



December 22, 2019, 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent

HYMN SING Call out your favorite hymn and we will sing a verse or two!

BELL INTROIT "In the Bleak Midwinter" *arr. Martha Lynn Thompson*
Calvin/Westminster Bells, Director Byron Jensen

WELCOME Pastor Greg

*HYMN AND PROCESSION OF ADVENT BANNER
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vs. 6 & 7) 88

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Schroeder Family

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ;
the candle of Peace, remembering God's dream of a peaceful world;
and the candle of Joy, remembering the Spirit within us who brings joy!

Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love.

We come to this circular wreath as a symbolic reminder that God's love has no beginning or end.

When we talk about Christmas, we talk about a love song of God kneeling down like a mother to her child saying, "Oh how I love you," to each and every one of us.

From birth to death, pain to delight, strangers to friends, God's love is there.

On this day, we remember that God is Love. Come hope, come peace, come joy, come love. Come, Lord Jesus! Come, let us worship God!

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vs. 1) 82
(As the family lights the candle on the Advent wreath, the congregation will sing this hymn.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Loving God, even in the midst of this season of goodwill, there is much to confess. In spite of holiday cheer, stress and anxiety rule our lives. We miss the reason for the season, focusing instead on Christmas parties, long to-do lists, and trying to get the shopping done. We fail to think about your reordered world— a world where the lowly are lifted up and the hungry are filled with good things. Help us adjust our Christmas priorities that we might join with you, O God, in preparing a world that welcomes the one who brings us peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The ancient promises of God are fulfilled.

God does not forget us.

God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

Let our souls rejoice in God!

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

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 1) 113

*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.)

READING 1: Luke 1:26-38 – Eleanor Oliver

(The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce that she will give birth to Baby Jesus.)

HYMN: "To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary" (vs. 1, 4 & 6)

READING 2: Matthew 1:19-24 – Hannah Hafer

(The angel Gabriel visits Joseph to announce that Mary will give birth to Baby Jesus)

BELL ANTHEM Symphonia on HYFRYDOL *arr. Kevin McChesney*
Chancel Bells, Director Byron Jensen

READING 3: Luke 2:1-7 – Erika Nielsen

(Announcement of the census that sends Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

Baby Jesus is born in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes).

HYMN "Away in a Manger" (vs. 1 & 2) Led by Damen Heitmann on guitar 115

READING 4: Luke 2:8-14 – Jackson Graves

(The angel appears to the shepherds and invites them to find the Christ child,
singing glory to God!)

CHORAL ANTHEM Hark the Herald Angels Sing *English Carol (arr. Mack Wilberg)*
Chancel Choir, Director Robin Koozer

READING 5: Luke 2:15-20 – Greg Allen-Pickett

(The shepherds go to Bethlehem and meet Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.)

MESSAGE Go! Tell it on the Mountain!
(Congregation will sing vs. 1 & 3 as part of the message)

ANTHEM The First Nowell *English Carol, (arr. Mack Wilberg)*
Chancel Choir

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

OFFERTORY

“O, Holy Night”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

Adams/arr. Kirshbaum

*DOXOLOGY

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (verses 1 & 4)

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, your love is magnified in the gift of your Son, whom you so freely share with us. Bless these gifts that we offer to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry in your coming reign of justice and peace; in Christ’s name. Amen.

BELL RESPONSE

Festive Peal on “Adeste Fideles”

Douglas E. Wagner

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.

CHARGE and BLESSING

BLESSING RESPONSE

Joy to the World Lowell Mason (arr. Mack Wilberg*)
Chancel Choir; Louie Eckhardt, Trumpet

*POSTLUDE

Fantasy on “Joy to the World”

Marc F. Cheban

(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.)

**Mack Wilberg was appointed music director of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square on March 28, 2008, having served as associate music director of the Choir since May 1999. Dr. Wilberg is responsible for all musical and creative aspects of the Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square in rehearsals, concerts, tours, and recordings, as well as the weekly broadcast of Music and the Spoken Word. He is a former professor of music at Brigham Young University and is active as a composer, arranger, guest conductor, and clinician throughout the United States and abroad. His compositions and arrangements, currently published exclusively by Oxford University Press, are performed and recorded by choral organizations throughout the world. Dr. Wilberg received his bachelor’s degree from Brigham Young University and his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Southern California.*

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

Christmas Eve, December 24

2:00pm College View Retirement Home

5:30pm Family Service

7:30pm Traditional Service

11:00pm Evensong Service in the Chapel

Sunday, December 29

8:30 – No Contemplative Taizé-Style Service with Communion

9:15 – No Children’s Sunday School Today – Christmas Break

10:30 – Traditional Service

December 22, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

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.

December Ushers (Team #4): George Howard: Captain, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Ted Schroeder, Lori Schroeder, Andy Barrows, Dick Brader, and Ken Stein

Greeters Today: Kim Creech, Clyde & Katharine Sachtleben

Greeters Next Week (December 29): Melissa Davis, Steve & Lesa Cropley

Greeters Christmas Eve (December 24) 5:30pm:

Curtis & Kathy Reimer, Paul & Lynette Krieger, Dick & Daveta Brader

Greeters Christmas Eve (December 24) 7:30pm:

Erica Brooks & Family, Gale & Dixie McDonald, Marilyn Nielson

Acolytes: Caleb Schukei, Keaton Redline

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Kristen Eckhardt

FPC Prayers for:

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Zachary, Noble, Cale Henderson	Family of 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	Family of Al Behl
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

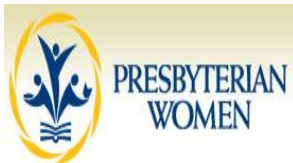
- ❖ Darrel Lloyd who passed away Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019. Services were held on Sunday, Dec. 15, at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings.
- ❖ Al Behl who passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019. Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, at the Fremont Presbyterian Church.

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

Christmas Eve Joy Offering: 50% of your gifts to Christmas Joy assist current and retired church workers and their families who are in financial need. 50% of your gifts to Christmas Joy make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

This Week at FPC --- December 23, 2019 – December 29, 2019

Mon, Dec 23	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	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, Dec 24	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	NO-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
	2:00p-3:00p	Christmas Eve Service College View
	5:30p-6:30p	Family Christmas Eve Service
	7:30p-8:30p	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
Wed, Dec 25	11:00p-12:00a	Evensong Christmas Eve Service in the Chapel
		CHRISTMAS DAY
	8:30a-4:30p	OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00a-8:00a	NO-Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
Thurs, Dec 26	9:30a-10:10a	NO-HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	4:00p-8:15p	NO-WNL Activities
	8:30a-4:30p	OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00a-8:00a	NO-Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Room
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in PEACE Center
	6:00p-7:00p	Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
Fri, Dec 27	8:30a-4:30p	OFFICE CLOSED
	10:00a-12:00p	NO-Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Dec 29	8:30a-9:30a	NO-Taizé-Style Worship
	9:15a-10:15a	NO Youth Sunday School
	9:15a-10:15a	NO-Adult Sunday School
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service



Presbyterian Women

The next PW luncheon will be held February 5, 2020

- ✓ Circle I will meet January 15-9:30am
- ✓ Circle II will meet January 15-9:30am
- ✓ Circle III will meet January 15-12:00 pm in the Library



Go & Serve Bid Board Auction

Thank you all for your generous contributions to Bid Board. This project supports our Go & Serve ministry, and it wouldn't happen without your support. Please pick up your item(s) and make payment in the church office.



Go & Serve Cinnamon Roll Sales

Let's play a game. How many pans of cinnamon rolls do you think were ordered this year? 100? 120? 150? This year we received orders for 173 pans of cinnamon rolls. That's 1,038 cinnamon rolls.

Please pick up your cinnamon rolls and make payment in the church office. This sale has quickly become one of our best fundraisers for Go & Serve, so please accept our gratitude and this baker's blessing: May your rolls always rise and your icing fall evenly upon your cinnamon swirls.

Shop Hands Around the World for your Fair-Trade Christmas Gifts!



Our products come from artisans who live in poor areas around the globe. Purchasing their goods helps them to feed their families, send their children to school, and improve their lives by allowing them to become economically self-sufficient. Handicrafts include baskets, scarves, jewelry, woolen hats and mittens, holiday decorations, gourmet chocolates, spices, teas, coffee, and more. Purchasing products from the store also supports our local mission, United Harvest. We give \$100.00, from the store each month to this outreach, which helps to feed those in need in our community. We are open from 9:00-12:00 every Sunday.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Tuesday, January 6, 2020**, 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.



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 by Monday, December 23rd.

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



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 to 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.

Casseroles are available to give to anyone who just needs some "Food from the Heart." 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



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.



Sponsored by:
First United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church

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

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.

January 18, 2020		
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
I,J,K,L	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 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.



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.



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School meets during the Sunday School hour in the Anderson Conference Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.



Forum Adult Sunday School Class meets at 9:15am in the Adult Ed Room

❖ January 12, 2020: Israel Trip Part 2



Bible @ Breakfast meets every Wednesday at 7 a.m. (except on Christmas Day) 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.



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!



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.



phones.

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 (from the app store) on their



Luke 2:7

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

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