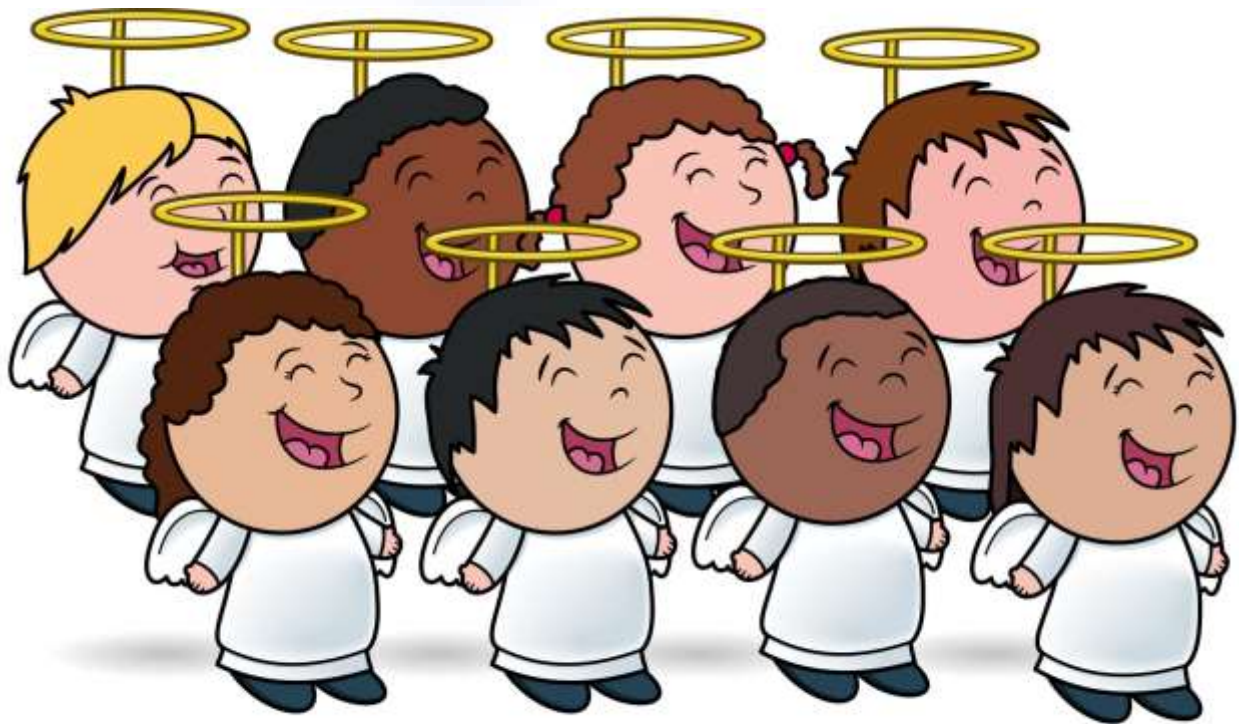


*The Children of  
First Presbyterian Church Present...*

# Angels Aware



**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Nebraska**

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

HYMN SING      Call out your favorite hymn and we will sing a verse or two!

WELCOME

Pastor Greg

\*HYMN AND PROCESSION OF ADVENT BANNER

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Verse 2

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### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

*(The tradition of First Presbyterian Church is to invite a family to light the Advent candle. Our Christian understanding of family includes all sisters and brothers in Christ who live in fellowship together and take care of one another. This morning, we invite members of our FPC family: Marilyn Nielsen, Sally Smith, and Paula Crozier to light the second Advent candle)*

This is the second Sunday in Advent. Today, we light two purple candles. Last Sunday, we lit the candle of hope. This Sunday, we light the candle of love.

***We read in the Gospel of John that “God so loved the world that he sent his son.”***

When we look at the second candle, we remember God's love. We remember what love the Father has for us, that he might leave the beauty of heaven and come down to earth to share His love.

***We pray that we may remember again God's gift of Jesus to the world and know that God's love for all people is the reason for this gift. May we embody God's hope and love in our daily living.***

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, V. 2      83  
(As the family lights the candle on the Advent wreath, the congregation will sing this hymn)

### SCRIPTURE READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 1:26-33 – Grace Brader

Luke 2:1-7 – Paxton Rhodes

Luke 2:8-14 – Esther Allen-Pickett

MESSAGE

“Angels Aware!”

Children of FPC

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

# ***Angels Aware***

*Created and Written By Kathie Hill and Janet McMahan*

**\*\*Please no flash photography\*\***

## **Synopsis**

The angel Michael has called a meeting of all the angels in heaven to announce God's plan for sending God's Son to Earth, and in what form He would go. The angels are shocked to learn that God is going to earth as a baby. The entire musical takes place in heaven, except for the manger scene.

## **Introduction**

God has a new plan for humankind. All the angels in Heaven are anxious to find out what it is. After all, humanity has been kind of a problem! God sent the Ten Commandments and the people didn't always obey them. God sent the prophets and humanity didn't listen.

The Story tonight is about how the angels became "aware" of God's wonderful new plan, to send Jesus to Earth as a baby. Let's join them in celebrating His birth.

We hope our story reminds us all to look for the plan God has for us and to make us "aware" of God's LOVE.

## **The Cast**

*(In Order of Speaking Parts and Solos)*

Gabriel	Campbell Schueki
Michael	Eleanor Oliver
Sara ( <i>Head of the Seraphims</i> )	Addyson Hermes
Cherry ( <i>Head of the Cherubims</i> )	Laura Kate Oliver
Harold ( <i>Head of the Herold Angels</i> )	Eric Brader
Daniel	Moses Rhodes
Isaiah	Selah Wenburg
Moses	Erika Nielson

Martha	Shannon Canady
Rebekah	Madalynn Redline
Ezekiel	Tethloach Duang
Jeremiah	Seth Schwarz
Hannah	Chudier Duang
Esther	Claire Schwarz
Elizabeth and the Nativity Angel	Kiera Erickson
Naomi	Abbie Kerr
Soldier of Judea	Seth Schwarz
Greatest Musician	McKain Ratzlaff
A Rich King	Tethloach Duang
Mary	
Joseph	
Baby Jesus	

### **Ensemble**

#### *Lambs and Cherubs*

Dalton Adam	Sophie Hemje	Peter Ratzlaff
Stella Adam	Adalynn Miller	Lincoln Welsch
Faith Brader	Caroline Ourada	

#### *Kindergarten*

Ian Erickson	Vivian Fong	Raegan Welsch
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#### *First Grade*

Brooke Lofquist	Porter Ourada
Meredith Oliver	Gabriel Snell

#### *Second Grade*

Lyla Adam	Delys Hall	Charlie Ratzlaff
Esther Allen-Pickett	Collin Hermes	Keaton Redline
Ryan Barker	Lexi Lofquist	Caleb Schukei
Olivia Canady	Alexis Longshore	Harrison Welsch

*Third Grade*

Henry Black  
Ruei Duang

Corlè Hall  
Riley Propp

Paige Redline  
Paxton Rhodes

*Fourth Grade*

Grace Brader  
Ashton Essink

McKain Ratzlaff  
Norah Snell

Hazel Zajack

*Sixth Grade*

Tristan Propp

Jonah Snell

*Seventh Grade*

Cooper Feezell

Madeleine Johnson

*Eighth Grade*

Luke Brooks

Nathan Kerr

**Musical Numbers**

Introduction

Esther

“Michael’s Called a Meeting”

Gabriel and Ensemble

“‘I’ Trouble”

Michael, Martha, Rebekah, and Ensemble

“The Perfect ‘10’”

Moses and Ensemble

“Sing to the Lord”

Isaiah and Ensemble

“‘I’ Trouble” (Reprise)

Ensemble

“Jiswannano”

Elizabeth, Naiomi, Daniel, and Ensemble

“What Love”

Middle School Choir

“If It Were Up to Me”

Cherry, Gabriel, Sara, and Ensemble

“Close to Him”

Michael, Cherubims, and Ensemble

“Come to the Manger”

Ensemble

Matthew 1:22-23

Nativity Angel

“Glory to God”

Elizabeth and Ensemble (*Sign Language done  
by the Nativity Angel*)

“Angels Aware”

Gabriel, Daniel, and Ensemble

### **Production Staff and Crew**

#### *Musical Director*

Joy White

#### *Directors*

Susan Hoff

Leah Ratzlaff

#### *Musical Support*

Tim Canady

Teresa Canady

Linda Johnson

#### *Pianist*

Mary Plock

#### *Set Design/Production*

Jane Marsh

Margaret Marsh

#### *Sound/Lighting*

Erik Nielsen

#### *Video*

*Taping*

#### *Props*

Amy Hermes

#### *Costumes*

Colleen Schukei

Susan Oliver

Irina Belikova-Erickson

#### *Sign Language*

Jeni Howard

Laura Little-Hoff

#### *Angel Treats*

Teresea Luther

Kristen Schwarz

### **Special Thanks**

Stephanie Brader

Neal Hoff

Ann Koozer

Tarci Matthews

Roger Schukei

Kathy Reimer

## **Cast Support**

*And a thank you to all the teachers and adults  
who have supported the children and this musical.*

### *Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live Teachers*

#### PreK/Kindergarten

Nancy Grams	Allisa Kidd	Cheryl Schukei
Kris Horton	Jane Marsh	Abby Shetler
Lois Hafer	Susie Graham	

#### First and Second Grade

Irina Belikova-Erickson	Tom Ratzlaff	Abby Shetler
Abigail Shetler	Leah Ratzlaff	
Justin Brader	Kathy Reimer	

#### Third and Fourth Grade

Jill Kramer	Jessica Allen-Pickett
Daveta Brader	Courtney Junker

#### Fifth Grade

Traci Boeve  
Ann Koozer

#### Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade

Steph Brader	Erica Brooks	David Cooke
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### *Other Children and Youth Volunteers*

#### Children's Moment Leaders

Nancy Grams	Lauren Canady
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#### Nursery

Leah Ratzlaff	Erika Nielsen	Abby Shetler
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#### Table Setter/Decorator/Cooks

Nancy Grams

#### Recreation

Brady Rhodes

Eric Brader

Tethloach Duang

Napkin Launderer

Carol Grummert

Dinner Dean

Chris Schukei

Table Parents

Abigail Shetler

Richard Brader

Tom Ratzlaff

Leah Ratzlaff

Mike Meyer

Becky Meyer

Courtney Junker

Damen Heitmann

Sharon Brooks

Pam Lay

Don Canady

Ben Welsch

Jenni Welsch

Attendance Recorder

Lynne Friedewald



## **Announcements**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by JoAnn and Les Seiler.

**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.

**Greeters:** Frank & Kay Georgiana, Jane & Dwight Marsh

**Ushers (Team #4):** Susie Graham, George Howard-Captain, Rich & Carolyn McKenzie, Dan & Vera Zabloudil

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

**December Offerings** to Crossroads Center Rescue Mission will be collected throughout the month.

**Prayers for:** Arnie Boehler, Judy Brown, Lauren Canady, Karen Doerr/Mrs. Gilmore, Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Erlene Gessford, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Horton Family/Barb Jackson, Pat Kleiber, Richard & Wanda Langer, Larry Nowka, Karla Reese, Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Audrey Watson, Wilson, Jenni and Ben Welsch and families.

**Condolences to Gaylon, Kim, Jeff, Ashley, Walker Hermann and family** for the loss of Gaylon's mother, Dora, age 91. Services were Sat., Dec. 9 at the Christ Lutheran Church in rural Juniata with Rev. Paul Dunbar officiating. Memorials may be given to Christ Lutheran School or the Concordia Cemetery.



**Poinsettias** may be purchased now through Weds. Dec. 20 in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15 each. Order forms may be found on the glass shelf in front of the church office or on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room and may be returned to the church office with checks payable to FPC.

### **Also available for FAMILIES....a downloadable family devotion!**

It can be difficult to find meaningful ways to engage our families in faith formation. It can sometimes feel awkward, we don't always know what to do, and sometimes we have a hard time talking about our own faith stories. Seasons like Advent and Lent are great opportunities to say, "Hey kids – we're going to try something new for the next few weeks." Particularly during Advent, with our culture's desire to get to December 25 as soon after Halloween as possible, it's important to take time to stop, wait, and to have conversations and engage in intentional practices for the season. An Illustrated Advent for Families is one way to do that—to slow down, ask questions, have fun, be intentional about how you spend your time, and try new things. There are coloring pages for your children, but we've often found that parents enjoy coloring them as much (if not more...) as their children enjoy the coloring. There are simple but meaningful devotions for families to do throughout Advent, an Advent Wreath activity, and our Advent Calendar. Please let Stephanie Brader know if you'd like the download emailed to you or printed for you, if needed.

**Please help support the Go & Serve youth mission trip.  
Today is the last day to place your bid on the Bid Board!  
Your support is greatly appreciated, thank you!**

**Love singing Christmas hymns?** Then join us at 10:15 each Sunday morning of Advent! For the 15 minutes prior to worship each Sunday in December, we'll take turns calling out favorite hymns and then singing a verse or two of each.



**Don't miss this special church family event!!**

**Christmas Caroling:** Sun., Dec. 17, 1:00 p.m.

We'll car pool to the Kensington, College View, and Perkins, enjoying fellowship and spreading Christmas cheer.

All ages are welcome; all voices appreciated!

"Anyone who has a student who sings in Praise, Alleluia or Pre-School choirs... **You are all invited (youth singers and parents alike) to**

**provide the anthem for the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.** It is not necessary to prepare or even have a tremendous singing voice. All you need to do is come to the choir room at 5:00 p.m. and we will run through our anthem. It will be a traditional Christmas Carol that you already know. I promise. It would be wonderful to fill the choir loft with families at the Christmas Eve Family Service. (It's also the best seat in the house!) So, please, come and join us. Thank you," -- *Tim & Teresa Canady*, Praise & Alleluia Choir Directors

**Sunday 12/24 (4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve):**

NO Sunday School or 8:30am Service

**10:15am** Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary

**10:30am** Service of Lessons and Carols

**3:30pm** Christmas Eve Service at College View Retirement Community

**5:30pm** Family Christmas Eve Service (with candle light Silent Night)

**7:30pm** Communion Christmas Eve Service (with candle light Silent Night)

**11:00pm** Contemplative Christmas Eve Service in the Chapel

**Complimentary Advent devotional booklets available in the Memorial Room**

With the hustle and bustle of the Advent season, it can be very helpful to have a spiritual guide to bring focus and meaning to this centrally important season of the Christian calendar. The Advent devotionals we had last year were enjoyed by many, and they are again being made available by "Water from Rock" ministry. The 2017 booklets, entitled *Our Humble God*, are provided to you and to our church free of charge, but if you find value in what they add to your Christmas preparations, you may want to consider using the enclosed envelope to send a donation to "Water from Rock" ministry.

**Christmas readings by Darrel Lloyd** will be our final Forum class for the Fall, 2017 semester. Darrel will read selections from multiple genres, providing the class with opportunities to laugh, reminisce, and more deeply engage with the experience of Christmas. Join us *in the Chapel at 9:15 next Sun., Dec. 17.*

**Chorus of the Plains** will be sponsoring a community Christmas Sampler at Hastings High School Auditorium on Sat., Dec. 16, 3:00 p.m. This is a **fundraiser** for local charities featuring local church choirs and other musical groups in town including FPC's own Chancel Choir. This event is free of charge with an opportunity to offer a free will donation.

### ***The Giving Tree***

The tags are on the Giving Tree! The Giving Tree is in the Memorial Room and to support 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 Sun., Dec. 17. 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*



### **Presbyterian Women Meet in December**

Dec. 13 - 9:30 a.m. Circle 1 in Marilyn Nielsen's home

Dec. 20 - 9:30 a.m. Circle 2 in the church library; Laurie Johnson is the hostess

1:15 p.m. Circle 3 in the church library; Nancy Grams and Marie Rasmussen are hostesses

**Boy Scouts Troop 200** will be wrapping presents for Healthy Beginnings' residents on Sat., Dec. 16 in the Annex starting at 3:00 p.m. If you would like to "boost" the packages, you may drop in with your donation. Cleaning supplies and toys for 13 & 14 year old children are needed most. Please contact Tom Kleinjan with any questions at 402-705-0553 or [scouting200hastaings@gmail.com](mailto:scouting200hastaings@gmail.com).

### **United Harvest is this Sat., Dec. 16**

#### ***Here are TWO ways you can help:***

**Volunteer:** We need many volunteers each month!! Your help is appreciated! Most volunteers should check in at the Annex gym around 9:30a.m. If you can't come until later, that's fine; come whenever you can!

**Pray:** As we prepare for December's United Harvest distribution, please consider supporting this ministry through your prayers for the following:

- For those experiencing financial stress and food insecurity: that they would find some relief through United Harvest and that they would find security in the peace that passes all understanding
- For those making tough decisions about how to spend limited funds this time of year: that they would have wisdom and clarity about God's priorities for their finances
- For volunteers who may feel over-committed at this time of year: that their heart space and calendar space would be free enough to allow them to serve on Dec. 17
- For the transition from first-come, first-served to the new alphabetical system of distribution: that both volunteers and recipients would be free of anxiety; that a spirit of trust and mutual regard would prevail when the inevitable hiccups come along; that all the volunteers would be on the same page so that consistent explanations can be provided.
- For all individuals involved: that each one would open their heart to allow Jesus to be born in them this Advent season.

**2018 Offering Envelopes are in.** You may pick yours up from the glass shelf in front of the church office or on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room. Please call the office if you'd like yours mailed.

**This Week --- Dec. 11 – Dec. 16, 2017**

<b>Mon, Dec. 11</b>	<b>12:30p-3:30p</b>	<b>PEO Ch. HT Meeting</b> in the <i>Library</i>
	<b>7:00p-9:00p</b>	<b>Boy Scouts Troop 200</b> in Basement Scout Room
<b>Tue, Dec. 12</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 <i>Anderson Conference Room</i>
	<b>1:00p</b>	<b>Quilters Meet</b> in Annex
	<b>4:15p-5:15p</b>	<b>Global Mission Committee Meeting</b> in Kessler
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Congregational Life Committee Meeting</b> in <i>Library</i>
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference Room
	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible@Breakfast</b> in <i>Anderson Conference Room</i>
<b>Wed, Dec. 13</b>	<b>9:30a-10:30a</b>	<b>PW Circle 2 Meeting</b> in Library
	<b>4:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>WNL Activities</b> (Pre-K thru 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
	<b>6:00p-6:45p</b>	<b>WNL Family Time Meal</b> (All Ages Welcome!)
	<b>6:30p-8:30p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers</b> in Basement
	<b>NO Chancel Choir Practice</b>	
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Cal/West Choir Practice</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
<b>Thu, Dec. 14</b>	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells Practice</b>
	<b>5:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>Personnel Committee Meeting</b> in Kessler
	<b>6:00p-10:00p</b>	<b>Pooh Corner Christmas Program</b> in Fellowship Hall
	<b>6:30p-7:30p</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b> in NW Classroom, Annex
<b>Fri, Dec. 15</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in Youth Room-Basement
<b>Sat, Dec. 16</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>United Harvest Food Distribution</b>

*Volunteers: Please check in at the Annex gym for 9:30a-11:30a &/or 11:00a-1:00p shift(s).*

**3:00p** **Chorus of the Plains** **Hastings High School Auditorium**  
**3:00p-8:00a (Sun)** **Boy Scouts Troop 200**

**Healthy Beginnings Christmas Packing Party**

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