



Second Sunday after Epiphany January 14, 2024 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

"Prelude"
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Boyce/arr. Wolff

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "Opening Prayer (Lord, May Your Spirit Enter)"
Chancel Choir, Dr. Brett Epperson, Director

Brett Epperson

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 139) Damen Jensen-Heitmann
O LORD, you know us and seek to be in relationship with us;
You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
You discern our thoughts from far away.
You search out our path and are acquainted with all our ways.
You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.
What a wonderful blessing that you desire to know us!
We come this morning to praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
You are inviting us to new ways of living. Come, let us worship our
God, who knows us, loves us, and challenges us to stretch and grow!

*HYMN

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us, reveal your ways to us through your ministry and teaching. We desire to follow you faithfully.
Show us where we need correction, where we are too lax or too strict with ourselves or others. Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us.
Fill us with your Holy Word, your Holy Spirit, and your Holy Ways so that we may seek forgiveness and receive your love and grace.

And then may we offer that love and grace to others as your witnesses on earth.

Spring up new life in us so that we may all live in the overflowing grace of your blessing, wholeness, and love.

SILENT CONFESSION

How have I resisted God's attempts to do something new in my life?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God sees well beyond what our human senses can perceive and knows the full truth.

And knowing that full truth, still God chose to call us, come among us, and reconcile us to the divine heart.

Know that God's forgiveness makes the impossible possible, and live in the freedom and forgiveness that God offers us through Jesus Christ!

Alleluia! 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.)



SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May your word speak to us, Lord, and bring new ideas and new life to us. We are longing to be part of a community of compassion across old boundaries and to be your co-workers in building that community together. May your word inspire this vision in us today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 2:1-12

ANTHEM

"There Is Now a New Creation"

Gambrell

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 2:13-22

SERMON

"Doing something new..."

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“God Creates a Blessed Newness”

Insert

To the tune of “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing,” lyrics by Rev. Steven Fearing

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Gerardo Overmann, World Council of Churches)

I believe in the God that rises from the dead to become part of life.

I believe in the God that accompanies me along every step of my path on this earth, many times walking behind me, watching me, and suffering with my mistakes, other times walking beside me, talking to me and teaching me, and other times walking ahead of me, guiding and marking my pace.

I believe in the God of flesh and blood, Jesus Christ, the God who walked in my ways and knows of lights and shadows. The God who ate and starved, who had a home and suffered loneliness, who was praised and condemned, the God who laughed and cried.

I believe in the God who is attentive today, who looks at the world and sees the hatred that segregates, divides, sets people aside, hurts and kills... I believe in God who sees all this... and keeps on crying.

But I also believe in God who sees children playing - a seed growing, who sees a flower blooming out of the debris - a new beginning, who sees the sun rising every morning - a time of opportunities.

I believe in God who sees all this... and laughs, because, in spite of it all, there is hope.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Held

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May our gifts and our very selves go from this place to be a sign that God is doing new things through us! May these gifts and our lives bring forth more love, light, compassion, peace, and justice in this world —for in this is the root of God’s kingdom. Amen.

THE 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 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” (vs.1-4) Insert

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE “The Lord Bless You” Brett Epperson

POSTLUDE “Jubilate” Gordon Young

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

9:15 Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Youth Choir

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast
on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Willard Payne by the Payne family.

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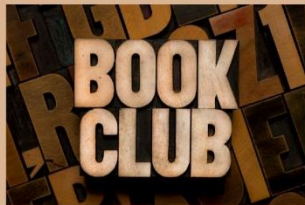
JANUARY GREETERS

JANUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
21	Karen & Roger Doerr	Andrew Barrows
28	Linda & Richard Johnson	Jan Bolliger

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 11:30AM, FPC SANCTUARY

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



Harrington Noonday Book Club Group

The focus for the Harrington Noonday Book Group conversations will be *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan. We will resume our weekly meetings on Wednesday, January 17, with an introductory discussion of prayer in first-century Judaism and what Jesus would have known growing up.

Email sbbrooks52@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Adult Forum **Sunday, January 21** **Lydia Room**

Panel Discussion on Faith and Gender

Featuring:

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Moderator

Rev. John Curtiss

Dr. Brie Myre-Associate Professor of Biology at Hastings College

Dawn Darling, LISCW-Sunrise Therapy Services

Lynden Hall

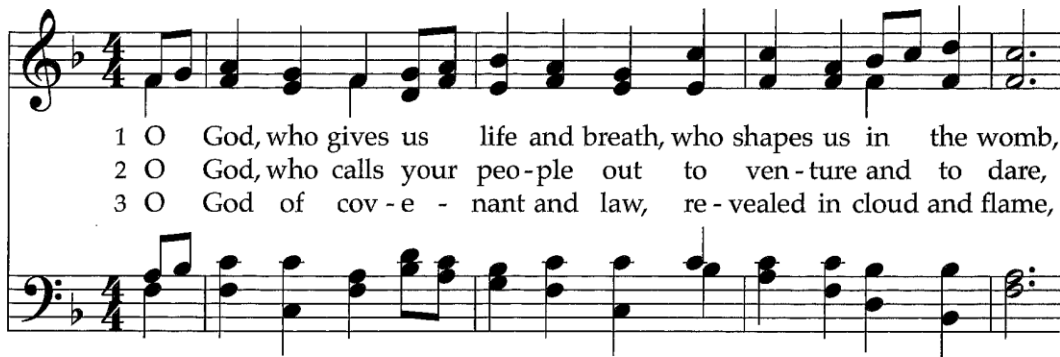
Meg Curtiss

Sunday 1/14	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Facebook, Radio
Monday 1/15	Church Office Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
	1pm-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve meeting	Parlor
	5:30pm	Mission Committee Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	6:30pm	VBS Committee Meeting	Anderson Room
	6pm-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/16	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 1/17	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Parlor
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	WNL PreK-12 th Grade	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 1/18	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/19	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Saturday 1/20		United Harvest	
Sunday 1/21	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, Facebook
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

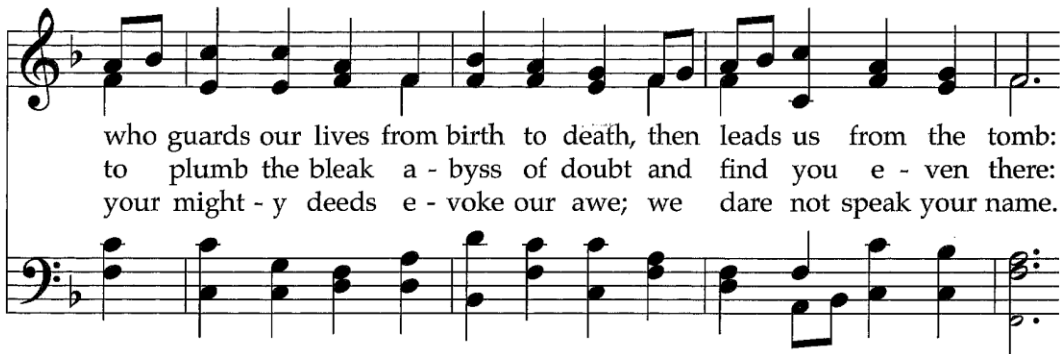
**The church office will be closed
Monday, January 15
in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



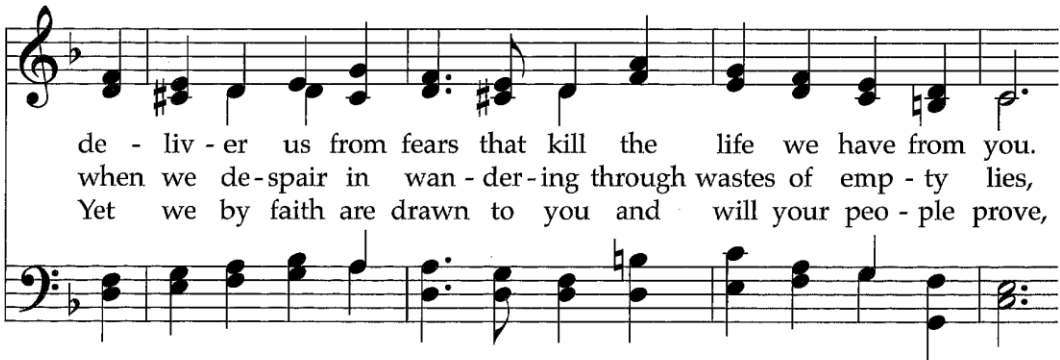
53 O God, Who Gives Us Life



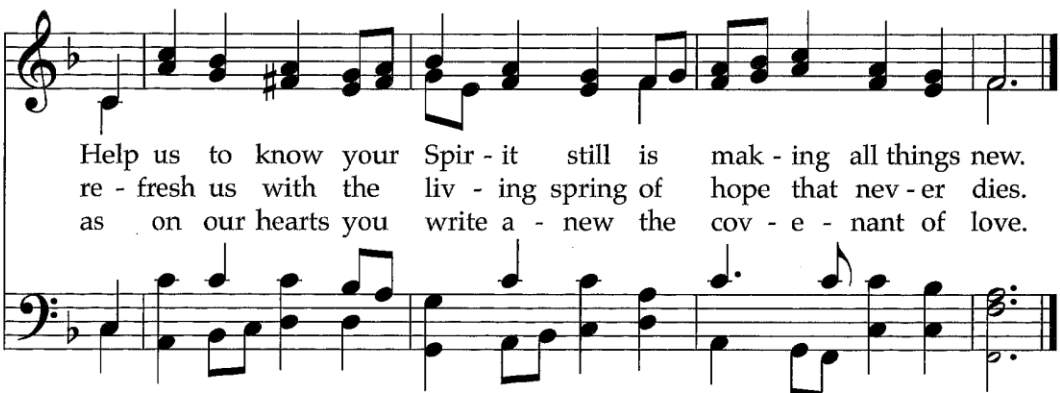
1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

God Creates a Blessed Newness

Tune: NETTLETON (8.7.8.7.D)

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2016

Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (4, 8, 12) at the beginning of the vocal staves. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1-4 corresponding to the four parts of the choir. The piano accompaniment is shown in the bass clef.

1. God cre - ates a bless - ed new - ness; now it springs forth, don't you see?
2. See who ga - thers at the ta - ble, all in - vit - ed by our Lord;
3. New - ness comes and, with it, stru - ggle, but our tests cause us to grow.
4. We are wit - ness - es of mer - cy, we are called to test - i - fy.

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Come, you peo - ple of cre - a - tion, ga - ther now at God's de - cree.
Va - ried peo - ple, ma - ny co - lours, all com - mis - sioned by the Word.
Things will change but God is pre - sent more than we could ev - er know.
Gifts of grace in all a - bund - ance, stead - fast love in strong sup - ply.

8
Do not fear for God is with us; pay no heed to things of old.
Ma - ny ways are Gos - pel sto - ries shared a - mong God's peo - ple dear.
Give us cour - age, Lord, and wis - dom for the days which lie a - head.
God will guide and we will ga - ther; lean - ing for - ward, called by name.

12
We are ser - vants of the Sac - red; wond - rous works will we be - hold!
Let us ga - ther round the ta - ble all with ea - ger ears to hear.
May we live as your disc - i - ples, nur - tured by your dail - y bread.
What great bless - ings lie be - fore us, God's to give and ours to claim.

This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383

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1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
 2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
 3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
 4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us
 *5. In faith we'll gath - er round the ta - ble

time to re - mem - ber and move on,
 God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
 step from the past and leave be - hind
 to show and share what love can do.
 to taste and share what love can do.

time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
 can make for us a world of dif - ference,
 our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;
 This is a day of new be - gin - nings;

lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.
 our God is mak - ing all things new.

1-3 4 or 5

*Alternate text for Holy Communion

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1978; alt. 1987 (Rev. 21:5)

MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1984

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BEGINNINGS

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United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry is a joint ministry with First Presbyterian Church & First United Methodist Church. We provide a food distribution to 400+ families.

January 20, 2024		
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

- If you need food, please come at the time indicated based on the first letter of your last name.
- If you would like to volunteer for this distribution, please come to the church at 9:30am to help us with the distribution.

Please pray for

Brad Davis	Pam Canady
Elaine Schumacher	Ashley Ibach
Dave Schawang	Reta & Lowell Johnson
Renee Miller	Carl Utley
John Northrop	Barry Thomson
Shirley Gass	Stephen Gass
Audre Zaroban	Greg Howard
Carter Johnson	Ken Fisk
Scott Johnson	Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Tarah Davis & family	Jim Boeve
Matt Campbell	family of Joyce Mefford
June Nielsen	Paul Nuss
Vernon Groves	Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Carol Medsker	Dana Odom
Frances Kamler	family of Roberta Lloyd
John Carllson	Melissa Davis & family
	Jan Bolliger

In memory of

Roberta Lloyd, who passed away on 12/8/23

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