Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024
10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" *arr. Albert L. Travis*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT "God Welcomes All" *John L. Bell*
Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson
Mary Plock, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 62) Damen Jensen-Heitmann

For God alone we wait, for our hope is from God.
God alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress; we shall not be shaken.
On God rests our deliverance and our honor;
We seek to trust in God at all times, we pour out your hearts before the Lord.
God is our refuge.
Let us show our steadfast love to you, O Lord. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" 353
Linda & Richard Johnson, Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The earth is yours, O God, the world and all those who live in it. You care for and about every aspect of life in your creation, and your call extends from the smallest parts of our lives to the biggest parts of the world that we often take for granted. We confess that we prefer to confine you to the little things, the personal sins we can focus on so we don't have to notice the big picture and how sin can also enter into our systems, our culture, and our society. We admit that we have put you in a box of private and personal spiritual life,

confined you to church buildings and an hour of worship, and so we have limited You, your power, and your love.
Forgive us for narrowing our focus so much that we no longer see the broader vision of your kingdom. Give us courage to speak up and challenge all that shackles us, to seek solutions to the legions of problems rather than simply letting them carry on because it's easier for us to ignore. Give us courage to care for our neighbor's well-being, knowing that our neighbor may look or act differently from us. Teach us once again that because of your love, we are meant to act.

SILENT CONFESSION
When have I underestimated God's power and impact in my life and in the world?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Turn us today toward your power of life, O God.
With the power of your holy name, speak into our community and show us what abundant life looks like here in this place.
In the name and power of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!
Let us forgive and love others! 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.)

Scan to sign-in and let us know you were here.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN Nancy Grams
While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."

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 that reaches out to the least, the last, and the lost, and to be your co-workers in building that community together. May your word inspire this vision in us today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 6:12-18

ANTHEM "We Travel Through the Desert" from "The Promise Fulfilled" *John Carter*
Narrators Esther Allen-Pickett and Peyton Mitchell

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 5:1-20

SERMON "Wrestling with demons, big and small" Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" 307

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Lausanne Statement of Faith)

We affirm that God is both the Creator and the Judge of all people. We therefore should share God's concern for justice and reconciliation throughout human society and for the liberation of humanity from every kind of oppression. Because humanity is made in the image of God, every person, regardless of race, religion, color, culture, class, sex or age, has an intrinsic dignity, so all should be respected and served… The message of salvation implies also a message of judgment upon every form of alienation, oppression, and discrimination, and we should not be afraid to denounce evil and injustice wherever they exist. When people receive Christ, we are part of his kingdom and must seek not only to exhibit but also to spread its righteousness in the midst of an unrighteous world. The salvation we claim should be transforming us in the totality of our personal and social responsibilities.

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OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY "Tell the Story" *arr. Karissa Dennis*

Chancel Bells, director Byron Jensen

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You are always expanding your mission, O God, reaching out endlessly to bring the world into your community of healing and love. May these gifts and our lives help us all work toward building that community of healing and love. We give you thanks for your care that leaves no one out. 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 "O Christ, the Great Foundation" 361

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE "Glory to God" from "The Promise Fulfilled" *John Carter*

POSTLUDE "Toccata in E Minor" *Johann Pachelbel*

(*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 Atha Borley by family and friends.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of all departed parents and grandparents- given anonymously.

USHERS (Team #5) Captain – Ken Stein, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen

NURSERY Rachel Guiai

ACOLYTES Lincoln Welsch, Peter Ratzlaff

JANUARY GREETERS

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

Please pray for

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

In memory of

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

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.

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE

thank you!

Congregational Life committee would like to thank everyone who stayed after worship to 'Hang the Greens' on Nov. 19th and also to those who helped 'Remove the Decor' on Jan. 7th. A special thanks to Bonnie Grams for organizing the decorations in Fellowship Hall and to Nancy Grams for decorating the tree in the Memorial Room. The committee would also like to give a shout out to the Junior and Senior High students for their work in bringing the decor up from the basement. Although it can seem like work, it is truly a joy to see the fellowship amongst our church family. Thank you all!

Adult Forum

Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.

Lydia Room

January 28:

Frontera de Cristo

U.S./Mexico Border Ministry

Presenter: Denny Storer

February 18, February 25, March 3, March 17, and March 24:

How Israel Was Built, Part 2

(Five Week Lenten Series)

Presenter: Dan Deffenbaugh

Ushers Needed

We are experiencing a shortage of ushers for the months of January, March, July, and September.

Please let Melissa know

(402-462-5147 or melissa@fpchastings.org)

if you are able to help out!

Thank you!

AT THE MIGHTY AUSTIN ORGAN

First Presbyterian Church

Presents

Dr. Stephen Hamilton

Dr. Stephen Hamilton is a touring concert organist and much sought-after virtuoso. His international touring includes concerts in Paris, London, Oxford, Edinburgh, Regensburg and Rome. He also has presented numerous recitals throughout the United States. Hamilton is Minister of Music Emeritus at Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City. He currently makes his home in Minneapolis where he serves as Director of Music and Organist at Olivet Congregational Church in St. Paul.

This organ concert is made possible through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg. In 2001, through her bequest, Mrs. Langenberg established a fund to support the special music ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. We are grateful for Luella Langenberg's enduring legacy.

Sunday,
February 11, 2024
3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
621 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE

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
Monday 1/22	8am-7pm	Hastings College Honor Choir and Band	Memorial Room, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall
	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Foundation Board Meeting	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/23	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am	Habitat for Humanity Board	Parlor
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
Wednesday 1/24	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	WNL PreK-12th Grade	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 1/25	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/26	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 1/28	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
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Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. 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
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