Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 2024
10:30 am Service
And Congregational Meeting

PRELUDE "Exaltation"
Cathedral Brass
Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn;
Nathan LeFeber, tuba; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"
Praise and Alleluia Choirs
Teresa Canady, director; Mary Plock, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 111) Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Praise the LORD!
We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole hearts!
Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty are God's works.
God has gained renown by God's wonderful deeds;
The LORD is gracious and merciful.
The works of God's hands are faithful and just.
Let our praise to God endure forever! Come let us worship God!

*HYMN "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" 305
Organist Linda Vollweiler
Sue Medsker, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of restoration and wholeness, you are the One who brings life even where all seems lost… though we have questions about your timing and priorities. Forgive us, Lord, for our hard hearts. Forgive us for perpetuating the isolation of illness, and the stigma that prevents people seeking help. Forgive us, and restore us to wholeness — the kind that seeks the good of all your people together, that reaches out with kind hands and an open heart, that brings normal life to those who have suffered long. We ask in the name Christ whose healing power is for all.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Life-giving God,
We praise you for we are fearfully and wonderfully made;
In the name and power of Jesus Christ we are also 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 Rose Koepp

While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God among us, you long for wholeness for people, community, and creation. May your word tell us the stories of how you bring about healing and wholeness. As we seek your gift of life today, may we sense you and your holy word taking us by the hand and calling us to get up. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 5:21-34

ANTHEM "The Lion and the Lamb" *Natalie Sleeth*

You be the Lion fierce and wild,
I'll be the Lamb so meek and mild;
We'll live together happily,
That's how it ought to be!

You be the lion brave and bold,
I'll be the lamb with heart of gold,
We'll get along in harmony,
That's how it ought to be!

Peace, good will to all the earth,
sand the choirs at Jesus' birth;
Yet this world needs us today,
pointing out the way!

You be the lion filled with pride,
I'll be the lamb and walk beside
We'll make the dream reality!
That's how it ought to be!

We will follow God's command,
Spread the word through all the land,
Scatter love on every hand,
cause that's how it ought to be!

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 5:35-43

SERMON "Ministry of Presence" Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (vs. 1, 3) 182

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

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Donation QR Code

OFFERTORY "Jesus the Very Thought of You"
Praise and Alleluia Bells
Leah Ratzlaff, director

*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.

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!

(*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. Youth Sunday 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 Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Gretchen Lainson by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and Overmiller families.

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

NURSERY Raegan Welsch

ACOLYTES Kade Jorgensen

JANUARY GREETERS

JANUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
28	Linda & Richard Johnson	Jan Bolliger

February Ushers (Team #6) Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

February Greeters

FEBRUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
4	Jan Ham, Julie Thomsen	Susie Graham
11	Flossie Sanderson	Pat & Dick Kleiber
18	Dan Deffenbaugh	Kim Creech
25	Jane Foote, Mary Fisk	Bonnie & Kenton Grams

February Communion Offering Recipients- Special Children's Fund

Adult Forum

Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.

Lydia Room

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

How Israel Was Built, Part 2

(Five Week Lenten Series)

Presenter: Dan Deffenbaugh

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.

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
Howard Mathews
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

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 1/28	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, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 1/29	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/30	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 1/31	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for the link
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12th WNL	various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 2/1	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Youth Christian Ed. Meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 2/2	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
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	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	11:30am	VBS Committee Meeting	Parlor

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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: 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
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey