

Festival of the Incarnation

December 24, 2015

7:30 P.M. Carols, Communion and Candles Service



*First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor
Director of Christmas Choir: Dr. Robin R. Koozer
Organist: Ashley Ehrich

Prayerful silence and reflection are requested. Pray for those around you. Pray for healing in the world.

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

VOLUNTARY

Noel VIII

Louis Claude d'Aquin

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Family Christmas Choir

*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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING - *Isaiah 9:2-7*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

A Carol Suite (from "Nativity Suites")
Sung by: The Carol Choir

GOSPEL READING - *Luke 2:1-7*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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*HYMN No. 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

GOSPEL READING - *Luke 2:8-20*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHRISTMAS SERMON

Immanuel (God With Us)

Rev. Charles M. Webster

*HYMN No. 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

What Child is This?

Raymond H. Haan

(Christmas Joy Offerings will be remitted to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and divided equally between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and racial ethnic schools and colleges of the PC(USA). Your support offers help to our extended church community for our church workers and their families in need, our ministry, and the program's mission of faith, hope, love, and caring.)

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 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Holy Communion will be served in the manner of intinction in which the bread is dipped into the cup. The congregation will please come forward to receive Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

GOSPEL READING - John 1:1-14, Page 86

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Christ is born!

Alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE LIGHT (*To avoid dripping wax, please tilt 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 thy 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

*HYMN No. 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*POSTLUDE

Adeste Fideles

Clement Loret

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
John & Phyllis 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 Julifs 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
Peter Lainson Family

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

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Will & Ginny Locke

Walter & Lee Meyer

Our Moms

Our Parents- Virginia Malouf,

Bud & Shirley Streck

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