



## ***January 22, 2023 Third Sunday After Epiphany***

### **PRELUDE**

**“Toccata in D minor”  
Organist Linda Vollweiler**

***J.S. Bach***

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

### **WELCOME**

**Greg Allen-Pickett**

### **INTROIT**

**“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”  
Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Damen Jensen-Heitmann**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?**

***The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?***

**We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds this morning**

***Come let us worship God who is our light and our salvation!***

### **\*HYMN**

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

**12**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***God of our light and our salvation, sometimes we prefer to live in darkness, embracing the safety and anonymity of the shadows and resisting the change that comes from following your light. We delight in our divisions, believing we are better than others; sometimes the yoke of our calling feels too heavy or scary, and we seek to slip out from under the bar across our shoulders.***

***Forgive our fear. Forgive our aversion to the light. Forgive our unresponsiveness to your call.***

***Help us know deep in our souls that you are our light and our salvation, our joy and our wonder, our very life. Give us courage to follow you.***

## SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

*How can I seek to take risks and walk in the light of God?*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God of light and love hears us when we cry aloud.

***We have nothing to fear.***

Know that this God of light wraps us in comforting arms,

***God lifts us from the darkness of our guilt and sin and forgives us once and for all.***

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

***Alleluia! Amen!***

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

582

### \*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.

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### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sarah Scott

### SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

While the children are coming forward the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me.”

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of epiphanies, you reveal yourself to us in many ways. Free us from the distractions that turn our focus away from you, your light, and your holy Word. Open us to the truth you reveal to us today. Amen.***

### 1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 27:1, 4-9

### ANTHEM

“O Rejoice Ye Christians, Loudly”

*J.S. Bach*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 4:12-23

MESSAGE

**“The Gift of Bold Action”**  
Epiphany Sermon Series: Gifts that keep on giving

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN

“You Walk Along Our Shoreline”

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

***We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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.***

***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.)

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Donation QR Code

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

“Hymn of Promise” Natalie Sleeth/arr. M.L Thompson  
Chancel Handbell Choir, director Byron Jensen

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Holy God, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ’s ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. 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

“Come, Labor On”

719

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

\*POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

*arr. Larry Shackley*

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

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](http://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 Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah and Arich Fruehling.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Gretchen Lainson by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss and Overmiller families.

**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	Andrew Barrows
22	Jan Bolliger	Vonda Essex
29	Linda & Richard Johnson	Curtis Reimer

# Scotland

June 15 – 24, 2023

*Including an Optional Extension June 24 – 28*

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Church of Hastings**

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Group Number: 23035



The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett  
Tour Host

 Faith Journeys

*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>*

## The Things We Never Read



An Exploration of Some Non-lectionary Texts

Led by Greg Allen-Pickett, Dan Deffenbaugh, & Doodle Harris

**9:15 AM - Lydia Room  
January 8, 15, & 22**

*Let Them Come to Me*  
Access to Quality Child Care  
& Why It Matters For Everyone

Jan. 29  
Feb. 5  
Feb. 12



Lydia Room  
9:15 A.M.

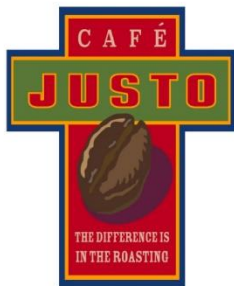
**Feat. Wendy Gwenapp of NE Children &  
Families & The United Way**



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 11:30AM, FPC SANCTUARY

# Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



## Increase in coffee prices

Effective January 1, 2023 the  
new price of coffee is:

Regular- \$11

Decaf-\$12

Coffee is available for purchase  
in the HAW Store and in the  
Church Office

<b>Sunday 1/22</b>	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School Hour	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	In-person/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5pm-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
<b>Monday 1/23</b>	1pm-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres. Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	5:30-6:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 1/24</b>	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity Board	Parlor
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 1/25</b>	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm-7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 1/26</b>	5:30pm-7:30pm	Session Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Friday 1/27</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong ladies	Room 111
<b>Sunday 1/29</b>	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School Hour	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12:30pm	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	5-7pm	Jr.High/Sr. High Youth Group	various

## Congregational Potluck

Sunday, February 5  
following the 10:30am worship  
service

### Last Name

### Bring

A-G

Dessert

H-M

Salad or Veggie

N-Z

Main Dish

# *January Communion Offering*

## *MentoringWorks*

MentoringWorks is a non-profit mentoring agency based in Hastings, Nebraska. We are passionate about mentoring and providing opportunities for people to connect and build relationships that are mutually rewarding. We currently have two different programs, our CareerConnect Program and our SchoolConnect Program. Our CareerConnect Program pairs junior and senior high school students with area manufacturing, healthcare and business administration professionals for a mentored career exploration experience. Mentees and Mentors meet in the mentor's workplace twice a month for 1-2 hours. The program is designed to work with students who are ready to take their exploration to the next level and are interested in real world learning. Our SchoolConnect program matches elementary students in K-5th grade(mentee) with high school and college students ages 16-22(mentor). Having a mentor gives the mentee a caring individual with whom they can share their thoughts as well as a friend to enjoy activities with. This then improves the mentee's ability to build social and emotional wellness, develop life skills, and expand their world view. Matches meet once per week for 30-45 minutes during the school day. Matches are encouraged to be creative together and do activities that they both enjoy.

We are currently seeking mentors for both our CareerConnect and SchoolConnect programs. We are also looking for individuals that are interested in serving on our Board of Directors. If you are interested in becoming a part of our mission, we would love to speak to you! You can reach us by email at [director@mentoringworksne.org](mailto:director@mentoringworksne.org) or phone at (402)463-5652.

### **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**



# 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*

*Sarah 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*

## ***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 Choir Directors:** Tim and Teresa Canady

**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver

**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