

January 15, 2023 Second Sunday After Epiphany

John the Baptist Identifies Jesus as the "Lamb of God" (1465) Painting on the Altar of St. Catherine in Schwabach, Germany

PRELUDE

"Toccata in C, BWV 564" Organist Dr. Jens Korndoerfer

J.S. Bach

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

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Make a Joyful Noise" Kevin McChesney
Calvin/Westminster Handbell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

To all who are searching for grace and truth,

Come! Join us as we journey and learn together!

To all who are searching for meaning and purpose,

Come! Join us as we journey and learn together!

To all who are searching for abundant life,

Come! Join us as we journey and learn together!

God, call us together to explore our faith with curiosity and humility!

Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ. Forgive us:

...for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate,

...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,

...for the times we have hoarded our abundance,

...for the times we have turned away from your children in need. For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION How can I be less judgmental and more humble?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us!

The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

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.)

In this cold and flu season, we are encouraging safety. Instead of shaking hands or hugging, you can 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 sharing some other appropriate sign.



SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom, by the power of your Holy Spirit invite us into your Word. Give us ears to hear, wisdom to understand, and courage to answer your call to us today. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

ANTHEM

"Walk in the Light" J. Paul Williams and Larry Shakeley Calvin/Westminster Choir, director Linda Johnson

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – John 1:29-42

MESSAGE

"The Gift of Curiosity"

Greg Allen-Pickett

Epiphany Sermon Series: Gifts that keep on giving

*HYMN

"How Great Thou Art" (vs. 1,4)

625

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the 1991 PC(USA) "A Brief Statement of Faith")

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage:

- to pray without ceasing,
- to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
- to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
- to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and
- to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

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

"Canzona Quarta"

Girolamo Frescobaldi

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received.

Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, 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.

*HYMN

"We All Are One in Mission"

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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Walk in the Light (reprise)"
Calvin/Westminster Choir, director Linda Johnson

*POSTLUDE

"Widor's Toccata"

Widor

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

8:30 AM – CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZE-STYLE SERVICE 9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 10:30 AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE

The 10:30 service is also broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM streamed live at: www.facebook.com/fpchastings

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

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Atha Borley by family and friends.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of departed parents and grandparents-given anonymously.

Ushers: (Team #5) Captain-Ken Stein, Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen

January Greeters

| JANUARY | MEMORIAL ROOM | NARTHEX | |
|---------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Erica & Brent Brooks | Daveta & Dick Brader | |
| 8 | Lesa & Steve Cropley Melissa Davis | | |
| 15 | Karen & Roger Doerr | Karen & Roger Doerr Andrew Barrows | |
| 22 | Jan Bolliger | Bolliger Vonda Essex | |
| 29 | Linda & Richard Johnson | Curtis Reimer | |

Prayers for

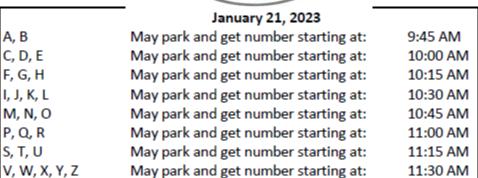
Shirley Maul
Barry Thomson
Christian Fruehling
Stephen Gass
Bev Stein
Greg Howard
Irina Belikova-Erickson
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Family of Sharon Harvey
Tarah Davis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond
Brad Davis
Roberta Lloyd and family

Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
BJ Pumroy & family
Elaine Schumacher
Melba Trehern
Family of Michael Hahne
Dave Schawang
Katie Reynolds & family
Jenni Bauer
Sally Smith
Linda Cooke

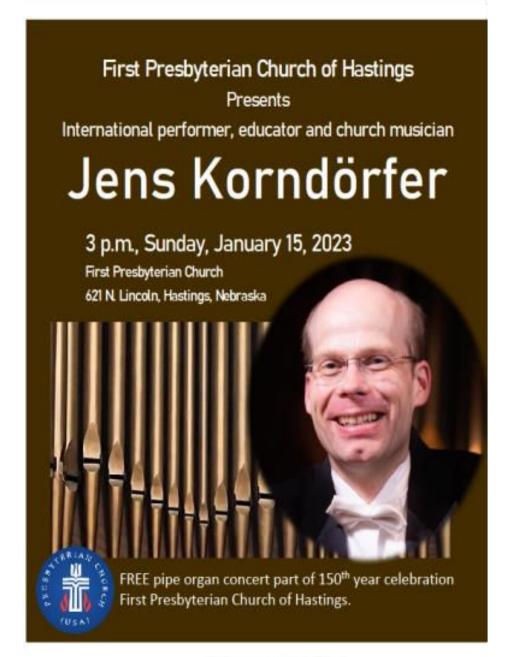
In loving memory of

Sharon Harvey, who passed away on 12/7/22 Michael Hahne, who passed away on 12/20/22





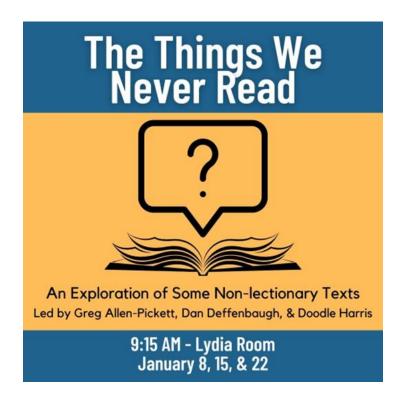






Volunteer Tax Preparers Needed

A Free Tax Preparation Clinic will be taking place in Hastings for several days in January and February to help families complete their taxes and we need volunteer Tax Preparers! No experience is needed and you will receive training to help people complete simple returns. This is a rewarding opportunity to volunteer for 5-20 hours over one or several days to help families receive Tax Credits they are eligible for. Contact Brady at 402-461-8417 or complete this form for more information: https://bit.ly/VITAHastings





Feat. Wendy Gwenapp of NE Children & Families & The United Way



We currently have 19 people Registered for the trip. There is still space Available.

Deadline for registration For the Scotland Trip Is February 1, 2023.

We hope you will consider joining us.

For more information visit: https://bit.ly/FPCHScotland

Faith Journeys

Langenberg Lesson Applications for Spring 2023 are now available.

Parent(s) 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. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. Although grants are renewable, parents MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.

Applications are available in the church office or on the church website and are DUE APRIL 1, 2023

| Sunday 1/15 | 8:30am-9:15am | Taizé Service | Chapel |
|---------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| | 9:15am-10:15am | Confirmation/Sunday School | various |
| | 10am-10:30am | HAW Store open | Narthex |
| | 10:30am | Traditional Worship Service | In person, Facebook, Radio |
| | 11:30am-12pm | HAW Store open | Narthex |
| | 3pm | Jens Korndoerfer concert with | Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall |
| | | reception to follow | |
| | 5-7pm | Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group | Various |
| Monday 1/16 | Church Office Cl | ice Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day | |
| | 1-3pm | First Pres Pickleball | PEACE Gym |
| | 6-8pm | Mexican Folkloric Dance | PEACE NE classroom |
| | 7-9pm | Chorus of the Plains | Choir room |
| Tuesday 1/17 | 10am-11am | Staff Meeting | In-person |
| | 12pm-1pm | Bible Study | Anderson Room/ZOOM |
| | 6:45pm | Deacons Meet | Anderson |
| | 7-8pm | CCC Dog Obedience | PEACE NE Classroom |
| Wednesday | 9:30am-10:30am | PW Circles 1 & 2 | Parlor |
| 1/18 | | | |
| | 12pm | Noonday Book Club | Sbbrooks52@gmail.com |
| | 1:15pm-2:15pm | PW Circle 3 | Library |
| | 5pm-6:45pm | PreK-5 th grade WNL | Various |
| | 6:45pm-7:45pm | Chancel Choir | Choir Room |
| | 7:30pm-8:15pm | Chancel Bells | Bell Room |
| | 6:30pm-9pm | Woodcarvers | Basement |
| Thursday 1/19 | 5:30pm-7:30pm | Session meeting | Anderson Room |
| | 6pm-8pm | Mexican Folkloric Dance | PEACE NE Classroom |
| | 7pm-8pm | Cub Scouts | Scout Room |
| Friday 1/20 | 10am-12pm | Mahjong Ladies | Room 111 |
| Saturday 1/21 | | United Harvest | |
| Sunday 1/22 | 8:30am-9:15am | Taizé Service | Chapel |
| | 9:15am-10:15am | Confirmation/Sunday School Hour | Various |
| | 10am-10:30am | HAW store open | Narthex |
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| | 5pm-7pm | Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group | various |

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

Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler Chancel Choir Director: Brett Epperson

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Director of Children & Family

Ministries: Rose Koepp

Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey