Epiphany Sunday
January 7, 2024
10:30am Service

PRELUDE "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" *arr. Jeffrey Blersch*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 60) Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Arise, shine; for our light has come,
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon us!
The LORD will arise upon us,
And his glory will appear over us!
Lift up your eyes and look around;
We all gather together, we come to you!
Then we shall see and be radiant;
Our hearts shall thrill and rejoice. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" 620
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Emmanuel, God-with-us, your love for your world brought you among us, and you surround yourself with all kinds of people.
We confess that we aren't sure about all of them, though.
You say that now is the time and yours is the way, but we admit we aren't quite ready for what you're proposing. Forgive us when we look down on the very people you came to love and serve. Forgive us for the many times when your Body, the Church, does not reflect your life on earth.
Gather us in and open our hearts to sit at table with all your people, celebrating and creating the community of love you bring to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION
How can the stories of Jesus healing people be reflected in my faith?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103)

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
As far as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward us.
As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.
In Jesus' name, we are forgiven and loved!
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.)

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During this cold and flu season, we are encouraging safety. Instead of shaking hands or hugging someone during the passing of the peace, you could look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest or sharing some other appropriate sign.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Kelly Augustin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Warm our hearts with your love; surprise us with your Holy Word; enlighten us with your Holy Spirit. This morning give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to put your Word into action. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 1:21-34

HYMN "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (vs. 1,2) 796

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 1:35-45

SERMON "Seeking Restoration" Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" (vs. 3-5) 796

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Rev. Bruce Prewer, Uniting Church in Australia)

We believe in the God of Christ Jesus, the source of abundance, full of grace and truth.

We believe in the extravagant God, who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, brings healing with every touch, welcomes all and calls us to do the same.

We believe in the redeeming God, who spared no cost, forgave even his brutal crucifiers, and who, on the third day, did a thing so extraordinary that even his friends were overwhelmed with joy.

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ, the source of abundance wherever we turn and no matter what we do.

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

OFFERTORY "Just as I Am" *arr. Wood*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we present these tokens of the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Make us people who are unafraid to believe in your abundance and reflect that in our giving and our lives. Help these gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also, with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN "Take My Life" (vs. 1-4, 6) 697

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*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!

POSTLUDE "Finale" *Telemann/arr. Wolff*

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

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

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, and Cathedral Brass

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 by First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Dr. Robert Butz.

ACOLYTES Charlie Ratzlaff, Peter Ratzlaff

NURSERY Esther Allen-Pickett

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

JANUARY GREETERS

JANUARY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
7	Erica & Brent Brooks	Daveta & Dick Brader
14	Lesa & Steve Cropley	Melissa Davis
21	Karen & Roger Doerr	Andrew Barrows
28	Linda & Richard Johnson	Jan Bolliger

January Communion Offering

THREADS OF Grace

We are a nonprofit organization providing new clothing and necessities to youth in crisis.

Threads of Grace provides brand new outfits and other necessities such as socks, shoes, underwear, outerwear, and other items that children may need when moving to a new foster home or going into a shelter.

Happening Today

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE

Adult Forum
Sunday, January 14
Lydia Room

Panel Discussion on Faith and Gender

Featuring:

Rev. John Curtiss

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

Dawn Darling, LISCW-Sunrise Therapy Services

Please pray for

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
John Northrop
Shirley Gass
Audre Zaroban
Carter Johnson
Scott Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Vernon Groves
Carol Medsker
Frances Kamler
John Carllson
Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Reta & Lowell Johnson
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
Melissa Davis & family
Jan Bolliger

In memory of

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

Sunday 1/7	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	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	11:30am	Removal of the Greens	
Monday 1/8	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Global Mission Committee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/9	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-Person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Congregational Life Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	Trustees Meet	Confirmation Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
Wednesday 1/10	12pm	Noonday Book Clubs	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5pm-7:15pm	WNL PreK-12th Grade	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 1/11	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/12	10am	Mahjong Ladies	Basement Youth Room
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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

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