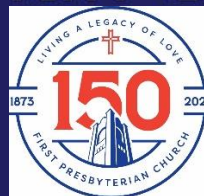


# First Presbyterian Church

Greg Allen-Pickett, Senior Pastor

Damen Jensen-Heitmann, Associate Pastor



## Home Page

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

We have now entered the season of Epiphany, which is that time that falls between Christmas and the season of Lent. The Epiphany event in our bible is the manifestation of Christ to the world in the story of the Magi in Matthew 2:1–12, which Rev. Doodle Harris preached about on January 1<sup>st</sup>. An “epiphany” is defined as a moment of sudden revelation or insight. So we will spend the next few weeks opening ourselves up to revelations and insights about God.

I am preaching a sermon series entitled “Gifts that Keep on Giving” that will hopefully open our hearts and minds to some of the gifts that God gives us. I’m sure that many of you received and gave gifts around the Christmas holiday. Now that we are past Christmas, and the sometimes overly commercialized gift-giving season, we are going to focus on some of God’s unexpected gifts that we can enjoy not just in December, but throughout the year, and throughout our lives. These gifts that we will study over the next six weeks reveal themselves in new ways as time goes on. So, we are going to study the stories in the gospels that mark the start of Jesus’ earthly ministry and demonstrate these gifts that God extends to us, and are ours to receive and enjoy if we are bold and loving enough to accept them. On January 8 we studied the gift of “Committed Community” that is found in the baptismal vows we make every time we baptize a member of our church. Last week we studied the curiosity that God gives us to explore our faith and I shared about my daughter’s curiosity and her many questions. Next week we will study the call to bold action as read about Jesus gathering his first disciples in Matthew 4. The following week we will study the gift of prophetic challenge that we find in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. And we will conclude by reflecting on the gift of outrageous grace that is freely shared with us through the birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

We hope you will be able to join us for this sermon series. You are also

welcome to join us for the weekly bible study where we study these scriptures in-depth on Tuesday at noon. Or you can tune into the weekly podcast and YouTube video that Pastor Damen and I record called the “Monday Check-In” where we talk about these scriptures and themes. However you choose to engage, we hope you will journey with your family of faith during this season of Epiphany, and that you will have your eyes and hearts opened to new revelations and insights about God and your faith as we study the gifts of God that keep on giving.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Greg

*Gifts that keep on giving*

*Sermon Series*

January 8: *Committed Community* (Matthew 3:13-17)

January 15: *Curiosity* (John 1:29-42)

January 22: *Bold Action* (Matthew 4:12-23)

January 29: *Prophetic Challenge* (Matthew 5:1-12)

February 12: *Outrageous Grace* (Matthew 5:21-24)

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# Scotland

June 15 – 24, 2023

*Including an Optional Extension June 24 – 28*

Especially designed for

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Nebraska

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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>*



### **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>

# 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



## January 21, 2023

A, B	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Heirs Apparent Class meets Sundays at 9:15am in the Anderson Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us!



**Langenberg Lesson Applications for Spring 2023 are now available.**

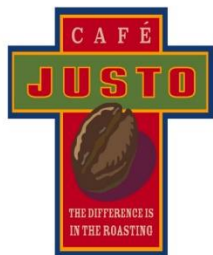
Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian 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, 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

# February Birthdays

Nytha Glass- 1  
Carole Storer-1  
Chanda Essink- 2  
George Adam- 2  
Katie Kingsley-3  
Nina Meyer- 4  
Michelle Musgrave-5  
Shirley Gass- 6  
George Howard- 6  
Pam Canady- 6  
C. L. Wimer- 6  
Riley Mullen-6  
Justin Brader-7  
JoAnn Williams- 8  
Ben Welsch-9  
Meredith Oliver- 9  
Doug Phelps- 10  
Dick McClenahan- 11  
Jon Propp- 12  
Becky Meyer- 12  
Hannah Hafer- 13  
Gayle Fandry- 13  
Kathy Amyot-14  
Rachel Guiai- 14  
Mary Plock- 14  
Larry Stromer- 16  
BJ Pumroy- 17  
Luca Hultman- 18  
Dacia Hultman- 21  
Thomas Moore- 22



Ramona Shetler- 22  
Janey Nottage-Tacey- 23  
Tyler Koepp- 23  
Harvey Freetly- 24  
Sharon Steenbarger- 24  
Dana Odom- 25  
Patti Deveny- 26  
Brent Brooks- 26  
Brett Epperson- 27

**Jan & Dave Schawang 2/4/1967      Karla & Monte Malouf 2/4/1977**

**Lesla & Steve Cropley 2/10/1979**



**Uschi & Larry Butler 2/18/1967**

**Jessica & Greg Allen-Pickett 2/24/2001**

## Happy Anniversary!

**Irina Belikova-Erickson & Brett Erickson 2/27/1998**

<b>Monday 1/16</b>	<b>Church Office Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>		
	1-3pm	First Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir room
<b>Tuesday 1/17</b>	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
<b>Wednesday 1/18</b>	9:30am-10:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	1:15pm-2:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	5pm-6:45pm	PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> grade WNL	Various
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:15pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 1/19</b>	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 1/20</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
<b>Saturday 1/21</b>		United Harvest	
<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-7:45pm	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

## 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 Wley  
BJ Pumroy & family  
Elaine Schumacher  
Melba Frehern  
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*

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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 Jensen-Heitmann

**Director of Children & Family**

**Ministries:** Rose Koepf

**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