

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*  
*December 24, 2016*



*First Presbyterian Church*  
*Hastings, Nebraska*

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Ministers: Members of the Congregation  
Interim Pastor: Don Canady  
Organist: Linda Vollweiler

PRELUDE

“A Christmas Carol Sequence”

arr. Jerry van der Pol

\*AVENT WREATH

Good news, you who are weary and heavy burdened!  
Sing for great joy, you who are tired and shackled with pain!  
For the Lord, our Redeemer, has come!

PLEASE STAND

*Carry in Christ Candle.*

The light of the Christ candle is a sign to the world  
that today, in the City of David, a Savior is born,  
who is Christ, the Lord.  
We no longer have to fear the darkness  
for our Light has come.

That light that enlightens all people  
has broken into our world.  
And the world will never be the same again.

***Alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.***

INTROIT

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are not here this evening because of a lack of room at the inn.

***Few of us have come here from watching sheep in the hills.***

And more than likely, we did not hear of this gathering from a heavenly  
host on high.

***Yet here we are in a place we knew would be crowded,***

Possessing something close to the shepherd’s curiosity and joy,

***Responding to the light of Christ that lures us and gives us hope,***

Hearing somewhere in our hearts ageless echoes of angel voices.

***We come as people of Christmas, giving glory to the God who wills  
peace on earth, the God who comes to be with us.***

\*HYMN OF INVITATION

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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*During the singing of “O Come, All Ye Faithful”, please place your Christmas Joy offering in  
the basket on the Communion Table.*

FIRST CHRISTMAS

Roy Z. Kemp

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

***Call us once more, mighty God, into the story of Christmas. May it be for us not a narrative of the long ago, but an experience of the here and now. May hope be born anew in the midst of life's shadows that our souls may magnify your name and our spirits rejoice in the salvation Jesus brings. Amen.***

ANTHEM

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (5:30p.m.)

“Prophecy Fulfilled” (7:30p.m.) Arr. Benjamin Harlan

THE COMING OF GOD

Ann Weems

SCRIPTURE-*Luke 2:1-20*

HYMN

“What Child Is This?”

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Hope

READING

“A Baby's Hug”

HYMN

“Joy To The World”

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PASSING THE LIGHT

*(To avoid dripping wax, please tilt the unlit tip to the flame.)*

*As the Christ candle is retrieved from the Advent wreath, it will come to the center aisle and the persons on each side of them will light their candles. Then their light is passed on to the persons on each side of them. Then their light is passed on to the next person, until all candles are lit.*

*During the lighting, we will sing the memorable carol, “Silent Night.” Following the benediction, you may take your light into the world to light your way and live his life.*

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Silent Night”

BENEDICTION

“Go Light Your World”

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

**Christmas Day**

**10:30a.m. Worship Service-Birthday Party for Jesus**

**Message by Pastor Don Canady**

## **Announcements:**

**The radio broadcast** airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

**Today's service will be broadcast on Channel 181** Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village, today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3** on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**Greeters - 5:30p.m.:** Brian and Laurie Johnson  
**7:30p.m.:** Rich and Carolyn McKenzie

**Ushers - 5:30p.m.:** Susie Graham, George Howard-Captain  
**7:30p.m.:** Andrew Barrows, Linda Donohue, Jim Donohue

**Communion Servers – 5:30p.m.:** Dick Brader, Paula Crozier, Mark Hemje, Lynette Krieger, Paul Krieger, Katherine Sachtleben, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder, Chris Schukei, Rogene Wenburg  
**7:30p.m.:** Katherine Sachtleben, May Wierenga

**Join us for Christmas Day service:** *“The Birthday Party for Jesus”* held in Fellowship Hall. Usher service will not be needed. Cake and ice cream will be served.

The single red rose is in honor of the birth of **Olivia Laine Ellenwood**, born Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> to Jayne (Creigh) and Evan Ellenwood, granddaughter of Mary and the late Thomas Creigh III.

**Please pray** for Art Langvardt and his family as Art battles cancer.

**In loving memory of Lillian Baumann**, May 30, 1919 – December 20, 2016. Funeral services will be at 11:00a.m. on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Following services, the family would like you to join them in Fellowship Hall.

*“Thank you to everyone who's supported us over the years! We will miss all of you but look forward to seeing everyone when we're back in town visiting. –Sarah Fruehling”*

*“We would like to express **our sincere thanks** for all your support over the past years in giving. You are truly amazing and we are blessed to have such giving individuals that help make our Christmas a memorable one. We appreciate you and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. –From the staff and clients of ACT/South Central Behavioral Services”*

If you plan to take a **poinsettia** (or two), please do so by the end of service on Christmas Day. All poinsettias remaining will be given to Deacons.

**Zach Spurgeon's mailing address** is: 67 Collins St., Unit B, Dubuque, IA 52001.

**John Quinn** is FPC's new Sunday Custodian. He has been hired to open the church by 8:15a.m. and lock the doors at 12:30p.m. (If you are here after 12:30p.m., please be mindful to shut off the lights.) John will be responsible to make sure salt is around the walkways and provide janitorial services as needed.

**The office will be closed** Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2. Merry Christmas and God bless.

### **Christmas Joy Offering Received During Christmas Eve Services**

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

**January Communion is Healthy Beginnings.** Healthy Beginnings is a program that offers help and encouragement (including classes, assessments and referrals) for parents and families.

**Wednesday Morning Bible@Breakfast** is now on Christmas break. Study of *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity* will resume on Wednesday, January 4, at 7:00 a.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome to join in this lively group for interesting discussion over a shared meal.

**Taking Down the Greens** will be on Saturday, January 7. Volunteers are always appreciated; everyone is welcome to help.

### **Taize Worship Returns January 8**

\*Bring a friend and join us *at 7 p.m. in the Parlor!*

Starting January 11, 2017, **Wednesday Night Live (WNL)** will begin at 4:00pm for all Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Presbyterian Women** will meet again February 1<sup>st</sup> (they will not meet in January).

**Reminder to Committee Members:** Year-end reports will be due in January for the Annual Report.

**2017 Directory** is scheduled to be published the first week in January. Please email or call the office with any corrections to your listing that have not already been noted.

**2017 “Box Sets” of Giving Envelopes** are available at the welcome table in the Memorial Room. Please take one if you’d like.

*“As we reflect on 2016, let us keep in mind our growth. With each of us on our own spiritual path, what a blessing it is that we have each other along the way. We are an amazing group, enriched with various gifts, talents, life experiences and perspectives, bound by the desire to live in God’s love. And in God’s love, with God’s love, let us keep faith that with the New Year, many more blessings will come. –Tarci Matthews”*

### **This Week --- Dec 26 – Dec 31, 2016**

**Mon, Dec 26**                      **OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tue, Dec 27**                      **11:00a.m.**                      **Funeral Lillian Baumann**

**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEAR’S EVE!**

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## POINSETTIAS

The Global Mission and Local Social Witness Committee  
approved the purchase and sale of poinsettias  
for the moneys collected to be donated to  
the Salvation Army Utility Assistance Program.

With these poinsettias, we remember and honor our loved ones.

### In Loving Memory Of:

**Dorothy (Benker) Asmus**

Eldon Benker

**Jon Bohlke**

Brandon Brader and Our Parents

**Ione Carpenter**

Sheldon & Dorothy Christensen

**Virginia and Roger Davis**

Chip Essex

**Bob Foote**

Garnet and Robert Foote

**Don and Phyllis Glass**

Hazel Jean Cameron Gordon

**Demas and Twilia Griess**

Merle and Annabelle Hafer

**Alice and Howard Hogan**

Nicole Jensen

**Hal Lainson**

Phyllis and John Lainson

**Boyd & Mary Lou Leymaster**

Loved Ones

### Given By:

**Shari Court and Wyona Enninga and  
Family**

Wyona Enninga and Family

**Anne Bohlke**

Richard and Daveta Brader

**Carole and Denny Storer**

Chris, Heather, Mindy, Dan, Lizzy and  
Charlie

**Pamela and Peter Lainson and Family**

Chad Essex and Family, Troy Essex  
and Family, and Vonda Essex

**The Family**

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**Dave and Nytha Glass**

Lorna, Mark and Hazel Zajack

**Paul and Belinda Nuss and Family**

Their Children, Grandchildren and  
Great-Grandchildren

**The Hogan Families**

Byron, Deb, Hannah and Nathan  
Jensen

**Hermes, Bliss, and Olsen Families**

Pamela and Peter Lainson and Family

**Their Children, Grandchildren and  
Great-Grandchildren**

Anne Bohlke

**In Loving Memory Of:**

**Darrell Nelson**

McGee, Dad, Chuck, Don

**David E. Northrop**

Frank W. Northrop

**Gideon and Ralph Nuss**

Ira and Edna Perry

**Our Dads, Bob Howard and  
Marvin Schumacher**

Our Parents

**Our Parents**

Carl Sanderson

**Calvin and Phyllis Soderquist**

Julie Soderquist

**Lloyd and Virginia Wright**

**In Honor Of:**

**Andrea**

Chuck and Georgie Evans

**FPC Congregation**

FPC Staff

**Gretchen Lainson**

Delores Moore

**Our Children and Grandchildren**

Our Family

**Our Moms, Darleen Howard  
and Elaine Schumacher**

**Given By:**

**Kathy and Family**

Marilyn Nielsen

**The Northrop Family**

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**Paul and Belinda Nuss and Family**

Shirley Johnston and Family

**Jeff and Vicki Howard**

Chuck and Georgie Evans

**Jane and Calvin Johnson**

His Family

**Doug and Marnie Soderquist**

Nolan, Clara and Calvin

**Marnie and Doug Soderquist**

**Given By:**

**John, Sharon, Michael and Matthew  
Brooks**

Carole and Denny Storer

**Rev. Dr. William G. Nottage-Tacey and  
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