



January 23, 2022
Third Sunday
after Epiphany

PRELUDE "Concerto No. 2" J.S. Bach
Allegro
Linda Vollweiler, organ

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Lord Be Glorified" Kilpatrick/arr. Helman
Chancel Bells, Byron Jensen, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 36)
The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the earth proclaims his handiwork.
The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN "Let Us Build a House: All Are Welcome" 301

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Ever present One, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world, but too often we get caught up in the details and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us. We fracture into pieces. We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole. You have given us your law to be our guide, but we turn our backs on what we see as rules and restrictions, fearful that we will not live up to your expectations. Help us see with new eyes, and hear with the ears of our heart, the liberating spirit of the law that strengthens and revives and enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do. O God of liberation and justice, help us be faithful witnesses to your law of love and unity.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Spirit of God is upon us!

God has called us to bring good news and liberation to the poor and the suffering.

God's joy is our strength.

Through God we can do all things.

God's Spirit surrounds us with forgiveness and love.

Alleluia! Amen!

*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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koeppe

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, stories and histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit which inspired these words also inspire our hearts today as we hear them read and proclaimed, and may our lives reflect the mission of Jesus. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

ANTHEM

“Christ of the Upward Way”
Chancel Choir, Robin Koozer, director

arr. Gilbert M. Wilson

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

“Living with Joy: Blessed for Good!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Brief Statement of Faith from the PC(USA), 1983

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY “How Can I Keep from Singing” *Lowry/arr. Sherman*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. 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 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*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

“Sinfonia”

Henry Purcell

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

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(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

9:15am – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30am – TRADITIONAL SERVICE
11:30am – ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us in January for our Sermon Series:

Living with Joy

Jan. 2: Baptized in Love (Luke 3)

Jan. 16: Called to Delight (John 2)

Jan. 9: Led by Joy (Matthew 2)

Jan. 23: Blessed for Good (Luke 4)

Jan. 30: Invited to Love and Serve (Jeremiah 1)

This series explores what it means to live a meaningful and joyful life.
Rather than focusing on the "fresh start" of the New Year, we will focus on our ongoing identity in Christ.
We will find the joy already present in our lives and reflect together
on God's continuing presence and inspiration for our daily living.

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Attention Parents: an email was sent out on January 12 with an acolyte sign up sheet. Please take a moment to fill that out. If you did not receive the email, contact Rose Koepp: rose@fpchastings.org

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THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah and Arich Fruehling.

FLOWERS on the pulpit are given in memory of Gretchen Lainson by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss and Overmiller families; also, in memory of all departed parents and grandparents- given anonymously.

GREETERS 01/23/22: Anne Bohlke and Stephanie Bliss-Memorial Room; Sarah Allen-Narthex

GREETERS 01/30/22: Linda & Richard Johnson-Memorial Room; Sarah Allen-Narthex

USHERS FOR January: Team #5 Ken Stein (Captain)

Dale Behrens Matt Fong Julie Thomsen

ACOLYTES 01/23/22: Ashton Essink and Evan Turner

ACOLYTES 01/30/22: Faith Brader and Grace Brader

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Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mary Lewis

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Michael Hahne

Tony Davis

Carl Utley



IN MEMORY OF:

Joyce Harrenstein 11/27/21

Katherine Sachtleben 12/14/21

Mary Lee Phelps 12/14/21

Mary Jeanne Cooke 1/10/22

Glenn Hunnicutt 1/13/22



Please keep **Marsha Nelson** and her family in your prayers. Her mother, Dama Lind, died unexpectedly on Sunday, January 16. Dama celebrated her 100th birthday December 29 with all her kids present, along with friends and family members. We wish them all peace at this difficult time.



Meal Train: On Saturday, 1/15, Tony Davis fell and ended up with a brain bleed. He was rushed to the hospital where he had surgery to relieve the pressure. He spent a few nights in the hospital and is now home on bed rest. Tony and Tarah just had their first child in November, beautiful baby Taralyn. Tarah was scheduled to go back to work from maternity leave this week. We are setting up a meal train to provide them support as Tony recovers from his surgery and hospitalization and Tarah goes back to work. Thank you for your help! <https://mealtrain.com/z2gl4y>



Brooks's Bookshelf: The Borrell family would like to thank First Presbyterian Church for the continued support of their nonprofit organization. Brooks's Bookshelf was created in 2019 in honor of their son to help share the joy of reading and to spread awareness of Down Syndrome and other uniqueness. If you would like to donate new or gently used children's books, there is a donation bin in the Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, January 30 at 11:30am is the **Annual Congregational Meeting** (immediately following out 10:30 worship service.) Anyone can attend, and all members of the church can vote. At this meeting, we will elect new church officers to The Session, Board of Trustees and Deacons. We will also receive reports from various committees and we will be presented with the annual budget. Pastor Greg will share what happened in the life of the church over the last year in his presentation of the annual report. We hope you can join us!



Happy Heavenly Birthday, **Jerry Norberg**, Dad.
Love, your family- Sharon Norberg, Lori & Barry Watts and grandchildren.



The **elevator renovation** will start on **Monday, January 24** and is expected to last for approximately **one month**. The elevator will not be in use during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Join in for the next Forum Series, held via Zoom, during the Sunday School Hour.

Langenberg Music Program

You are invited to participate in a very exciting program offered by the First Presbyterian Church, Hastings. Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, a program was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms will be available in the church office and on the church website starting January 12, 2022. **DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING GRANT PROGRAM IS FEBRUARY 1, 2022. ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.**

If you have any questions regarding this program, please call the church office, 402-462-5147. We hope you will consider taking advantage of this wonderful program.

Langenberg Music Scholarship applications are now available. Deadline 2/1/22.

SUN 1/23	8:30a-9:15a	Taize-Style Worship	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	12:00p-12:30p	Music Planning Meeting	Parlor
MON 1/24	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
	5:30p-6:30p	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
TUES 1/25	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	11:45a-1:15p	Habitat for Humanity	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
WED 1/26	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study w/Dan	Zoom
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE
	4:00p-6:45p	WNL 1 st -5 th grades	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	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	Fellowship Hall
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Memorial Room
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	7:30p-8:30p	Youth Group	Youth Room
	6:30p-7:30p	First Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
THURS 1/27	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 1/28	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111 Church
SUN 1/30		<i>No Taize Service</i>	
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	
	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	Congregation Meeting	Sanctuary