

January 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

PRELUDE

"Toccata" Organist Linda Vollweiler Theodore Dubois

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

BELL INTROIT

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Robert Jackson

Praise and Alleluia Bells, director Dr. Susan Oliver

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 71)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;

Deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me;

For you are my rock and my fortress.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust.

My praise is continually of you. Come, let us worship God, who loves us and calls us to love one another!

*HYMN

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" (vs. 1, 3-4) Dr. Amanda Boyd, song leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We seek your forgiveness, your reconciliation and your strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has always been with us, calling us and inviting us to receive and share God's love.

Let us place our trust in God's presence and forgiving love.

Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, we all are forgiven and loved!

Allehija! 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In your Holy Word, you teach us about what love looks like in the world: humility, mercy, peace. This morning may your Word teach us again the great message of your blessings and love. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING - Micah 6:1, 6-8

ANTHEM "Blessing" Natalie Sleeth
Praise and Alleluia Choir, director Teresa Canady

O may the peace of God be with you evermore, and may the power of His great love your soul again restore, and may you feel His hand upon you day by day to strengthen and sustain you along your way.

Oh, may He be your guide as long as life shall last and in the time of trial may His strong arm hold you fast, and may you always know His never-ending care, and may His gracious Spirit be with you everywhere.

O may the peace of God be with you evermore, and may the power of his great love your soul again restore, and may you always know His never-ending care, and may His gracious Spirit be with you everywhere. MESSAGE "The Gift of Prophetic Challenge"

Greg Allen-Pickett

Epiphany Sermon Series: Gifts that keep on giving

*HYMN

"Blest Are They" (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the 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

"Amazing Grace"

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts of self and substance.
They have belonged to you since our very beginning.
We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully. With them, we praise you.
With them, we celebrate the great power that is love—
a love that abides always,
a love that radically transforms,
a love that makes us whole. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*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!

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

8:30am – CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL WITH COMMUNION 9:15am – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES 10:30am – YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church.

ACOLYTES Raegan Welsch, Lincoln Welsch

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		Melissa Davis
15	15 Karen & Roger Doerr Andrew Barrows	
22	22 Jan Bolliger Vonda Essex	
29	Linda & Richard Johnson	Curtis Reimer

FEBRUARY USHERS AND GREETERS

USHERS: February (Team #6) Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Andrew Barrows Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

February Greeters

FEBRUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
5	Jan Ham	Julie Thomsen	Susie Graham
12	Flossie Sanderson		Pat & Dick Kleiber
19	Gifts of Women Sunday		
26	Jane Foote	Mary Fisk	Bonnie & Kenton Grams

Sunday 1/29	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
- 12		1 st Pres. Pickleball	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains rehearsal	Choir room
Tuesday 1/31	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12-1pm	Bible Study	In-person/Zoom
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 2/1	11-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
,	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Luncheon and Program	Fellowship Hall
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 th grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 2/2	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 2/3	10am-12pm	Church Women United	Parlor
	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Sunday 2/5	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	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am	Congregational Potluck	Fellowship Hall
	11:30-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various

Happening Today!





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



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

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

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

Prayers for

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
Don Rasmussen
Freddie Petersen
John Northrop
Jenni Welsch



In loving memory of

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



Group Number: 23035

Faith Journeys

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

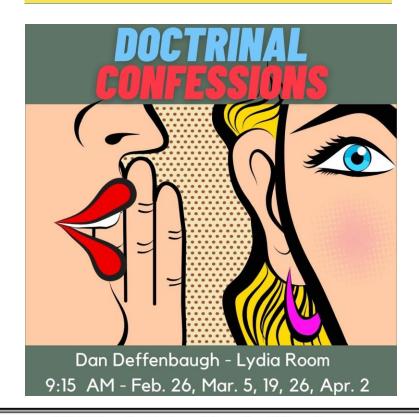
Deadline for registration For the Scotland Trip Is February 1, 2023.

We hope you will consider joining us.

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



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



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Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

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