



Sunday, January 9, 2022
Epiphany of our Lord

PRELUDE

“Fugue in C Major”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Linda Vollweiler, organ

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

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION

When have you encountered God during your journey of faith?

INTROIT

“He Came Down”

Cameroon Song

Chancel Choir, Robin Koozer, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

Was it the bells that called you here this morning? Was it a star in the night sky?

No, not really, though the bells are certainly a nice touch.

Then what was it, my friends?

It was an inkling that we’d find something sacred. It was a memory that told us we’d found the holy in this place and in these people before.

Did you come here because you felt that you were missing something?

No, we came here because there has been placed within our hearts a particular kind of desire, a desire to participate in good things, in hopeful things, in loving and kind things.

I see. Those who gather here come not because they feel they are missing something but because they feel they have found something.

That’s right. In this house, we’ve found the presence of God, and that has made all the difference.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What leads me down the roads of life? What leads me to one path over another? Convenience, sometimes. Familiarity with others. I don’t want to be challenged. I don’t want to move into the unknown. I pick my paths through life because I think they will lead me to some gain, some enhancement, some benefit to my own life and enjoyment. And in so doing, I ignore, O God, the roads that have no destination other than you. Forgive me, O God, for following the well-worn pathways of greed, arrogance, and consumption. Bring me back to the streets and highways of righteousness, those paths that lead me to an encounter with you.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

What worldly path have you been following? What destination have you been seeking?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God restores our souls.

God leads us down righteous paths.

God forgives our sins.

God is gracious and just.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

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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.)

<p>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.</p>

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Jane Marsh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Reclaim us, O God, with your Word. Renew us with your Wisdom.
Empower us with your Spirit. Amen.***

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM

“The Work of Christmas”

Dan Forrest

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

“Led by Joy” or “A World Full of Roads” Damen Jensen-Heitmann

*HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

OFFERING

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: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY

“March of the Wise Men”

arr. Phillip Keveren

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To you, O God, we give these gifts and our very selves. May they bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.

THE 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

"What Child is This"

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*BENEDICTION

*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 G Major"

Henry Kilkenny

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

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THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Rev. Willard Payne by the Payne family.

FLOWERS on the pulpit represent the love of our beloved congregation, those who are with us and those who we have lost.

GREETERS 01/09/22: Melissa Davis and Vonda Essex-Memorial Room; Lesa & Steve Cropley-Narthex

GREETERS 01/16/22: Karen & Roger Doerr-Memorial Room; Alice Throckmorton-Narthex

USHERS FOR January: Team #5 Ken Stein (Captain)
Dale Behrens Matt Fong Julie Thomsen

ACOLYTES 01/09/22: Luna Epp and Stella Adam

ACOLYTES 01/16/22: Caroline Ourada and Sophia Hemje

NURSERY VOLUNTEER 01/16/21: Kristen Eckhardt

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

8:30 am: Taize Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 am: Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with the Cal/West Choir; broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

10:30 am service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

SUN 1/9	8:30a-9:15a	Taize Service	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School	Various opportunities
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
	11:30a-done	Taking Down the Greens	Memorial Room
MON 1/10	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers, Walkers Coffee (M-TH)	PEACE Gym & NW Classroom
	11:30a-2:00p	PEO Chapter GK	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Memorial Committee	Kessler Room
	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
TUE 1/11	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson/Zoom
	4:30a-5:30p	Global Mission	Confirmation Room
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life	Anderson
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees	Kessler/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	NE Classroom
WED 1/12	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Dan D.	Zoom
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Food Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:45p	WNL	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time	Fellowship Hall
	6:20p-6:50p	Cal/West Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:50-7:30p	Cal/West Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	7:30p-8:30p	6 th -12 th Youth Group	Youth Room
	6:30p-7:30p	First Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
THURS 1/13	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 1/14	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SAT 1/15	8:30a-1:00p	United Harvest	PEACE Center
SUN 1/16	8:30a-9:15a	Taize Worship	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Bible Study	Various Opportunities
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum- Interrupting Violence	Zoom
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room