



**November 10, 2019  
Twenty-Second Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE**

**“Sheep May Safely Graze”  
“Rhosymedre”**

*J.S. Bach*

*R. Vaughan Williams*

Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Linda Vollweiler, Organ

*(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)*

**WELCOME**

**Greg Allen-Pickett**

**INTROIT**

**“Exultate Justi in Domino” (“Exult in the Lord, Ye Just”)**

*Viadana*

The Langenberg Ensemble (Psalm 33, 1-5; trans. Allen H Simon)

*Exult in the Lord, ye just, it is fitting for the righteous to praise him together.*

*Give praise to the Lord on the harp, Play to him on the ten-stringed psalter.*

*Sing to him a new song, Sing well to him with a strong voice.*

*For the word of the Lord is right and all his works are faithful.*

*He esteems mercy and justice. The earth is full of the Lord's mercy.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Damen Heitmann**

Welcome this day to a celebration of hope and abundance.

***We have come from a busy week in which we have been pulled this way and that, with demands on our lives, our time, our energy.***

Come and rest in the Lord, who heals and restores you.

***We need this restoration in all of our lives.***

Come and rejoice in the Lord, who brings us together in this community.

***We take this time to celebrate and offer praise.***

Pour out your needs to the Lord, who will always hear and respond.

***Lord, we praise you and seek your spirit in our lives. Come, let us worship God!***

**\*HYMN**

**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Faithful God, we come before you with many issues on our hearts. We get frustrated and angry at the way things are going in the world or in our lives. We want your immediate intervention, and when we don't see things happening the way we think they should, we can be quick to dismiss you and any thought of your presence. Help us stop our selfishness and our quick anger. Remind us that you will work with us and through us for peace and hope. Release us from the traps of quick tests of your faithfulness and help us see the “big picture” of your awesome love that spans all of time. Forgive us for our pettiness and our stubbornness. Bring us back to you, O Lord. Help us shout your praises, celebrate what you are doing through us and our church, and live lives of joyful service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

Questions to contemplate:

When have I focused on the negative instead of giving thanks for the positive?

When have I failed to see the good that God is doing because of my own frustrations or filters?

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though we get frustrated and angry,

***God still loves us and seeks to heal us.***

Open your hearts to receive God's blessings;

***May we feel God's healing power in our lives.***

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

***Alleluia! Amen!***

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God!"

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## \*PEACE OF CHRIST *(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)*

The Peace of Christ be with you!

***And also with you!***

## SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION "God's Beautiful World"

Arr. Dan R. Edwards

*(TERRA PATRIS AND DIX)*

Chancel Bells, Linda Johnson, conductor

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As we hear God's holy Word read and proclaimed this morning, may it inspire us to be people of living faith. May God's Word propel us to live as people of gospel power, embodying a spirit of love and abundance—the spirit that is ours by the grace and power of God, through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17

## ANTHEM

"The Church's One Foundation"

Wesley/arr. Nix & Paige

Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, director

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 98

## SERMON

Celebrating Something Special!

## \*HYMN

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Written by Revs. Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill, 2004

***We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.***

***We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God, who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive. Amen.***

#### OFFERING

*(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC (USA) Hunger Fund.)*

#### OFFERTORY

**"We Give Thee But Thine Own"**  
Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, director

*arr. Neil Harmon*

#### \*DOXOLOGY

**"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF OFFERING AND PLEDGE CARDS

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

***You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, treasure— and you have asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks, praise, and celebration, we respond to your call!***

We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

***We offer ourselves, our resources, our energy, our hours, and our lives. Through these pledge cards, these Time and Talent sheets, these gifts, and our lives, we commit ourselves and this church to proclaim the Good News and to love and serve wherever you call.***

We dedicate our gifts to you, O God.

***Help us to use them to glorify you, to be vessels of your work in this world.***

We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

***We ask you to guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year.***

We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul in the year to come.

***Use this church, O God, to do your work in this world. Bless us, our gifts, our pledges and our lives. We ask for this blessing and dedicate these gifts the name of the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 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                      “Let Us Build a House: All Are Welcome” (vs. 1, 4)                      301

\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE                      “Let Us Build a House: All Are Welcome” (vs. 5)                      301

POSTLUDE                      “Trumpet Voluntary”                      William Boyce

Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Linda Vollweiler, Organ

*(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshippers as they transition out into the world.)*

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

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

8:30 – Contemplative Taizé-Style Service with Communion

9:15 – Sunday School for children, youth, and adults

10:30 – Traditional Service

***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings***

***Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873***

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

**Director of Children & Family**

**Ministries:** Stephanie Brader

**Organist and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler

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

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

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

**Accompanists:** Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann

**Parish Associate:** Kili Wenburg

**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer

**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**

**Bells Director:** Dr. Bryon Jensen

**Church Office Administrator:** Jean Matheny

**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun

**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger

## **November 10, 2019:**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Dixie & John Kerr by the Kerr family.

**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 Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

**Flowers** are given in memory of Randall, David, and Richard Fandry by Gayle Fandry and daughter, Mickie Day.

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

**Greeters Today:** Marilyn Nielsen, Gale & Dixie McDonald

**Acolytes:** Esther Allen-Pickett, Maddux Pumroy

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

### ***FPC Prayers for:***

|                     |   |                            |
|---------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Jeff Howard         | Zachary, Noble, Cale Henderson          | Kathy Reimer               |
| Celia & Wayne Ganow | Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)     | Jane Horton                |
| Norm Giesler        | Family of Lee Kreager                   | Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke    |
| Gretchen Lainson    | Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister) | Joan Shaw and Family       |
| Jim Harrenstein     | Janet Schawang                          | Jim Hahne                  |
| Darrel Lloyd        | Cheryl Ann Elfond                       | Alden Talbert (Bill's Dad) |
|                     |   | Irina Erickson's Mom       |

*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.*

## ***In Memory of***

- ❖ Lee Kreager who passed away October 4, 2019, at Mary Lanning Healthcare, Hastings, NE. Private condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lbvfh.com](http://www.lbvfh.com).

**November Communion Offering** is going toward CASA, which is an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocates who report to the court on behalf of a child who has been a victim of abuse or neglect.

## This Week at FPC --- November 11, 2019 – November 17, 2019

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| <b>Mon, Nov 11</b>   | <b>1:00p-3:00p</b>   | <b>Pickle Ball</b> in PEACE Center   |
|                      | <b>6:00p-8:00p</b>   | <b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in PEACE Center  |
|                      | <b>7:00p-9:00p</b>   | <b>Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls</b>  |
|                      | <b>7:30p-9:30p</b>   | <b>Chorus of the Plains</b>  |
| <b>Tues, Nov 12</b>  | <b>10:30a-11:30a</b> | <b>Staff Meeting</b>   |
|                      | <b>12:00p-1:00p</b>  | <b>Bible Study</b> in Anderson Room  |
|                      | <b>1:30p-4:00p</b>   | <b>Quilters</b> meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center  |
|                      | <b>5:30p-6:30p</b>   | <b>Congregational Life Meeting</b> in Parlor   |
|                      | <b>5:30p-6:30p</b>   | <b>Trustee Meeting</b> in Anderson Room  |
|                      | <b>5:30p-8:00p</b>   | <b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym  |
|                      | <b>7:00p-8:30</b>    | <b>Knit Wits</b> in Parlor   |
| <b>Wed, Nov 13</b>   | <b>7:00a-8:00a</b>   | <b>Bible @ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor   |
|                      | <b>9:30a-10:10a</b>  | <b>HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel</b>   |
|                      | <b>4:00p-6:00p</b>   | <b>Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)</b>             |
|                      | <b>6:00p-6:45p</b>   | <b>WNL Family Mealtime</b> <i>All are welcome!</i>   |
|                      | <b>6:20p-6:50p</b>   | <b>WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells</b>                                  |
|                      | <b>6:30p-8:00p</b>   | <b>Wood Carvers</b> meet in Church Basement  |
|                      | <b>6:45p-7:30p</b>   | <b>Chancel Choir</b>   |
|                      | <b>6:50p-7:30p</b>   | <b>WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir</b>                                  |
|                      | <b>7:30p-8:15p</b>   | <b>Chancel Bells</b>   |
|                      | <b>7:30p-8:15p</b>   | <b>WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</b> |
|                      | <b>7:30p-8:15p</b>   | <b>WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: High School (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Youth Group</b>  |
|                      | <b>7:00a-8:00a</b>   | <b>Retreat in the Real World</b> in Adult Ed Room  |
|                      | <b>4:30p-5:30p</b>   | <b>Mission meeting</b> in Parlor   |
|                      | <b>5:00p-6:00p</b>   | <b>Personnel</b> in Kessler  |
| <b>Thurs, Nov 14</b> | <b>5:30p-8:00p</b>   | <b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym  |
|                      | <b>6:00p-8:00p</b>   | <b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in PEACE Center  |
|                      | <b>6:00p-7:00p</b>   | <b>Spanish Class</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom  |
|                      | <b>7:00p-8:00p</b>   | <b>Cub Scout Den Meeting</b> in Fellowship Hall  |
|                      | <b>7:00p-8:00p</b>   | <b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in the Youth Room  |
| <b>Fri, Nov 15</b>   | <b>10:00a-12:00p</b> | <b>United Harvest</b>  |
| <b>Sat, Nov 16</b>   | <b>9:00a-2:30p</b>   | <b>Taizé-Style Worship Service in the Chapel</b>   |
| <b>Sun, Nov 10</b>   | <b>8:30a-9:15a</b>   | <b>Sunday School</b>   |
|                      | <b>9:15a-10:15a</b>  | <b>Traditional Worship Service</b>   |
|                      | <b>10:30a-11:30a</b> |  |

**Donation Station Has Moved** Looking to donate items to Hastings Food Pantry, Happy Nappies, Pine Ridge, Brooks' Bookshelf, and/or SASA? The Mission committee has moved the ongoing collection tubs for these projects into the fellowship hall. If you stop by to take a look, you'll find clearly marked bins with lists of the items for which these agencies are looking. Thank you for your continued support of these vital ministry partners.





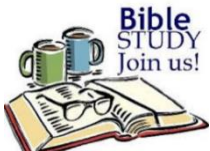


**Soup Group for Women** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.



**Adult Classes**

**Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School** meets during the Sunday School hour in the Anderson Conference Room. The first study for the semester will be on Simon Peter. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



**Bible STUDY**  
Join us!

**Bible @ Breakfast** meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. in the Parlor. Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will be leading a study on the “Rise of the Apocalyptic Imagination.” There is no specific study book designated at this point.



**FORUM**

**Forum Adult Sunday School Class** meets at 9:15am in the Adult Ed Classroom (next to the Church Office)

❖ November 17: *Women and Reform in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*



**Knitters and Crocheters** If you like to knit and/or crochet, join us for our knitting/crocheting *fellowship group*, the **Knit Wits**. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 7:00-8:00/8:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring whatever project you're currently working on or stop in for pointers on how to get started. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and fun!



**First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an “APP” for you!**

Our directory of names, contact information, and corresponding family photos is ready for you to create your login at <http://instantchurchdirectory.com>. You will use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access because only members will be able to create a login and load an app on their phones.



**Presbyterian Women** meet for food, fellowship, and programs the first Wednesday of the month at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall. The next luncheon will be December 4.

Please RSVP to your Circle calling chairman and to the Office by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The program will be given by Jon Marquez and the Hastings High School Choir.

Circle II will prepare lunch and provide kitchen helpers. Circle III will set tables, provide centerpieces, devotions, nametags, Hunger Cups, and act as Cashiers.

- ✓ Circle I meets November 20-9:30am  
(Hostess-Peggy Thomson; Lesson-Lynette Kreiger)
- ✓ Circle II meets November 20-9:30am  
(Hostess-Mary Fisk; Lesson-Gayle Fandry)
- ✓ Circle III meets November 20-1:15 pm  
(Hostess-Carol Wheeler; Lesson-Jo Seiler)



### Food from the Heart

The women of our church have started a mission of giving to our friends and families. This mission is called Food from the Heart. Our plan is to get together on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month at 2:00pm. We will prepare the food for casseroles to be placed in the church freezers. Everything will be ready to go when volunteers arrive. It would be nice to have 5-6 people help prepare the meals.

This idea came to me through the thoughtful foods gifted to use at a time of need. I thought this is something our church should do. Let's share our food and our hearts.

The finished casseroles in the freezer are for anyone to take and give away. Feel free to share with non-members also. We care about everyone, so enjoy.

To let Nancy know you are coming to help prepare the casseroles or if you have any questions, call or text Nancy Grams at 402-705-8179



## Go & Serve



## Bid Board Donations Needed

Each year, the senior high youth group of First Presbyterian Church has the opportunity to go on a Go & Serve mission trip. the goal of the this trip is to engage students in service projects that work toward the betterment of others while strengthening their own faith.

To help offset the costs of taking trips to various destinations we hold an annual silent auction (Bid Board). This year our silent auction will be held December 1-15. We are always looking for items to put up for auction and are hoping you can help with a **New or Gently Used** donation. Popular items from the past include: themed gift baskets (movie night, animal lover, game night, etc.), gift certificates, professional services, child care, and yard assistance.

Please deliver your donation to the designated cart in the church's common office area **before Sunday, December 1**. Also, please fill out the following form and attach it to your donation.

**New/Gently Used** Item Being Donated

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Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_





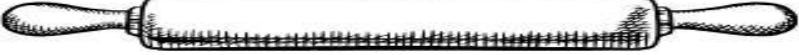
## Go & Serve Cinnamon Roll Sales

As chili season gets underway and out-of-town company season approaches, it's time to turn your attention to cinnamon rolls, though for some (Damen), it's never **not** time to think about cinnamon rolls. The Go & Servers will once again be embarking on their cinnamon roll fundraiser. Let your hearts rejoice!

To place an order, please complete the form below and return it to the church office or place it in the box on the table in the office workroom. However, there are **a few changes** this year, so please take note:

- 1) **All of the cinnamon rolls will be frozen** so that you can bake them whenever you'd like. They bake easily at home, and this simplifies the process for us.
- 2) We're doing two pick-up Sundays. Please indicate on the form when you'd like to pick up your rolls. If you'd like your rolls by *Nov. 24*, you must turn in the form by *Nov. 15*. If you'd like your rolls by *Dec 15*, you must turn the form by *Dec. 6*.
- 3) The cost of the rolls is \$12 per pan, and they come 6 rolls to a pan. Included with each pan is a bag of frosting.

Please pay when you pick up your rolls. With your support, Go & Serve continues to play a vital role in the faith formation of our senior high students. Thank you for all you do on behalf of our youth!




GO & SERVE CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_


Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-Up Date (circle one):      Nov. 24    must turn in form by Nov. 15  
    Dec. 15    must turn in form by Dec. 6

Number of Pans: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$12 per pan, 6 rolls per pan)



Thank you for your support of Go & Serve!





## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CORNER

The Christmas Season is rapidly approaching! Mark your calendar with these special church family events!

- ♥ **Hanging of the Greens** – Saturday, November 23 @ 9:00am
- ♥ **Christmas Caroling** – Date and Time to be Determined
- ♥ **First Sunday of Advent** - December 1
- ♥ **Second Sunday of Advent** - December 8
- ♥ **Third Sunday of Advent** - December 15
- ♥ **Children's Christmas Program** – December 15, 10:30 Service
- ♥ **Fourth Sunday of Advent** - December 22
- ♥ **Christmas Eve Services** December 24th
  - 2:00p      at College View Retirement Home
  - 5:30      Family Service
  - 7:30      Traditional Service
  - 11:00      Evensong Service in the Chapel



Dr. Catherine Biba Presents:

# **Women and Reform in the 19th Century**

Forum, November 17  
9:15 AM

Using their Christian faith and  
perceived moral superiority  
women played an integral role  
in reshaping the world.  
What else would you expect?