



November 24, 2019
Reign of Christ Sunday

PRELUDE

“Rejoice! The Lord is King”

arr. Gene Roberson

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

INTROIT

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

Darwall's 148th

Chancel Choir, directed by Robin Koozer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Greg Allen-Pickett

*Today marks the end of the Christian year,
A year filled with growth and challenge,
A year marked by ease and anxiety,
A year when joy and fear were born of the same moment,
A year when fellowship and loneliness were known again,
One draws to a close as another is just beginning.
Heaven and earth, mud and glory have met and danced once more.*

***HYMN**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

267

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We want, O God, to be governed by you. Yet we align ourselves with so many other things. Our hearts are driven by desire and attachment. Our minds are ushered along by fear and insecurity. Our imaginations are captivated by shiny things and fleeting glory. We display a particular kind of recalcitrance. We're happy, O God, to let you rule on Sunday, but we resist when the challenge of Sunday begins to interfere with our patterns of Monday, Tuesday, and the rest. Free us from such selfish rulers. Forgive us and let us rest content in your love.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: With what have I aligned my heart?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Forgiven and restored
Loved and embraced,
We realize anew that God's mercy knows no bounds
Alleluia! Amen.*

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

***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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Food From the Heart Nancy Grams

TIME WITH CHILDREN Stephanie Brader
(While the children come down, the congregation will sing, "This Little Light of Mine")

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.***

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Colossians 1:11-20

REFLECTION Deb Johnson

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 1:68-79, 23:33-43

MESSAGE "What Is This Power?"

Anthem "He is King of Kings" *American Spiritual/arr. Koozer*
Chancel Choir, directed by Robin Koozer; Timothy Ellis, Tenor; Campbell Schukei, Alto Saxophone

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***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

OFFERTORY Theme & Variations on "O Worship the King" *arr. Jan Mulder*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***With humble hearts, we return to this table, a sign of our own submission.
We dedicate these gifts and our lives to your service, O God. Deal
graciously, we pray, with those who put these gifts use. May they bring
hope to suffering, embrace 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 “Lead On, O King Eternal” (vs. 1-2) 269
- *CHARGE AND BLESSING
- *Benediction Response “Lead On, O King Eternal” (vs. 3) 269
- *POSTLUDE Fanfare and trumpet Tune on “O Worship the King” *arr. David Lasky*
(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 Sunday of Advent

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

Head of Church: Jesus Christ	Ministers: Members of the Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett	Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann
Director of Children & Family	Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg
Ministries: Stephanie Brader	Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler	Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson	Bells Director: Dr. Bryon Jensen
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady	Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver	Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton	Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey	

November 24, 2019:

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

Flowers are given in memory of their parents by Marie and Don Rasmussen.

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

December Ushers (Team #4): George Howard, Captain, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Ted Schroeder, Lori Schroeder

Greeters Today: Sally Smith, Chuck & Jane Bauer

Greeters Next Week (December 1): Margaret Koontz, Dick & Pat Kleiber

Acolytes: Esther Allen-Pickett, Lyla Adam

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Kristen Eckhardt

FPC Prayers for:

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

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 Franklin Reis of Waverly, NE who passed away Thursday, November 14. Services were held Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Lincoln.

December Communion Offering goes to Food from the Heart, a FPC program providing a casserole for those who need a hug and to know someone cares in times of need.



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 25, 2019 – December 1, 2019

Mon, Nov 25	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys/Girls
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains
Tues, Nov 26	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Anderson Room
	1:30p-4:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	7:00p-8:30p	Knit Wits in the Parlor
Wed, Nov 27	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	9:30a-10:10a	NO-HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	4:00p-8:15p	NO WNL, Chancel Choir, or Chancel Bells
Thurs, Nov 28		THANKSGIVING DAY
	8:30a-4:30p	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Fri, Nov 29	8:30a-4:30p	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	10:00a-12:00p	NO-Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sat, Nov 30	9:00a	Hanging of the Greens
Sun, Dec 1	8:30a-9:30a	Taizé-Style Worship
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service
		1st Sunday of Advent



Soup Group for Women meets the 1st and 3rd 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 @ 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, 15, 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 2nd. 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.



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 1st & 3rd 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.

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



Some years, the joy of Christmas feels hard to reach. If this is that year for you, you are welcome at the **Blue Christmas Ecumenical Service** in Hastings. The Blue Christmas service makes space for us to recognize that melancholy or grief can feel particularly sharp during the holiday season. It will be a solemn service of reflection, scripture, and candlelight. If you or anyone you know would appreciate the time to recognize the sacred in the midst

of the sadness they might be experiencing, please let them know they are welcome to attend *Thursday, December 12th, at 6 pm at First Congregational UCC, 2810 W 7th St.* Even in our quiet or lonely times, God is with us, holding us and wrapping us in love.



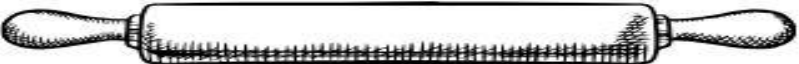
Go & Serve Cinnamon Roll Sales

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). Please indicate on the form when you'd like to pick up your rolls. 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 _____

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! 



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.



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!

- ♥ **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 10th*, so that ACT staff members have time to deliver the gifts by Christmas. Monetary donations may also be taken to the church office, with checks payable to ACT.



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 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 or call the Hastings Symphony Orchestra at (402) 469-9396. We look forward to seeing you on December 8!

**ATTENTION ALL USHERS AND GREETERS
and anyone else who is willing to help!**

The Christmas season is almost upon us. Yes, hard to believe, but true! As with every year, we have several services which will be in need of ushers and greeters.

- ❖ Please contact the church office if you will be available to greet for either the 5:30pm or 7:30pm service.
- ❖ Please contact George Howard, December Usher Captain if you will be available for either the 5:30pm or 7:30pm service.

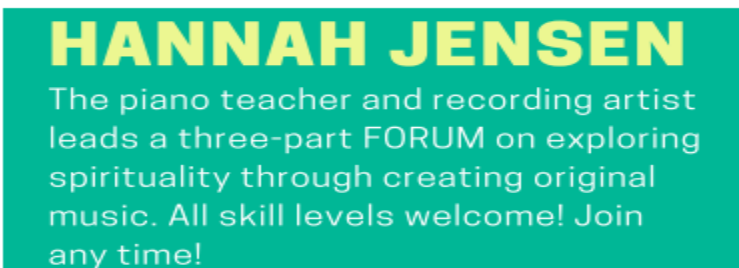
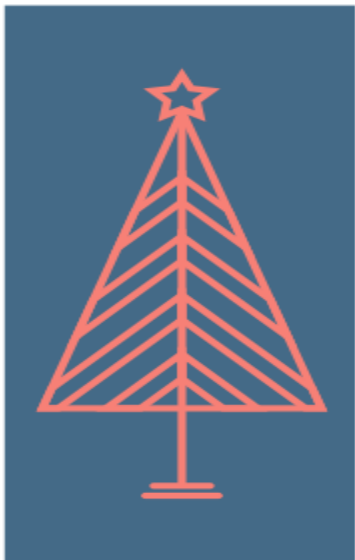
Love to Walk? The First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center gym is a great place to walk during the winter months. Shut out of the Mall? The Walkers are your solution from 8:15 to 9:15 Monday through Thursday.



No lectures here about your need to stay fit by walking as you all know that story by now. Afterwards we have fabulous Café Justo and good conversation but hey that's the bonus option.

And during the spring through the early fall we walk in the beautiful Heartwell Park which provides about a one mile loop – and second loops are available at no extra charge. Interested? Call or text Denny Storer at 402 460 8804.

December Forum Class



WELCOMING ALL - LIVING LOVE - TRANSFORMING LIVES