

First Presbyterian Church

Greg Allen-Pickett, Senior Pastor

Damen Jensen-Heitmann, Associate Pastor



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Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I hope and pray that you had a blessed Advent and Christmas season. Here at the church, I thought we had a faithful and meaningful season of anticipation during Advent. It started with our Hanging of the Greens, a Christmas craft event, and a concert by Cathedral Brass. We prayed together all month using our Advent devotional guide and gave generously through the reverse Advent calendar and the Giving Tree. Advent worship included glorious music led by our organist, church choirs and bell choirs, and an incredible children's Christmas program that told us the story of God coming to earth in a delightful and thoughtful way (and it was sure precious to see our children and youth leading worship with such joy!) We also hosted a Blue Christmas service on December 21st for people experiencing grief during the holiday season.

Our Christmas Eve services shared the good news of Jesus' birth and what that means for all of us to more than 550 people in our church family, our community, and beyond with the help of our broadcast ministries. We continued our tradition of bringing our Christmas Eve service to the residents of College View retirement community at 2pm with some help from our organist and members of our Chancel Choir. Our 5:30 family service was packed and there were more than 50 children there with their families. Our 7:30 service was full of great music provided by our organist, our choir, and the Cathedral Brass as we reflected on what it means for God to come "in the flesh." Our 11pm contemplative service was beautiful with special music that set the perfect mood to hear the story of Christ's birth. If you've never attended that service, I encourage you to check it out next year.

Christmas Day fell on a Sunday this year, and Pastor Damen led a delightful Christmas Birthday Brunch service in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the birth of Jesus with more incredible music and reflections on the meaning of Christmas.

It was truly a blessed season in the life of our church. We could not have done it without the support of so many including our amazing church staff, many volunteers, everyone who gave to the Giving Tree and reverse Advent calendar projects, and everyone who showed up to our various events and worship services. Thank you for your support of our beloved church!

We now begin the season of Epiphany which will take us through January and February. I will be preaching a sermon series during this season entitled, "Gifts that keep on giving." With the commercial gift-giving season behind us, this series will focus on some of God's unexpected gifts that we can enjoy long after we put away the Christmas decorations - gifts that reveal themselves in new ways as time goes on. We will focus on gospel readings, including the Sermon on the Mount. Through this series, we will recognize the gifts that God shares with humanity and realize they are ours to receive if we are bold and loving enough to accept them.

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I hope and pray we can continue the momentum that we built in 2022 as we begin 2023 and prepare to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our church. Stay tuned for a lot of exciting events in the coming months as we continue to share the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg

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The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Tour Host



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

Removal of the Greens

Sunday
January 8
11:30am

The joy of Christmas continues on Sunday, January 8 with removal of the greens. Please join in the fellowship and important time and effort with your church family.

We will begin immediately after the 10:30am service.



First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Presents

International performer, educator and church musician

Jens Korndörfer

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

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621 N. Lincoln, Hastings, Nebraska



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

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



Sunday 1/1	10:30am	Traditional Worship	In-person/Facebook/Radio
Monday 1/2		Church Office Closed	
Tuesday 1/3	5:30pm-6:30pm	United Harvest	PEACE NW Classroom
Wednesday 1/4	11am-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir room
	7:30-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 1/5	5:30pm-6:30pm	Christian Ed Meeting	
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout room
Friday 1/6	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
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	1 st 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-5 th 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 Korndorfer concert with reception to follow	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High	various



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jim Duval 1/1	Dale Behrens 1/14	
Nyareak Deng 1/1	Marie Rasmussen 1/14	
Duane Ochsner 1/4	Caleb Schukei 1/15	
Dan Zabloudil 1/4	Kristen Schwarz 1/15	
Carla Fike 1/5	Ann Koozer 1/16	
Liam Carmona 1/5	Mike Karloff 1/16	Quinnlee Stokely 1/25
Brady Rhodes 1/6	LaVern Davis 1/16	Deacon Stokely 1/25
June Nielsen 1/6	Rich McKenzie 1/17	Laura Little 1/26
Linda Carllson 1/6	Kathy Reimer 1/18	Lulu Schmidt 1/27
Paul Krieger 1/6	Kathy Illingworth 1/19	Leslie Christensen 1/27
Robert Nedderman 1/7	Joni McCoy 1/20	Jessica Meeske 1/28
Harper Launchbaugh 1/9	Nancy Grams 1/22	Erica Brooks 1/28
Larry Butler 1/11	Barry Thomson 1/22	Jim Freeburger 1/28
Robin Koozer 1/11	Shanda Spurgeon 1/23	Sue Armstrong 1/29
Erin Gastmann 1/14	Melissa Davis 1/24	Javae Redinger 1/30
Maddux Pumroy 1/14	Morgan Karloff 1/25	Gaylon Hermann 1/30



Stacy & Neil Kerr- 1/2/1999

Kim & Gaylon Hermann- 1/17/1986

We have recently introduced QR codes as convenient options to Sign-In for worship attendance and to donate.

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Sign-In QR Code



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Donation QR Code

iPhone and iPad users

- Open the Camera app from the Home Screen, Control Center, or Lock Screen.
- Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app.
- Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

Android users

- Open the built-in camera app.
- Point the camera at the QR code.
- Tap the banner that appears on your phone or tablet.



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
Family of Ken Fike
BJ Pumroy & family
Elaine Schumacher
Melba Trehern
Family of Michael Hahne
Dave Schawang
Katie Reynolds & family
James Freetly & Laura Ferdinand
Jenni Bauer
Sally Smith

In loving memory of
Ken Fike, who passed
away on 11/5/22
Sharon Harvey, who passed
away on 12/7/22
Michael Hahne, who passed
away on 12/20/22



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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 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