

# **First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Ministers: Members of the Church  
Senior Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett  
Associate Pastor: Damen Heitmann  
Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Andy Barrows  
Praise & Alleluia Choirs Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady  
Praise, Alleluia & Awesome Bells Director: Susan Oliver  
Organist: Linda Vollweiler

**November 19, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE "Chaconne" Auguste Durand

WELCOME

INTROIT "Lead On, Oh King Eternal"  
Praise Bells

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Thessalonians 5)

But we are not in darkness;

***For we are all children of light!***

Let us put on the armor of faith and love;

***And for a helmet we wear the hope of salvation!***

For God has destined us not for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ;

***Therefore let us encourage one another and build up each other.***

***And let us worship God!***

\*HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Lord of mercy and justice, you have given us so many gifts to be used in your world, including the gift of life and time. You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well. But we disappoint you when we downplay these gifts or become so fearful of failure that we don't believe that we are capable of helping in this world. Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have given to us and to trust in your guidance in using them. Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic, or indifferent to the needs around us. Give us hearts for serving you all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice and celebrate! God has placed God's trust and love deep within your hearts.

***We have been called and trusted to serve God.***

In the name of Jesus Christ you are called, trusted, forgiven and loved!

***Alleluia! Amen!***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" 582

### \*PEACE OF CHRIST

*The Peace of Christ be with you.*

***And also with you.***

(Greet others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know that you were here this morning.)

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lauren Canady

(As the children are coming forward, the congregation will sing "This Little Light of Mine")

"Bell Peal"  
Awesome Bells

### ANTHEM

"The Perfect Ten"  
Praise & Alleluia Choir

Angels Aware

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Lord, be with us this day as we hear your Word read and proclaimed. Open our ears, minds and hearts so that your Word can challenge and prepare us to be your disciples in this aching and hurting world. Amen.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 25:14-29

### REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

Andy Barrows

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 90

*This is the Word of the Lord.*  
***Thanks be to God.***

### MESSAGE

Fall Series: Good News in the Midst of Grief  
"Living with Purpose"  
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (“A New Creed” from the United Church in Canada, 1968)  
***We are not alone, we live in God’s world.***

***We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.***

***We trust in God.***

***We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.***

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

OFFERTORY “Andante” Felix Mendelssohn

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.***

\*HYMN “We Praise You, O God” 612

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Danish Amen” Arr. Janet Van Valey, Susan Berry  
Alleluia Bells

\*POSTLUDE “Postlude” Douglas E. Wagner

**Come worship with us next week and invite others on Sunday, November 26**  
**8:30am: Traditional Worship Service with Youth Orchestra**  
**10:30am: Traditional Worship Service with Youth Orchestra**  
**No Sunday School due to Thanksgiving Break**  
**Rev. Damen Heitmann preaching both services**

**2017 Go & Serve Bid Board**  
**Supporting the Go & Serve Mission Trip**

Please help support the Go & Serve mission trip by donating to the Bid Board. Past donations have included:

Baked Goods	Christmas Decorations
Quilts/Blankets	Glass work
Centerpieces	Art Work
Note Cards	Books
Candles	Wreaths
Gift Certificates	Special Meals
Tickets to Events	Homemade Crafts
Gift Baskets	Autographed items

These are just suggestions; anything is welcome.  
We would love to see some new items included.

Donated items may be dropped off at the church office by November 22<sup>nd</sup>, or if you need yours picked up, text Tammie Nowka @ 402-469-2440.

The Bid Board will open Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> thru December 10<sup>th</sup>.  
The Bid Board will be located in the Parlor.

Please complete this form and return it to the church office.  
Your donations and support are greatly appreciated!!

**Thank you!!**

I would like to donate the following items:

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Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

# THE FORUM: December

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
SUNDAYS, 9:15-10:15 A.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

I pray that the sharing of your faith may  
become effective when you perceive all  
the good that we may do for Christ.  
--Philimon 1:6

HEAR

SHARE

LIVE

*the Story*

## NO CLASS

**NOV. 26, THANKSGIVING  
DEC. 24, CHRISTMAS EVE  
DEC. 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**DECEMBER 3**

## Obscure No More

We know some biblical passages so well that we can recite them from memory while other passages languish in obscurity. Our lives mirror this tendency, as parts of our story are well-known and other parts remain hidden. Join us as we unpack a few of our leaders' favorite obscure scripture passages and discuss how these relate to our lives.

**REV. GREG ALLEN-PICKETT, REV. DON CANADY, MIU  
WENBURG**

**DECEMBER 10**

## Jesus of Christmas Carols vs. Jesus of Scripture

An interesting and expansive discussion will be facilitated by juxtaposing images such as "Away in a Manger"'s meek and mild Christ child with the strong and authoritative images of Jesus clearing the temple in the gospels. Do we prefer certain images over others? What does it mean for Jesus to be known in such contradictory ways? Let's explore together!

**DR. BYRON JENSEN, CHAIR AND PROFESSOR OF MUSIC,  
HASTINGS COLLEGE**

**DECEMBER 17**

## Christmas Readings

Back by popular demand, Darrel Lloyd will read selections from multiple genres, providing the class with opportunities to laugh, reminisce, and more deeply engage with the experience of Christmas.

**DR. DARREL LLOYD, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF ENGLISH**

# “ANGELS AWARE” 2017

## REHEARSALS (meet in choir room)

GRADES 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> practice 4:00-6:00, Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

EVERYONE, PK-8<sup>th</sup> practice 4:00-6:00 Wednesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, & Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

Also everyone, PK-8<sup>th</sup> practice during Sunday School, 9:15-10:15 on November 19<sup>th</sup>,  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-12:00 Dress Rehearsal

(Remember to wear white, long sleeves, long pants or tights, and socks to go under your angel costumes)

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>,

9:15-10:15 (Choir Room)

“ANGELS AWARE”: 10:30 during worship.



Thank you,

Susan Hoff (402 469 0985)

Leah Ratzlaff (402 730 5870)

Joy White (402-469-5630)

## Announcements

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Dixie and John Kerr by the Kerr family, and Willard and Della Stein by the Stein 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 2:00 p.m.

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or [tarci@fpchastings.org](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org).

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Jeanne Hastings at 402-462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

**Flowers are given** in memory of Libby and Elmer Glenn by family.

**Greeters:** Peter & Pamela Lainson, Mark & Lorna Zajack

**Ushers (Team #3):** Andrew Barrows, Dave Fisher-Captain, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

**Acolytes:** Chudier Duang, Luke Brooks

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

**Offerings for Maryland Living Center** will continue to be collected thru November. Monetary donations as well as apartment startup items are greatly appreciated: towels, cleaning supplies, laundry baskets, small trash cans, shower curtains and gently-used furniture.

**Prayers for:** Arnie Boehler, Judy Brown, Mary Jo Emmons, Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Erlene Gessford, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Chuck Kidd, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, John & Mary Northrop, Larry Nowka, Audrey Watson and families.



**Honey bears** are \$5 each and may be purchased before and after worship service in the Memorial Room this Sunday, and 8:30am-4:30pm in the church's common office thru November while supplies last. Proceeds go to assist the Adams-Clay county chapter of **ARC**, which provides programs and support for families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**No WNL** this Wednesday (Nov. 22). **No Sunday School** (Nov. 26). **Happy Thanksgiving!**

The **Heirs Apparent class** has begun a new DVD lesson/discussion series entitled "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem." In it, the author travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem, presenting historical information, archaeological findings, and personal reflections.

*Newcomers always welcome! Anderson Conference Room, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Sunday mornings.*

**The Christmas season is almost here!**

**Don't miss these special church family events!!**

Hangin' of the Greens: Saturday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.

Many hands make light work! We need you!

Bring a snack to share.

Christmas Caroling: Sunday, December 17, 1:00 p.m.

We'll car pool to the Kensington, College View, and Regency, enjoying fellowship and spreading Christmas cheer. All ages are welcome; all voices appreciated!

## *The Giving Tree*

The tags will be hung on the Giving Tree December 1! The Giving Tree in the Memorial Room supports clients of Assertive Community Treatments, people with severe and persistent mental illness and living in our community. Most are without family support and live on disability or nothing.

Please help support these people by taking a tag from the tree and returning gifts to the tree by Sunday, December 22. The gifts should be wrapped and the tag placed back on them. Monetary donations may also be given to the church office, with checks payable to ACT.

Sponsored by the Mission Committee



### **Hands Around the World Store (HAWA) Christmas Fair Trade Sale Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Memorial Room**

All of our products come from artisans who live in poor areas around the globe. Purchasing their goods helps them to feed their families, allows them to send their children to school, and helps improve their lives by becoming economically self-sufficient. Handcrafts for sale include: baskets, scarves, woolen hats and mittens, jewelry, table linens, holiday decorations, gourmet chocolates, spices, tea, coffee and much more. Your purchase helps to lift disadvantaged artisans, farmers, and their families out of poverty.

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**Poinsettias** may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15 each. Money raised over the cost will be donated to Salvation Army Utility Assistance Program, which provides money to local individuals and families (including children and elderly) towards utilities assistance for necessary electricity, water and gas.

As with all of The Salvation Army's programs, utilities assistance is an emergency service. To qualify, individuals and families must have received a disconnect notice and meet qualifications of need.

Order forms may be found on the glass shelf in front of the church office or on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room. Order forms may be returned to the church office with checks payable to FPC.

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#### **This Week --- Nov. 20 – Nov. 25, 2017**

<b>Mon, Nov. 20</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Budget Committee Meets</b> in Anderson Conference Room
	<b>6:30p-8:30p</b>	<b>Boy Scouts Court of Honor Ceremony</b> in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tue, Nov. 21</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> in Parlor
	<b>1:00p</b>	<b>Quilters Meet</b> in Annex
	<b>6:45p-7:45p</b>	<b>Deacon's Meet</b> in Anderson Conference Room
<b>Wed, Nov. 22</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible@Breakfast</b> in Parlor
	<b>NO WNL or Choir/Bell Practice</b>	
	<b>6:30p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers</b> in Basement
<b>Thu, Nov. 23</b>	<b>Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	
<b>Fri, Nov. 24</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	

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