January 8, 2023
First Sunday After Epiphany
Baptism of Jesus

PRELUDE "We Three Kings" *Jack Gale*

Cathedral Brass: Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Maria Pytlik, trumpet; Eric Linke, horn; Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

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

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "These Treasured Children" 487
(Verses 3 & 4)
Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP Damen Jensen-Heitmann

In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light.
We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.
God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, joined to Christ and one another through the sacrament of baptism.
The water of baptism brings us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.
This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' baptism.
As we remember his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God. Come, let us worship our God who loves us and calls us his own!

*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 475
Linda Vollweiler, organist

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have entered the season in which your light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet we find ourselves thinking about our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Through the reminder of the baptismal waters, wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' name.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

How can I embrace my identity as a beloved child of God and share it with others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.

Rejoice! This is the Good News of our Lord!

In the name of 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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SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN Jane Marsh

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.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 42:1-9

ANTHEM "We Will Be Your Church" Tina English

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 3:13-17

MESSAGE **"The Gift of Committed Community"** Greg Allen-Pickett
Epiphany Sermon Series: Gifts that keep on giving

*HYMN "Sing of God Made Manifest" (vs. 1-2) 156

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/

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OFFERTORY "Go in Grace and Make Disciples" 296
(Verses 2 & 1)
Dr. Louie Eckhardt & Maria Pytlik, flugelhorns

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Giver of all that is good, may the gifts that we bring today— gifts of money, energy, and commitment— be gathered up into your great love, and through us, may your hope overflow more and more into all the 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 "Go to the World" 295

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go to the World"
(Verse 1)

*POSTLUDE "Canzona per sonare No. 2" *Giovanni Gabrieli*

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 Rev. Willard Payne by the Payne family.

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church.

ACOLYTE: Vivian Fong

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		Vonda Essex
29	Linda & Richard Johnson	

Greeters:
We are in need of Greeters for the following services in January: January 22 and January 29 Please let Melissa know in the Church Office (402-462-5147 or melissa@fpchastings.org) if you are able to help out. Thank you!

FLOWER & RADIO MEMORIALS

There are openings throughout the year for both flower and radio memorials. Please contact Melissa in the office or Mary Olsen (402-462-2811 molsen@charter.net) Donations are greatly appreciated.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Presents

International performer, educator and church musician

Jens Korndörfer

3 p.m., Sunday, January 15, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

621 N. Lincoln, Hastings, Nebraska

FREE pipe organ concert part of 150th year celebration
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

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

Sunday 1/8	8:30am-9:30am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
	5-7PM	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
Monday 1/9	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	Open gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	Peace NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir room
Tuesday 1/10	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	4pm	Global Mission Committee	Confirmation Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life	
	5:45pm	Trustees Meeting	Anderson/Zoom
Wednesday 1/11	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-7pm	PreK-5th grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel choir	Choir room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 1/12	5pm	Personnel Committee	As needed
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/13	10am-12pm	Mahjong ladies	Room 111
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 Korndörfer concert with reception to follow	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High	various

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE

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
James Freetly & Laura Ferdinand
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