



December 9, 2018, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE "Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals" Karg Elert
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN AND PROCESSION OF ADVENT BANNER
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (verses 1-2) 88

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Hafer Family

This is the second Sunday in Advent. Today, we light two purple candles. The first is the candle of hope. Advent is a time of waiting and hoping. The second is the candle of peace; anticipation of the coming Christ and the peace he brings!

"In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.'"

Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on. The ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness. The ones who work for peace.

On this second Sunday in Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of peace; a peace which passes all understanding for all the world. Come hope! Come peace! Come Lord Jesus!

CANDLE HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (verse 2) 82
(As the family lights the candle on the Advent wreath, the congregation will sing this hymn)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to make preparations for a season which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We find ourselves being on edge, fretful, wondering if we have done enough, can do enough. You answer our fears with your voice, "Peace, be still". Help us to hear you. Slow us down. Encourage us to take some time to listen rather than speak, to stop and rest rather than run. Cause us to look around at situations and people who are in need and to place our focus on helping them. For it is in helping your people and reaching out in love that we will find true peace. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "I bring you peace, not the kind of peace the world would give to you..."

Jesus said, "My peace I give to you, now and forever."

Be at peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

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*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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

MESSAGE

SMALL, *Dancing* LIGHT

A CHORAL SERVICE FOR ADVENT

Music by: Taylor Scott Davis – Text by: Terry W. York

Presented by The Chancel, Westminster & Calvin Choirs. and Orchestra

Linda Johnson and Robin Koozer, directors

Reading: John 1 and Genesis 1

1. Small Dancing Light

(We hear the prophecy of Christ coming as the light of the world.)

2. Red Leaves Fall

(We perceive hope in the midst of winter.)

***3. O Little Town of Bethlehem - Hymn 121**
(We learn that the Christ child will be born in Bethlehem.)

Stanza 1: Choir and Congregation
Stanza 2: Women's Voices (Choir and Congregation)
Stanza 3: Men's Voices (Choir and Congregation)
Stanza 4: Choir and Congregation

Reading: Isaiah 9

4. One Silent Melody

Timothy Ellis, tenor

(We reflect on the prophecy that a child will be born who will bring peace.)

***5. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Hymn 119**

(We proclaim Christ's birth along with the angels.)

Stanza 1: Choir and Congregation
Stanza 2: Women's Voices (Choir and Congregation)
Stanza 3: Choir and Congregation

Reading: Luke 1 and Matthew 25

6. Someday

(We allow our hearts to be shaped by Jesus, just as Mary's heart was shaped by Jesus.)

Reading: Luke 2

7. A Rising Fountain

(We find joy rising up within us, just like the shepherds, as we begin to celebrate Jesus' birth.)

8. In Bethlehem

(We embrace the prophecy of Christ coming as the light of the world.)

***9. Joy to the World - Hymn 134**

(Our joy becomes complete and overflowing!)

Stanza 1: Choir and Congregation
Stanza 2: Women's Voices (Choir and Congregation)
Stanza 3: Men's Voices (Choir and Congregation)
Stanza 4: Choir and Congregation

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

OFFERTORY "O Thou of God the Father" J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bless these gifts, O Lord, and help them to bring the transforming love you have given us into ministries of light, hope and peace in our world. Amen.

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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 133

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE Grand Fantasia on "Joy to the World" Marc F. Cheban

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30 A.M. – Taizé Style Worship
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School, all ages
10:30 – Traditional Service

Orchestra Personnel

David Bernard-Stevens, violin; Liz Knedlik, violin; Marla Rischling, viola;
Christa Speed, cello; David Klein, bass; Deb Johnson, flute; Cole Chancellor, oboe;
Rebecca Riley, clarinet; Sarah Bernard-Stevens, bassoon; Abra Misselt, horn;
Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Phillip Parker, timpani; John Sample, percussion;
Ben Howie, percussion; Linda Vollweiler, organ; Mary Plock, piano;
Hannah Jensen, synthesizer

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December 9, 2018:

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

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 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 Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at 402-469-4805 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

2019 Offering Envelopes are located on the glass shelf in front of the church office and on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room.

December Communion Offering goes to Maryland Living Center

The Communion Offering for December will help our neighbors at Maryland Living Center, just across 7th Street. The Maryland Center is a transitional home for homeless youth, ages 16-21. The program provides guidance for functioning in community life, taking advantage of educational opportunities, preparing for employment and a career, and enhancing individual independent living. As a part of the transition, Maryland helps with apartment start-up items such as: towels, cleaning supplies, laundry baskets, small trash cans, and shower curtains. To donate any of these items, please bring them to a corner of the Memorial Room during December. If you have any gently-used furniture, please contact the Maryland Living Center at 402-834-3180.

Ushers (Team #4): George Howard – Captain, Susie Graham, Dan Zabloudil, Vera Zabloudil

Greeters: Vonda Essex, Chanda Essink, Kathy Utter

Acolytes: Grace Brader, Paige Redline

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Abigail Shetler

FPC Prayers for:

Judy Brown	Family of Jack Osborne	Sharon Harvey
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Elmer Heeren	Katharine Davis
Ryan Barker	Richard & Wanda Langer	Zelma Fobben
Ramona Shetler	John Harrington	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Brett & Dana Miller	Georgette Smidt (Ted Schroeder's sister)	Arlene Kort
Georgie Evans	Linda Vollweiler	Carolyn Nowka
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell, grandson of Bev & Ken Stein)	Beth Utley
		Jeff & Ashley Hermann

Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.

This Week at FPC --- December 10 – December 16, 2018

Mon, Dec 10	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in FPC Annex NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal in Choir Room
Tues, Dec 11	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in FPC Annex
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Meeting in Kessler Room
Wed, Dec 12	7:00a-8:00a	Bible at Breakfast in the Library
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time (WNL) All are welcome!
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement NO Chancel Choir, Tonight Only
	6:45p-7:30p	Calvin Middle School (WNL) NO Westminster Choir, Tonight Only
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Bells, Tonight Only
	7:30p-8:15p	Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
	7:30p-8:15p	High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group: WNL Bible Study and Fellowship
	Thurs, Dec 13	7:00a-7:45a
6:00p-7:00p		Spanish Class in Annex NW Classroom
4:15p-5:15p		Mission Committee meeting in the Kessler Room
5:00p-6:00p		Personnel Committee in the Anderson Conference Room
Fri, Dec 14	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, Dec 15	9:00a-1:00p	United Harvest
Sun, Dec 16	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Style Worship Service
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School-All Ages
	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service
	1:00p	Christmas Caroling meet in Fellowship Hall

Please note...

The Church office will be closed at noon, Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve Day through Wednesday, January 2, 2019. We will be checking phone messages and email.



Blue Christmas Service

Have you lost a loved one recently? Are you feeling that loss acutely during this Holiday season? First Presbyterian Church is partnering with three other pastors to hold a “blue Christmas” service to provide a space to reflect on your grief. The service will be hosted by the *First Congregational United Church of Christ*, *Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 pm*. The service is open to everyone from any and all churches.

Opportunities to Volunteer:

1) Christmas Eve Services: Additional Ushers and Greeters Needed

- Usher Team #4 will need additional volunteers for both the 5:30 and 7:30 services. Please contact Team Captain George Howard if you will be available to help.
- Additional Greeters will also be needed for both services. Please contact the church office if this is something you can help with.

2) WNL Recreation Time: Adult Volunteer(s)

We are in need of at least 1 adult volunteer for our PreK-1st Grade WNL Recreation Time. Recreation Time is held from 4:00-4:30 pm each Wednesday. Volunteers are asked to be at the church, ready to go at 3:55. This age group meets in the same area as the 2nd through 5th Grade group, but participates in their own activities. Below is a brief description of the WNL Recreation Leader role.

- Leads the recreation/craft/hobby activities that are to be offered.
- Encourages and affirms volunteers.
- Plans carefully for each session.
- Relates to the young people as a leader, friend, and role model.
- Prays regularly for each student and leader by name.

Please consider helping out with WNL Recreation Time. Any help, from weekly, bi-weekly, to once a month would be helpful. Contact Stephanie by email stephanie@fpchastings.org or phone 402-462-5147.

Meal Train for Kim, Jeremy, Briella and Brooks Borrell!!

Dear First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, NE family: We are so excited to welcome the newest member of our church family, Brooks! Mom is Kim Stein Borrell, Dad is Jeremy Borrell and Brooks’ sweet big sister is Briella. Sign up on Facebook to bring the family a meal, or go to the following link www.mealtrain.com/trains/2orko8

Upcoming Forum Classes

❖ December 9 & 16: Christianity in the Middle East

This Advent, we recall that the Middle East was the birthplace of Christianity, and we consider what life is like for Christians living there today. Drawing upon his time spent in the Middle East and his work as General Manager of Presbyterian World Mission, Pastor Greg will illuminate the religious, political, and cultural context of today’s Middle Eastern Christians.

Presenter: Pastor Greg

Advent Season at First Presbyterian Church

Together we will pray, shout and sing, "Come, Lord Jesus!" We invite you to participate in the life of the church throughout this holy season:

- ❖ December 16: Third Sunday of Advent. Worship services at 8:30 and 10:30am.
Christmas Caroling at 1:00pm
- ❖ December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Service of "Lessons and Carols" at 8:30 and 10:30am.
- ❖ December 24: Christmas Eve Services: 2:00pm at College View Retirement Home with Choir, 5:30pm Family Service, 7:30pm Traditional Service, 11:00pm Evensong Service in the Chapel

**We will also be distributing an Advent Devotional guide to each family, written by the composer of the cantata. So as a church, we will walk through the season of Advent studying, praying, and worshiping together. *Please pick up your family's copy following worship in the Memorial Room or during the week in the church Office.*

Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School

A new three-week series, through the month of December, "Who needs Christmas?" confirms that we still need Christmas and the world, indeed, needs Christmas. Even if you missed last week, please feel free to join when you can!

Hastings Food Pantry Donations

During this time of the year, donations of paper products, soup, pasta, and canned fruit are much appreciated. The Food Pantry has been in operation since 1982 as an all-volunteer organization providing Hastings and the surrounding area with emergency provisions. The first Sunday of each month (or anytime) is a great time to fill up our boxes in the Memorial Room.

New Sock Drive

FPC is partnering with area churches to collect new socks for folks recovering from the fires in California. The shipment will be sent very soon, so help us fill our Sock Bin (all sizes welcome) by December 13. Please bring your sock donations to the designated bin in the Memorial Room. Thank you!



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, **Jan 8, 2019**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at

www.redcrossblood.org.

Please help support the Go & Serve Mission trip.

The Bid Board Silent Auction, located in the Parlor, will be open through Dec. 16. The items range from gift baskets to quilts. Check it out! Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Spirituality Lab

Dec. 13, 7:00 a.m., The Upper Room Classroom (upper level Memorial Room) Learn and practice together a different form of prayer or meditation at each gathering. Join us to find the information and support you need for a more interesting and fruitful prayer life.



Presbyterian Women's (PW) Cookbooks are once again available just in time for that last minute Christmas present or as a keepsake memento of your church family. The price is now a very affordable \$5.00. Cookbooks are located in the Memorial Room.

The Giving Tree

The tags are on the Giving Tree! The Giving Tree is in the Memorial Room and supports clients of Assertive Community Treatments (ACT), 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 16. 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

Come let us
Adore
Him





POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be purchased in honor of 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 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.

Your donation makes a difference. Please return your order form to the church office as soon as possible.

Poinsettia in memory of:

Poinsettia in honor of:

Given by:

I will take my poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve services: Yes No

I will leave my poinsettia at the church: Yes No

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls



Go & Serve Fundraiser

This year we are offering something new. You can pick up a pan of 6 baked fresh rolls OR you can request to have your rolls frozen and you can bake when you would like!

****If you request yours to be frozen, you will get a package of 6 rolls along with a bag of frosting.**

****All orders will be ready for pick up in the Church kitchen Sunday December 16th.**

****If you can not make that date let us know and we can make other arrangements.**

6 Cinnamon Rolls \$12 (one pan). Total number of pans _____

Baked _____ or Frozen _____

Name _____ Phone # _____