Grades: Families will receive packets of materials in the mail to use as you follow along with video lessons to be posted weekly on our church website <https://fpchastings.org/children/>

6th-8th Grades & 9th to 12th Grades There will be no Wednesday night youth group, no Sunday morning Sunday School, or current 8th-Grade Confirmation Class at this time. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!



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 case like Gro-Baloo. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available in Hastings, NE. The initiative providing free food to local residents provides...

Interested in volunteering at **United Harvest?** Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

February 20, 2021		
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Created Anew

A Sermon Series that highlights God's creativity, and helps us discover the creativity in ourselves, as we explore what it means to be a Christian in the world today.



- Jan. 10:** Genesis 1:1-5
God Created. Now what?
- Jan. 17:** Galat. 5:1, 13-26
Creating Christian Freedom
- Jan. 24:** Jonah 3:1-5,10
Creativity in Connection
- Jan. 31:** 1 Cor. 8:1-13
Being the Epiphany