



November 17, 2019  
Twenty-Third Sunday  
after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Fantaisie”

Theodore Dubois

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“Great is the Lord”

Michael W. Smith

Calvin/Westminster Youth Choirs, director Linda Johnson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

Loving and caring God, we need this time together

***To be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith.***

We need this time of worship

***To be comforted and strengthened in your presence.***

We need this time of hope

***To be reminded that you are at work in the world.***

Remind us again of your vision

***That all might live in a world of peace and justice, filled with your love.***

May our time together this morning imprint this vision and promise on our hearts.

***Come let us worship God and seek to build a beloved community!***

\*HYMN

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O God of peace, as we look around our community and our world, we see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, and we find ourselves in despair, not knowing what it will take to stop the madness. We recognize that sometimes we contribute to that madness in our own lives, our own families, and our own communities. We ask, “Will somebody ever do something about this?” And we fail to realize that we are the “somebody” that needs to stand up and do something, to advance your values of peace and justice, and to help enact your love. Help us believe—really believe—in Isaiah’s vision of the peaceable kingdom and in your promise of a new heaven and new earth. Inspire us to work towards that vision. Let your cry be our cry: “They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.”***

SILENT CONFESSION

Questions to contemplate:

How have I contributed to turmoil in my life, my family, my community, and the world?

When have I failed to act to make things better?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is our strength and our salvation.

**God's anger is turned away.**

In its place, we find comfort.

**In its place, we find steadfast love and forgiveness.**

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

Pastor Greg

ANTHEM

“Harvest Hymn”

arr. Michael Larkin

Calvin/Westminster Youth Choirs, director Linda Johnson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**May your Holy Word enter our minds and our hearts. May your Word both challenge us and give us hope as we hear it read and proclaimed this morning. May your Word enable us to lead lives that embody both challenge and hope, always bound together by the Good News of your love. Amen.**

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 65:17-25

REFLECTION

Ashley Hermann

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 12

SERMON

“Glimpsing and Building God’s Kingdom”

\*HYMN

“O for a World”

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Diane Bish

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer you what we have: our visions and dreams, our witness to your saving act of love, our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst. We offer you our gifts and our lives so that we may be coworkers with you to bring about true change. Take these gifts and our lives to help build your vision of the peaceable kingdom. 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 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" (vs. 1-2)

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\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" (vs. 4)

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POSTLUDE

"Allegro"

George F. Handel

*(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers 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

**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

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

**November 17, 2019:**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Willard & Della Stein by the Stein 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 Libby & Elmer Glenn by the family.

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

**Greeters Today:** May Wierenga, LaVern & Connie Franzen

**Acolytes:** Paige Redline, Paxton Rhodes

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

**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.*

**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.



Third Saturday of the Month  
Annex Building  
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

**Sponsored by:**

First United Methodist Church  
First Presbyterian Church

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

December 21, 2019		
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	9:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.

**This Week at FPC --- November 18, 2019 – November 24, 2019**

<b>Mon, Nov 18</b>	<b>1:00p-3:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in PEACE Center
	<b>2:00p-4:00p</b>	<b>Food from the Heart Prep</b>
	<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 19</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>Deacon's Meeting</b> in Anderson Room
	<b>5:30p-8:00p</b>	<b>Pickle Ball</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
<b>Wed, Nov 20</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>9:30a-10:30a</b>	<b>Circle I</b>
	<b>9:30a-10:30a</b>	<b>Circle II</b>
	<b>1:15p-2:15p</b>	<b>Circle III</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>Thurs, Nov 21</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>
<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>		<b>Soup Group</b> in the Library
<b>5:30p-7:00p</b>		<b>Session Meeting</b> in Anderson
<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>Fri, Nov 22</b>	<b>10:00a-12:00p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in the Youth Room
<b>Sat, Nov 23</b>	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b>
<b>Sun, Nov 24</b>	<b>8:30a-9:30a</b>	<b>Taizé-Style Worship</b>
	<b>9:15a-10:15a</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Traditional Worship Service</b>

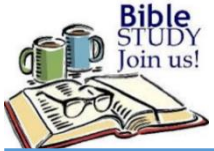


**Soup Group for Women** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, 12:00-1:00pm in the Library. Bring a sack lunch if you wish.



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

- ❖ November 24: HC Updates
- ❖ December 8: Gift of Music
- ❖ December 15: Gift of Music
- ❖ December 22: Gift of Music



**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



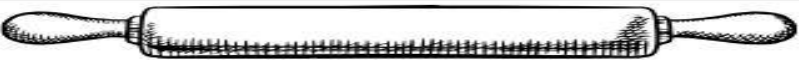
## Go & Serve Cinnamon Roll Sales

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!



# 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.

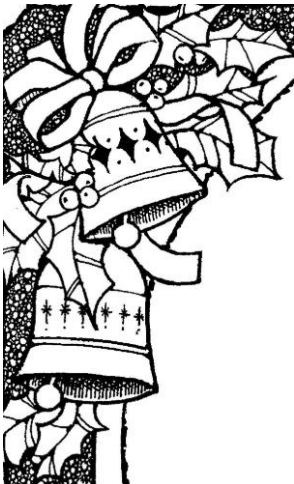
Please deliver your donation to the designated cart in the church's common office area **before Sunday, December 1**. Also, please fill out the following form and attach it to your donation.

**New/Gently Used** Item Being Donated

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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



### **ADVENT & CHIRSTMAS 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
- ♥ **Giving Tree** – Tags Available November 24
- ♥ **First Sunday of Advent** - December 1
- ♥ **Second Sunday of Advent** - December 8
- ♥ **Christmas Caroling** – December 8, 1:15pm
- ♥ **Handel’s Messiah Sing Along** – December 8, 2:00pm
- ♥ **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
  - 2:00pm at College View Retirement Home
  - 5:30pm Family Service
  - 7:30pm Traditional Service
  - 11:00pm Evensong Service in the Chapel





Tags will be on the **Giving Tree November 24!** The Giving Tree in the Memorial Room supports clients of Assertive Community Treatments, people with severe and persistent mental illness living in our community. Most are without family support and live on disability or nothing.

Please take a tag from the tree, choose to give one or two items suggested on the tag, wrap the gifts and place the tag back on them. Return gifts to the tree by Tuesday, *December 10<sup>th</sup>*, so that ACT staff members have time to deliver the gifts in time for Christmas. Monetary donations may also be taken to the church office, with checks payable to ACT.

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**The Hastings Symphony Orchestra and First Presbyterian Church are ministry partners, and this Messiah sing-along is always amazing:**

“Messiah” sing-along with the Hastings Symphony Orchestra,

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – 2:00 pm downbeat  
Masonic Center Auditorium

Grab Handel’s “Messiah” vocal score, bring family and friends, and sing along with the HSO for a no-rehearsal reading of this incredible work scored for large chorus and orchestra. All participants will sit in their voice category in a space designated on the main floor of the Masonic Auditorium. The downbeat begins with the prelude, and by the time the final Halleluiah chorus concludes, we will have great fun, a few laughs, and of course, make some incredible music together. All participants are requested to make a freewill donation of \$15 or more to offset costs for the HSO instrumentalists.

If you do not own a copy of Handel’s “Messiah,” you can purchase one online for around \$10. If you use a tablet (computer), the music can be downloaded from [www.imslp.com](http://www.imslp.com) free of charge since it is in the public domain. Either the older (gray cover) Schirmer edition or the newer (orange cover) Novello edition will work for this “Messiah” sing-along event. To borrow a church copy, contact Robin Koozer.

Audience members are invited to attend and listen to the joy of this wonderful music. A freewill donation of \$15 or more would also be very helpful in meeting the HSO’s expenses.

For further information, contact Dr. Byron Jensen by email at [bjensen@hastings.edu](mailto:bjensen@hastings.edu) or call the Hastings Symphony Orchestra at (402) 469-9396. We look forward to seeing you on December 8!



**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.



**FORUM, NOVEMBER 24**

# **HASTINGS COLLEGE UPDATES**

*What's new? What's different?  
What remains the same?*

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**DR. BARBARA SUNDERMAN  
OFFERS INSIGHTS AND UPDATES  
FROM LIFE AT HC**

