



**2nd Sunday of Christmas
January 5, 2020**

PRELUDE

“Toccata in D Major”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Johann Krieger

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

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

***OPENING HYMN**

“Still, Still, Still” (vs. 1, 2)

Insert

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to this place still clinging to the shadow of Christmas.

We gather here still basking in the warmth of candles, of meals, of the assurance of the arrival and peace and joy.

And yet we know that all is not well. We’ve been alive in the world. We’ve seen what takes place. We know that the work of Christmas must still be done.

As we gather, O God, help us to look upon ourselves and the world with honesty and humility.

Draw us closer to your vision of the peaceable kingdom.

Lead us forward to join in the work of Christmas.

***HYMN**

“Still, Still, Still” (vs. 3, 4, 5)

Insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of restoration, the world is not wrapping paper and Christmas bows. Perhaps it was once a glittering perfection. But now it lies tattered and torn, crumpled and mangled, all about our feet. Forgive us, O God, for the mess we’ve made of things. Have mercy for the times we’ve cut down and destroyed. We’ve established for ourselves a world governed by power and fear, a country built on “us” and “them.” We’ve belittled. We’ve scarred. We’ve disfigured ourselves and others. Grant us, O God, your compassionate love. Heal our wounds and the wounds we’ve given to others. Restore our hearts so that we might help in restoring your world.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation:

What “ruined” thing could use God’s healing touch?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Forgiven by God, we are invited once more to lives of peace and love.

Thanks be to God!

***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 Project Sunflower

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your word is read and proclaimed, O God, may it move us to draw more closely to you. May it inspire us to devote our lives more fully to your service. May it reveal new ways to live your love. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:13-23

SERMON “Maybe Next Year”

***HYMN** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” 39

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

OFFERTORY “Allegretto in D Minor” Antonio Vivaldi

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We dedicate these gifts to the God who calls forth new life from the ashes and mounds of destruction. May you, O God, use these gifts to bring forth blessings even in the muck and mire of life. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Take and eat the bread when it is passed to you.
Take the cup and hold it until the entire congregation has been served.
We drink the cup together as a sign of unity in the Body of Christ.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love"

Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir, directed by Robin Koozer; Sarah Wolf, flute

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN "When We Are Living" (vs. 1-2) 822

(During the singing of the final hymn, we will take a second offering to benefit Project Sunflower. The congregation is invited to come down to the communion table and place their offerings in the basket.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "When We Are Living" (vs. 3-4) 822

*POSTLUDE "Rondo Finale" *Eugene Butler*

(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 – Children's Sunday School, All Ages

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

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Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

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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

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Still, Still, Still

Verse 1: Still, still, still,
the night is cold and chill.
The virgin's tender arms enfolding,
warm and safe the Christ child holding.
Still, still, still,
the night is cold and chill.

Verse 2: Dream, dream, dream,
he sleeps, the Savior king.
While guardian angels watch beside him
Mary tenderly will guide him.
Dream, dream, dream
he sleeps, the Savior king.

Verse 3: Still our world spins on
with restless nights for some.
We've war and madness drought and famine.
Homeless children, lost and abandoned.
Still our world spins on
with restless nights for some.

Verse 4: Mary, mother mild
we need your newborn child.
His truth can pull our hearts together.
Wrapped in his love we'll live for others.
Mary, mother mild,
we need your newborn child

Verse 5: So we wait and watch
for the coming of God's love.
With bated breath and faithful courage,
we hope to find the gracious savior.
We shall gladly keep
this vigil while he sleeps

Verses 1 & 2 – Traditional Austrian Carol
Verses 3, 4, & 5 – Damen Wesley Heitmann

January 5, 2020

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

Flowers are given in memory of Dr. Robert Butz.

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.

January Ushers (Team #5): Ken Stein – Captain, Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Kathleen Nelson

Greeters Today: Erica Brooks & Family, Dick & Daveta Brader

Greeters Next Week (January 12): Melissa Davis, Steve & Lesa Cropley

Acolytes: Jordan Norris, Tristan Propp

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abigail Shetler

FPC Prayers for:

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Family of Virginia Malouf
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)	Family of Zelma Fobben

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 Dec. 15, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings.
- ❖ Al Behl, who passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019. Services were held on Dec. 10, 2019, at the Fremont Presbyterian Church.
- ❖ Zelma Fobben, who passed away Friday, Dec. 27, 2019. Graveside services were held Jan. 3, 2020 in Hastings. Rev. Damen Heitman presiding.
- ❖ Virginia Malouf, who passed away Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019. Services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel at Livingston Butler Volland, Funeral Home, with burial prior to the service. Rev. Damen Heitman presiding.

January Communion Offering goes to the Sunflower Project, to inspire hope and contribute to individuals and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. It was established in 2019 by Kelly Bonifas, who lost her mother to early onset Alzheimer's disease. The project provide education, awareness, emotional support, and funds to those individuals and caregivers facing Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

This Week at FPC --- January 6 – January 12, 2020

Mon, Jan 6	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in PEACE Center
	Noon-6:00p	Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall
	2:00p-4:00p	Food from the Heart Food Prep
	4:30p-5:30p	Pooh Corner/FPC Liaison Meeting in Anderson
	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, Jan 7	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	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
	5:30p-6:30p	WAM Meeting in Anderson
Wed, Jan 8	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Board Meeting in Kessler
	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	9:30a-10:10a	HC Chapel at French Memorial Chapel
	4:00p-6:00p	Pre-K thru 5th Grade Bible Study, Recreation Time, Choir/Bells (WNL)
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Mealtime <i>All are welcome!</i>
	6:20p-6:50p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir
	6:50p-7:30p	WNL Calvin Middle School and Westminster High School Choir
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>Middle School (6th – 8th) Youth Group</i>
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study and Fellowship: <i>High School (9th - 12th) Youth Group</i>
Thurs, Jan 9	7:00a-8:00a	Retreat in the Real World in Adult Ed Room
	8:15a-9:15a	Walkers in PEACE Center
	4:30p-5:30p	Mission Committee in Parlor
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel meets in Kessler room
	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
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scout Den Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Fri, Jan 10	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sat, Jan 11	9:00a-??	Taking Down the Greens
Sun, Jan 12	8:30a-9:30a	Taizé-Style Worship
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service

LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Several years ago, through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg, the LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction.
- Areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Grants are limited to one per child.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

- DEADLINE FOR THE Spring 2020 GRANT PROGRAM IS February 1, 2020.
- ALTHOUGH GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE, PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.



2020 Offering Envelopes are Now Available

They can be found on the wood shelf in the hall outside the office as well as on the Welcome Stand in the Memorial Room.



Taking Down the Greens

The joy of Christmas continues with fellowship on Saturday January 11, 2020, with the busy task of taking down the "greens" and getting all stored away for another year. Please mark your new 2020 calendar for this important morning of dedicated service with your church family. We will start at 9:00 am. Bring a treat to share!

Presbyterian Women - The next PW luncheon will be held February 5, 2020



- ✓ Circle I will meet January 15-9:30am
(Hostess: Lynette Krieger, Lesson: May Wierenga)
- ✓ Circle II will meet January 15-9:30am
(Hostess: Bonnie Grams, Lesson: Pamela Lay)
- ✓ Circle III will meet January 15-12:00 pm in the Library
(Hostesses: Sue Medsker-Nedderman & Nan Huey, Lesson: Katharine Davis)



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, 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.

Shop Hands Around the World



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.



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 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.



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First United Methodist Church
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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.



Adult Classes

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
- ❖ January 19, 2020: Life at Good Samaritan Village and Honoring Those Who Came Before Us
- ❖ January 26: Christian Myths, a 3 part series on the meaning and power of myths, led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh.
- ❖ February 2: Christian Myths, a 3 part series on the meaning and power of myths, led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh.
- ❖ February 9: Christian Myths, a 3 part series on the meaning and power of myths, led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh.



Bible Study
Join us!

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.



First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an “APP” for you! Our directory of names, contact information, and corresponding family photos is ready for you. 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

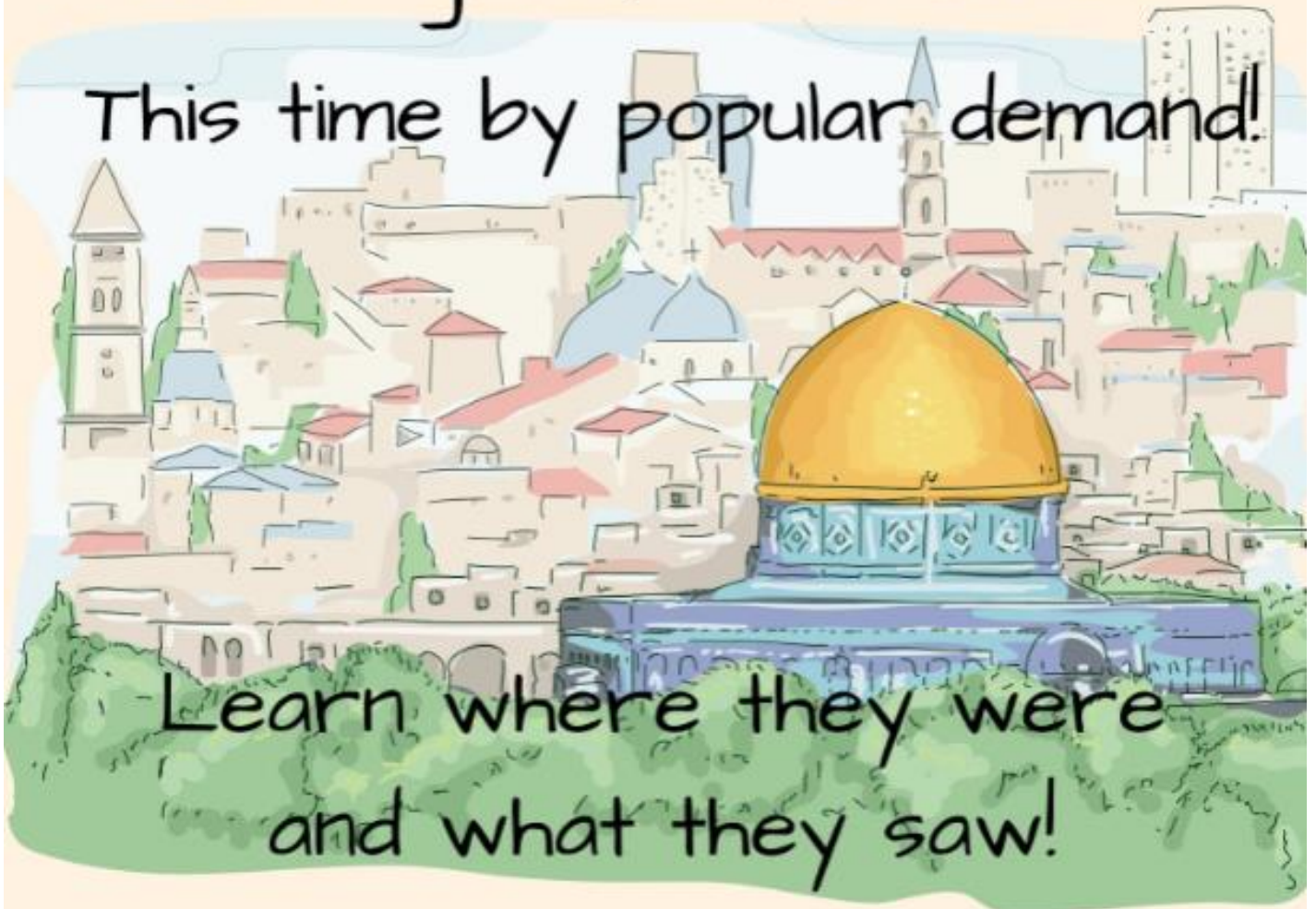
app store) on their phones.

Forum, Jan 12

9:15 AM

The Pilgrims Are Back

This time by popular demand!



Learn where they were
and what they saw!

Holy Land Travelogue