

Order of Worship for January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
First Reformed Church Hastings on Hudson



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Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

First Reformed Church of Hastings-on-Hudson is a church for all people, each of us being unique and created in the image of God.

We believe God’s unconditional love and grace, as revealed through Jesus Christ, does not distinguish among God’s people based on race, ethnicity, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, ability, or disability.

All are children of God, and all are welcome with joy in our Sanctuary. We strive to provide an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth.

We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Prelude: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"
(written in 1485) by Decius; setting by Kosche

Trish Waters, pianist

Call to Worship

written by Thom Shuman

One: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

All: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

One: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

All: And God found me and brought me home.

One: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

All: And God danced and rejoiced with me. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn: "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" (#314)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

by Rev. Nancy Townley

Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (#572):

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

*Gloria Patri (#579):

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 49:1-7

John 1:29-42

Children's Message

Sermon: "A Man of Many Names"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (#383)

Affirmation of Faith (unison) based on the writings of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We believe that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

**We believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace,
a way which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation.**

The foundation of this way is love.

**We believe that the love that led Christ to a cross is not soft, anemic, and
sentimental. Such love confronts evil without flinching. Such love overcomes the
world even from a rough hewn cross against the skyline.**

We believe that all of the graves in the world could never bury the goodness of God.

**We believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in
reality.**

Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made virtually in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to frc1850@aol.com
- Online giving at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239>
- Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave.,
Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

Offertory: "Aria" by Johann Kuhnau

Trish Waters, pianist

*Doxology (#592):

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison):

**Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our
backgrounds and conditions. Therefore we praise you with our tithes and offerings.**

**May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and
healing to the world. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer †

Prayer response after each petition:

One: Oh God of love and mercy,

*All: **Hear our prayer.***

Our time of prayer concludes with 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.

*Closing Hymn: "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" (#419)

*Blessing and Benediction †

*Musical Benediction: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" by Peter Lutkin (insert)

Those attending in person are invited to coffee hour in the Fraser Room after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise

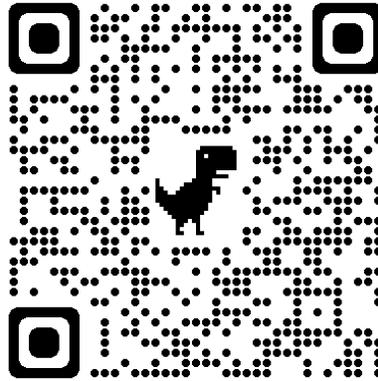
Bold text is read in unison

Announcements

Thanks to all who are assisting with the service today! Our musician today is Trish Waters. Our lector/liturgist is Ned Towle. Jiney Asthappan will teach Sunday School.

The next Consistory meeting will take place today Sunday, February 8th, at 12pm via Zoom.

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Staff: Trish Waters, Office Administrator & Music Director
Hanna Skaskiv, Sexton

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 314

BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Peter Cutts, 1969

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of

flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the
 Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her
 prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the

new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Ray Palmer, 1830

Lowell Mason, 1831

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor-row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 419

REPTON 8.6.8.8.6.6

Fred Pratt Green, 1981

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
 3. We mark Your saints, how they be - came In hin - dranc - es more sure,
 4. In what You give us, Lord, to do, To - geth - er or a - lone,

To live ac - cord - ing to Your word, And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 If world - ly pres - sures fray the mind And love it - self can - not un - wind
 Whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name,
 In old rou - tines or ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You—

That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your power to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

Numbers 6:24-26

Music by
PETER C. LUTKIN

♩ = 80

C Dm7/F G7 C Am Am/C

The Lord bless you and keep — you; the Lord lift His coun - te-nance up -

p *cresc.*

G/D D G A7/G Dm7/F G7/F C/E G7/D

on — you, and give you peace, and give you peace; The

decresc.

C C/G G#dim7 Am F C/E C7/E F

Lord, make His face to shine up - on — you, and be gra - cious un - to you, be gra - cious.

cresc. *decresc.*

Musicnotes

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C7/E A7 Dm C/G G7 C F C

Optional ending (single Amen)

The Lord be gra-cious, gra-cious un - to you. A - men.

p *dim e rit.*