

# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



**First Sunday After Christmas  
December 30, 2018**

PRELUDE “Angels, We have Heard on High” Linda Vollweiler, Organist  
arr. Rex Koury

WELCOME Damen Heitmann

INTROIT Josh Brooks

\*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES The Brooks Family

*Harried. Hurried. Haggard. These are not the words of the season.*

***Are you sure? We’ve come to know them so well.***

*No, sisters and brothers, the words of the season are Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy.*

***Oh, good, those words are much better than the ones we’ve been feeling.***

*The word is God and the word became flesh and dwelt among us. Through it the love of God has been revealed? This morning, we relight the advent and Christ candles to remind us to draw near to these words once more.*

***Let return to the heart of God.***

\*HYMN “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” 143

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We’ve spent, O God, a lot of time searching the last few weeks. We’ve gone out looking for the perfect gift. We’ve peered high and low for the most wonderful recipe. We’ve studied maps and flight paths and train schedules hoping that we’ll find the place where our hearts will be happy and where our lives will be given meaning. We’ve dug, O God, to the bottom of stockings and found only candy. We’ve stretched to the very tops of trees and came across only sweet fragrance. We scraped the bottom of soup bowls and discovered only remnants. We were looking for lasting joy and abiding contentment. In our haste we sometimes forgot that we could always come searching in you. Draw us back, O God, to the source of everlasting love. Draw us back to you.***

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

*For what are you searching?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A fresh start. A new beginning.*

**God's love is revealed anew.**

*We are restored to the heart of God.*

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE      "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"      126

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

*The Peace of Christ be with you!*

**And also with you!**

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION      Healthy Beginnings      Barb Harrington

TIME WITH CHILDREN      Nancy Grams

(While the children come down, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me")

ANTHEM      "In the Bleak Midwinter"      Nathan Jensen, soloist  
Gustav Holst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As your word is read and proclaimed, let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – *Psalms 148*

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – *Luke 2:41-52*

MESSAGE

HYMN      "Once in Royal David's City"      140

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY      "Who Would Think That What Was Needed"      Lauren Canady  
John L. Bell

\*DOXOLOGY      "Raise a Song of Gladness"      155

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***May these gifts help to grow the fires of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy in the world. May they be used to bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. 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 "Love Has Come" 110

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE "Joy to the World" arr. Stanley Saxton

*(\*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 Worship  
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School, all ages  
10:30 – Traditional Service

**Please note...The Church office will be closed at noon, Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve Day through Tuesday, January 1, 2019.**

**We will be checking phone messages and email.**

**December 30, 2018:**

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

**Today's service will be broadcast live** on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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](mailto: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.

**Ushers Today (Team #4):** George Howard – Captain, Susie Graham  
Richard & Carolyn McKenzie

**Greeters Today:** Flossie Sanderson, Eleanor Jorgensen

**Acolytes:** Addyson Hermes, Jonah Snell **Nursery:** Kim Bogan



**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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**This Week at FPC --- December 31, 2018 – January 6, 2019**

<b>Mon, Dec 30</b>		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Tues, Jan 01</b>		<b>New Year's Day/Church Office Closed</b>
<b>Wed, Jan 02</b>	<b>8:30a-4:30p</b>	<b>Church Office-Open Regular Hours No WNL Activities</b>
<b>Thurs, Jan 03</b>	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Christian Ed Meeting in the Parlor</b>
<b>Fri, Jan 04</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Majong Ladies Group</b>
<b>Sun, Jan 06</b>	<b>8:30a 9:15a-10:15a 10:30a</b>	<b>Taizé Style Service Sunday School-All Ages Traditional Worship Service</b>

<b>FPC Prayers for:</b>	Rowan Williams	Dwight Marsh and family
Judy Brown	Family of Jack Osborne	Katharine Davis
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Elmer Heeren	Zelma Fobben
Ryan Barker	Richard & Wanda Langer	Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth
Ramona Shetler	John Harrington	Arlene Kort
Sharon Harvey	Georgie Evans	Carolyn Nowka
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Robin Koozer & Family	Lynn and Andy Barrows
Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Brooks Borrell (infant son of Kim & Jeremy Borrell, grandson of Bev & Ken Stein)	Holly Mack-Kretzler
<i>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.</i>		

**Soup Group for Women** 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.

❖ Jan 17 – Topic to be determined.

**Heir's Apparent Adult Sunday School** A new six-week series starts January 6, "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why" focuses on the Apostle's Creed. This a study of historic Christian faith and how it matters in lives today. The study asks questions such as: How does belief affect us? What is the source of our belief?

**Upcoming Forum Class**

❖ January 6: *the Rule of Saint Benedict*

The rule of Saint Benedict is summed up as "prayer and work". As the new year prompts reflection, we will consider the precepts of this ancient tradition.

*Presenter:* Wendy Keele

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**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson

**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Tim and Teresa Canady

**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver

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