

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



January 31, 2020  
10:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

## PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision" Irish Melody/arr. Eugene Butler  
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 (Psalm 111)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

*Praise the LORD!*

***I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.***

*Great are the works of the LORD!*

***Full of honor and majesty is God's work.***

*The LORD has gained renown by his wonderful deeds!*

***The LORD is gracious and merciful.***

*The works of his hands are faithful and just!*

***All God's teachings are trustworthy.***

*God's teachings are established forever and ever.*

***We are called to follow them with faithfulness.***

*Holy and awesome is God's name!*

***Come, let us praise God's mighty works, let us bask in God's grace and mercy, and let us follow God's teachings. Come, let us worship the LORD!***

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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Richard and Linda Johnson, Song Leaders

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 111)

***You, God, are known for your wonderful deeds — your mercy, forgiveness, and love. You have shown us the power of your works time and time again. And yet, we are slow to comprehend; we refuse to acknowledge your gifts; we act self-sufficient, as if we provide ourselves everything we need, when we know in our hearts that you are the author of life. Forgive us, we pray. As we confess our sins in thought, word or deed, may your redemptive presence flood our lives that we may praise your name forevermore.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

*Questions for contemplation:*

*When have I failed to repent for my sins?*

*When have I not offered forgiveness to others?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God offers redemption to people of every generation,*

***Making new life possible for everyone.***

*Repent, believe in the gospel, and be healed!*

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

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on me” 582

\*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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Jesus, word made flesh, come to us today as we hear God’s holy word read and proclaimed. Offer us your healing and hope. Speak to us with your authority. Give us ears to listen, and open our minds and hearts to the power of your word. Amen.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:21-28

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

SERMON “Being the Epiphany” Greg Allen-Pickett  
Part of the Epiphany Sermon Series “Created Anew”

\*HYMN “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (vs. 1, 3-4) 316

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Atkinson/arr. Wagner and Hayes

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

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Almighty God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Use these gifts and our lives so that through them, others may come to know you and your love. Through the giving and receiving of these gifts, help us to grow ever more generous and grow ever deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Guide us to bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. 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.***

## TRANSITION TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OPENING PRAYER – Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

MINUTES - Approval of minutes from congregational meeting held January 26, 2020 (See pg. 27)

STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS & PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

CLERK'S REPORT – Mary Seiler, Clerk of Session

FINANCIAL REPORT & PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

– Harvey Freetly, Chair of Trustees

TERMS OF CALL FOR PASTORS – Mary Seiler, Clerk of Session

FOUNDATION REPORT – Mike Karloff, Chair of Foundation

2020 CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – Kay Georgiana

ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2021

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT, CLOSING PRAYER

– Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann, Associate Pastor

**\*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**

“Standing on the Promises”

R. Carter/arr. Archer

Linda Vollweiler, Organ

*(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!

10:30 am Stay-at-Home worship

**Broadcast live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://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

**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

**Accompanist:** Mary Plock

**Scholar in Residence:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Jensen-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

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacev

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see


al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

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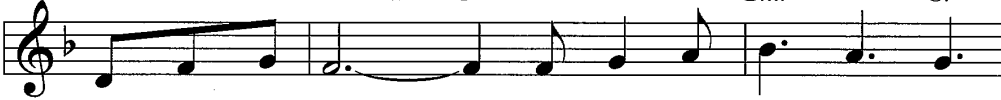
# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, 7 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, 7 with - out end. A - men.

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

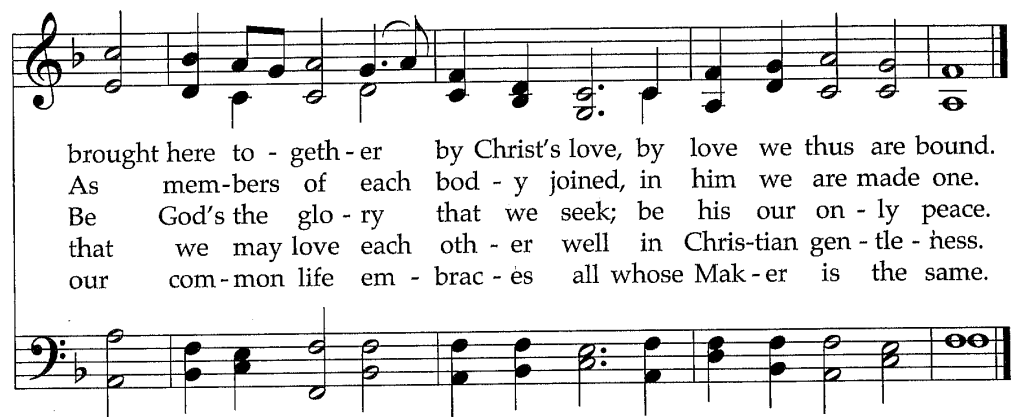


As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

# Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.  
3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
4 Let us for-give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,  
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.  
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

TEXT: Latin, 8th cent.; trans. Omer Westendorf, 1960, alt.  
MUSIC: Lucius Chapin, 1812  
Text © 1960, ren. 1988 World Library Publications

TWENTY-FOURTH  
CM

606

Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow  
Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, indicated by a single sharp (F#) on the treble clef. The key signature is G major. The time signature is common time (C). The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system covers the first line of the doxology. The second system covers the second line. The third system covers the third line, ending with a double bar line. The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the 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

**January 31, 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 memory of all departed parents and grandparents.

**Today's 10:30 "Stay at Home" Worship Service will be broadcast**

- live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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](mailto: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.

***FPC Prayers for:***

Lois Hafer  
Cindy Pickett  
Jeff Howard  
Gretchen Lainson  
Carol Medsker  
Pastor Greg and family

Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)  
Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)  
Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's mom)  
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)  
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)  
The family of Rev. Roger Williams, (Colleen Schukei's dad)

Henry Black  
Rachael Lay  
Norris Swan and family  
Tommy Thomsen  
Craig and JoAnn Williams  
Paul Nuss and Family

Eleanor Oliver

Rev. Cheryl Ann Elfond

Mary Jeanne Cooke

***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***

- ♥ Nyla Burling, former Kenesaw resident, 103, who passed away 01/21/2021 at her home at College View in Hastings.

**February Communion offering is designated to the Salvation Army.**

*thinking  
OF YOU*

**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 --- February 1 – February 7, 2021

*Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through March for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 15 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 15 or fewer in attendance or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both to be coordinated by the church staff representative.*

<b>Mon, Feb 1</b>		<b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
<b>Tues, Feb 2</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> via Zoom Conferencing
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>WAM</b> via Zoom Conferencing
<b>Wed, Feb 3</b>	<b>10:00a-11:00a</b>	<b>PW Coordinating Team</b>
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Noonday Bible Study</b> via Zoom Conferencing
	<b>5:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group</b> Church youth room
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade In-Person Youth Group</b> PEACE Center youth room
<b>Thurs, Feb 4</b>	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Session</b> via Zoom Conferencing
<b>Sun, Feb 7</b>	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b>	<b>Heirs Apparent</b> via Zoom Conferencing
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>“Stay at Home” Worship Service</b>

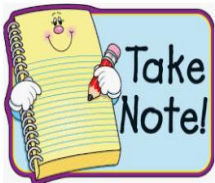


**LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

- 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 yours up!
2. The 2021 Jan/Feb/March Daily Bread Devotions have arrived, both large print and regular print.
3. Stephanie Brader, Director of Education for Children and Youth, is in need of magazines with “lots” of pictures, such as advertisements or in articles, for use in Sunday School curriculum.



**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](http://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.

The Store will be OPEN Sunday, 02/07, 03/21, and 03/28 from 1:00p-2:00p.

Covid rules will apply: masks are required, and 15 or fewer people with social distancing will be observed.

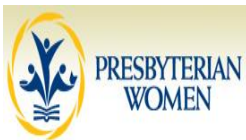


**Connecting with God and Each Other While We Worship Apart (Finding God in the Solitude of Covid Times/Five for Five)**

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>

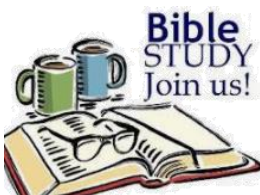


**Presbyterian Women** PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.



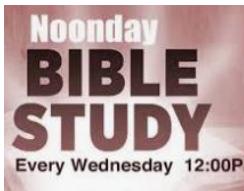
**Forum** Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session 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 02/21/2021 with a 6-part study on the Isenheim Altarpiece led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh.

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>

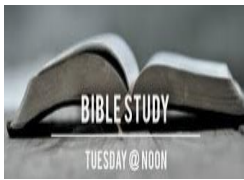


**Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School**, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Heirs Apparent is doing study entitled *Dream Big: know what you want, why you want it, and what you're going to do about it* by Bob Goff. We will continue meeting via zoom. To join this study, please email Curtis at [teece4@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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-5<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades:** We will be hosting in-person 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group on Wednesday evenings beginning on **February 3**. We'll plan to meet in the church basement youth room from **7pm-8pm**. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask**, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things.

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades:** We will be hosting in-person 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group on Wednesday evenings beginning on **February 3**. We'll plan to meet in the PEACE Center youth room from **7pm-8pm**. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask**, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things.

**In-Person Confirmation Class** for the current 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be on Wednesday evenings beginning on **February 3**, from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm at the church confirmation room. Dinner will be served and provided by one of the participating youth's family. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask** when not eating, and we will maintain proper distance from one another.



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