

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015

5:30 P.M. Lessons, Carols and Candles



*First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor
Organist: Ashley Ehrich

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

VOLUNTARY

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Paul Manz

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Stephen Fiess

(The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God: a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all peoples of the earth and rejoice.

Let us come to Bethlehem and see what God is doing.

Come, friends of God, and be amazed.

Let us come to the manger and see that God is alive among us.

Come, all who have known darkness.

Let us come to the Christ Child, and see the light of the world.

*HYMN No 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE (BCW)

Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night. Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may clearly see the way before us, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROPHECY - *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

Eric Brader

HYMN No. 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

ANUNCIATION - *Luke 1:26-33, 38*

Emma Redinger

HYMN No 140

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

THE BIRTH OF JESUS – *Luke 2:1-7*

Leah Ratzlaff

*HYMN No. 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

ANGELS and SHEPHERDS – *Luke 2:8-20*

Kathy Duval

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Teresa and Tim Canady, Directors

PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Noel Nouvelet

Robert Powell

(The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of the church and supports leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related ethnic schools and colleges. The Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s.)

SIMEON and CHILD – *Luke 2:25-33*

Don Canady

HYMN No. 108 (stanzas 1 and 5)

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION – *John 1:1-14*

Charles M. Webster

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Christ is born!

Alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE LIGHT *(To avoid dripping wax, please bring the unlit tip to the flame.)*

Tonight we celebrate the coming of Christ, the Light of the world.

*HYMN No. 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at they birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

*CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Old English Carols

Lindsay Lafford

*We rejoice that we can join together on this Christmas Eve.
May God's presence which drives out fear,
God's glory which makes all of life holy,
God's comfort which nourishes our hearts,
God's love which sustains us
bring to us and the world
God's blessing and peace.*

*Charles Marshall Webster,
and the staff and officers of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.*

POINSETTIAS

The Global Mission and Local Social Witness Committee ordered the poinsettias. After payment of the expense, the remainder of the moneys collected will be donated to the Salvation Army Utility Assistance Program.

In Loving Memory Of:

Clarence & Frances Anderson
Judy Anderson and Loved Ones
Dorothy (Benker) Asmus

Eldon Benker

Brandon Brader
Grandma Brown
W.G. Cambridge
Anna & Milford Swedlund
Thomas Creigh III

Mel Crupley
Roger & Virginia Davis
OUR MOTHER, Marian Dirks
OUR MOTHER, Alice Donohue
Chip Essex
Our Grandson Charlie Fruehling
Sara Jane Gardner
Demas & Twilia Griess
Merle & Annabelle Hafer

Wanda Hesalroad
Howard & Alice Hogan

Robert Howard
Bob Hunzeker
John & Dixie Kerr

Dr. Silas & Ruth Kessler
Hal Lainson
Hal Lainson
Hal Lainson

Given By:

Gary & Mari Anderson
The Hermann Family
Her Loving Children Roger & Chris Korb
and Family, and Eldon & Wyona Enninga
and Family
**His Loving Children, Roger & Chris Korb
and Family, and Eldon & Wyona Enninga
and Family**
Richard & Daveta Brader
Monte & Karla Malouf Family
His Family
Anna Cramer
Evan & Jayne Ellenwood, and
Katherine Creigh
Steve & Lesa Crupley
Peter Lainson Family
James & Linda Donohue
James & Linda Donohue
The Essex Family
Will & Ginny Locke
Kathy Duval and Family
Paul & Belinda Nuss
**Children & Grandchildren - Charlie, Lois,
Suzy, Jason, Amy, Hannah, Alex, Ben,
Katherine, and Ridley**
Steve & Lesa Crupley
**Mike & Marcia Hogan and Family, Josiah
& Krystle Anderson and Family, and
Tyler & Kelly Juilfs and Family**
Darleen Howard
Paul & Belinda Nuss
Rob, Michelle, Ethan, Thomas, and Abbie
Kerr
Gretchen Lainson
Gretchen Lainson
Peter Lainson Family
The Hermes, Olsen and Bliss Families

John & Phyllis Lainson
Boyd & Mary Lou Leymaster

Loved Ones

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Jack & Alice Marvel

Monte Malouf, Sr.

Jake & Coralee Moser

Darrell Nelson

David E. Northrop

Frank W. Northrop

Our Dads

Our Parents - Dixie Tomlin,

Lee & Olive Madrid

Paul & Mabel Robare

Carl Sanderson

Robyn (Pitkeathly) Smart

Howard Smith

Robert C. Smith

Calvin & Phyllis Soderquist

Julie Soderquist

Barbara Stinson

Stephen Streck

Glen & Velma Warner

William Welton

Herb & Pat Wise

Lloyd & Virginia Wright

In Honor Of:

Mari, Britt, Sadie, Riley, Clara & Victoria

Dale & Dorothy Brader

Gretchen Lainson

Gretchen Lainson

Will & Ginny Locke

Walter & Lee Meyer

Our Moms

Our Parents- Virginia Malouf,

Bud & Shirley Streck

Peter Lainson Family

Children & Grandchildren - Charlie, Lois,
Suzy, Jason, Amy, Hannah, Alex, Ben,
Katherine, and Ridley

Marilyn Nielsen

Don Whitcomb Family

Laura Marvel Wunderlich

Monte & Karla Malouf Family

Ken & Carla Fike

Kathleen and Sons

The Northrop Family

The Northrop Family

Vicki & Jeff Howard

Ken & Carla Fike

Gary & Mari Anderson

His Family

Jan Ham

His Family

Sally Smith

Doug Soderquist

Nolan, Clara & Calvin

Julie Thomsen

Monte & Karla Malouf Family

Gene & Kym Warner

The Welton Family

Gene & Kym Warner

Marnie Soderquist

Given By:

Gary, Mads, Mathew & Christian

Richard & Daveta Brader

Peter Lainson Family

Bliss, Hermes & Olsen Families

Christian & Sarah Fruehling

Richard & Daveta Brader

Vicki & Jeff Howard

Monte & Karla Malouf Family

All who help with the Christian Education of our church's children and youth,
especially on Sundays and Wednesdays. ~Anonymous