



## January 2, 2022 Baptism of Jesus

### PRELUDE

“The Heavens Declare”

*Benedetto Marcello*

*Louie Eckhardt, trumpet*

*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 (Isaiah 60)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

***The glory of the LORD has risen upon us!***

Lift up your eyes and look around;

***Then we shall see and be radiant; our hearts shall thrill and rejoice!***

***Come, let us worship God!***

### \*HYMN

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 72)

***Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but often we prefer to live in the darkness. Your justice protects the weak and distressed, yet we find ourselves seeking the shelter of power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and needy, yet we seek status and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and defenseless, yet we seek security through other means. Forgive our sins and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things.***

### SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news:

***Christ is the light of the world!***

Christ grants healing and forgiveness of our sins!

***Thanks be to God!***

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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## \*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

***And also, with you!***

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

To reduce the risk of disease transmission, please do not shake hands or hug people outside of your immediate family. Instead, maintain proper social distance, look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest and bowing your head to them or share some other appropriate sign.

## SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### BAPTISM

Ewan Thomas Eckhardt

Parents: Louie and Kristen Eckhardt

(While the family is coming up for the baptism the congregation will sing, “Jesus Loves Me.”)

### 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 his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God’s help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And, do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, “We do.” ***We 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.***

### BAPTISM SONG

“God Claims You”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Spirit of God, in the reading and proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 43:1-7

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

**“Baptized in Love”**

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“Sing of God Made Manifest” (vs. 1-2)

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

For the health and safety of our members, we will not pass a plate or collect gifts during the offering. You are invited to give by dropping your offering as you leave in the plates at the back of the sanctuary, dropping it in the outside locked tithing box located on the second brick column under the portico, mailing it in, or giving online: <a href="https://fpchastings.org/give-online/">https://fpchastings.org/give-online/</a>
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OFFERTORY

“Children of the Heavenly King”

*Alexander Matthews*

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Glorious God, we offer our gifts in gratitude, reverence, and thanksgiving for the birth of your child and for the celebration of the sacrament of baptism. Receive and bless this offering as a joyful sign of the boundless love and abundant life and light we are called to share in Christ. Amen.***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

***And also, with you.***

*Lift up your hearts.*

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## 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.***

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The pastors will instruct you when to open the bag for the bread and when to open the cup. We eat the bread and drink the cup together as a sign of unity in the Body of Christ.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***In this feast, you have made us one with you, O God. Enliven us with your Holy Spirit that we may be united in ministry in every place. Send us, in your marvelous light, into the world, ready to serve others and work for peace. We pray this in the triune name of God. Amen.***

## \*HYMN

“Go to the World”

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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

“Toccata”

*Johann Pachelbel*

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND  
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

[www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)  
10:30am service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

8:30am– CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZE-STYLE SERVICE

9:15am – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30am– TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ  
**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett  
**Director of Children & Family Parish**  
**Ministries:** Rose Koepp  
**Organist and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler  
**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson  
**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Teresa & Tim 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  
**Associate:** Kili Wenburg  
**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger  
**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer  
**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen  
**Church Office Administrator:** Sarah Allen  
**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

**Prayers for**

Mary Lewis  
Lois Hafer  
Bev Stein  
Greg Howard  
Rachael Lay  
Frank Georgiana  
Tommy Thomsen  
Carl Utley  
Shirley Gass  
Brad Davis  
Elaine Schumacher  
Melba Trehern  
Chris Wheeler  
Dr. Rev. Cheryl Ann Elfond  
Pam & Don Canady  
Tut Ruel Family  
Rich Portwood  
Michael Hahne  
Joan Shaw  
Barry Thomson



**In Memory of**

Joyce Harrenstein  
11/27/2021

Mary Lee Phelps  
12/14/2021

Katherine Sachtleben  
12/14/2021



**Every single tag on  
Our Giving Tree  
was taken...WOW!!**

**Thank you so much to the  
gracious members  
of our congregation  
who purchased  
gifts.**

**This is truly amazing.**

12/27 thru 12/31	Monday- Friday	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	<i>No Activities</i>
1/2/2022	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship	Sanctuary
<i>Happy New Year!</i>		<i>No Sunday School</i>	
<i>Baptism</i>	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
MON 1/3	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee (M-TH)	PEACE Gym/ NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	First Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
TUES 1/4	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson/Zoom
	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
WED 1/5	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan Deffenbaugh	Zoom
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:45p	WNL starts back up!	Fellowship Hall Check-In
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time	Fellowship Hall
	6:20p-6:50p	Cal/West Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:50p-7:30p	Cal/West Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	7:30p-8:30p	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Youth Group	Youth Group Room
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-7:30p	First Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Church Lower-Level
THURS 1/6	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed Meeting	TBD
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	Peace NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 1/7	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SUN 1/9	8:30a-9:15a	Taize Worship	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School	Various Locations
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	11:30a- done	Taking Down the Greens	Memorial Room

CHRISTMAS EVE  
WORSHIP  
ATTENDANCE



IN PERSON: COLLEGE VIEW 40

230 AT 5:30

156 AT 7:30

32 AT 11:00

ONLINE: 39 AT 5:30

60 AT 7:30

37 AT 11:00

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TAIZE  
WORSHIP

Taize-style worship  
will begin again  
1/9/2022 at 8:30am  
in the Sanctuary

*Taking Down  
the Greens*

Sunday  
January 9  
11:30am

The joy of Christmas continues on Sunday, January 9 with taking down the greens. Please join in the fellowship and this important task with your church family. We will begin immediately after the 10:30 service.



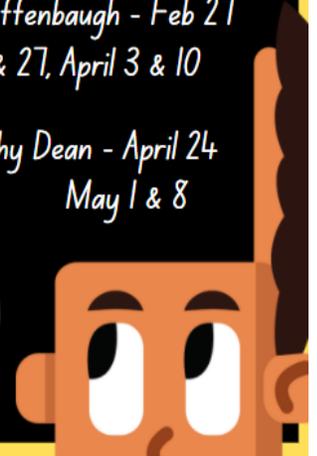
*Interrupting Violence - Jan 16 & 23*

*Reflections from a Hospice Chaplain - Jan 30, Feb 6 & 13*

*Lenten Learnings with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh - Feb 27  
March 20 & 27, April 3 & 10*

*Ecology & Theology with Dr. Dorothy Dean - April 24  
May 1 & 8*

Forum Series  
Spring 2022





**January 2, 2022**

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in loving memory of Gretchen and Hal Lainson on their wedding anniversary given by the Lainson family.

**FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Gretchen and Hal Lainson on their wedding anniversary given by the Lainson family; also, in memory of Dr. Robert Butz

**GREETERS 1/2/22:** Erica & Brent Brooks-Memorial Room; Daveta & Dick Brader - Narthex

**USHERS FOR JANUARY: Team #5 Ken Stein (Captain)**

Dale Behrens      Matt Fong      Julie Thomsen

**ACOLYTES 1/2/22:** Grady Hogan and Raegan Welsch



*Welcoming all; Living the love of God and neighbor;  
Seeking to transform ourselves, our community, and our  
world to be more Christ-like through service, worship,  
prayer, education and fellowship.*