

### October 11, 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

PRELUDE

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Joseph Barnby/arr. John Innes

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 106)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Praise the Lord! Give thanks for God's goodness!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Gather us together virtually or in person, O Lord, so that we may give thanks to your holy name.

Gather us together so that we may bask in your glory and give you praise!

Come, let us worship God!

\*HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" Small Choral Ensemble, Song Leaders

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#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of infinite forgiveness, we implore you this day to forgive those many times in which we have turned our backs on you by turning away from the needs of the voiceless, the hopeless, the helpless. We let ourselves get distracted by schedules and activities that drain us of energy and enthusiasm. Light a fire under us, O God, that we may again feel the exciting challenge of being your people. Heal our wounds of indifference and apathy; bring us together in harmony and joy to serve you and your creation with peace, justice, and hope. It is in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

Questions for contemplation: When have I chosen to embrace the values of this world instead of the values of God's kingdom?

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Feel the powerful warmth of God's love for us!

God is with us, healing and restoring our lives and bringing us peace.

This is the good news from our persistent and patient God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

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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

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious Lord, your faithful community has gathered this day. May your word speak anew to us, showing us the way to your healing mercies. May your word inspire us to live the values you teach us. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING - Exodus 32:1-14

ANTHEM

"Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand"

Kirken den er et/arr. S. Drummond Wolfe

Small Choral Ensemble: Barbara Sunderman, Ann Koozer, Sarah Wolfe, Susan Oliver, Mary Fisk, Becky Meyer, Deb Jensen, Neil Kerr, Mike Meyer, Tyson Kerr, Byron Jensen, Jimmy Holys, Mike Karloff, Kevin Ellerbee, Greg Allen-Pickett; Linda Vollweiler, Accompanist; Robin R. Koozer, Director

Built on the Rock, the church doth stand, even when steeples are falling; Crumbled have spires in every land, Bells still are chiming and calling. Calling the young and old to rest, but above all the soul distressed, Longing for rest everlasting.

We are God's house of living stones, built for His habitation; He through baptismal grace owns us as heirs of His wondrous salvation. Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell, With all His brace and his favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes telling how God did receive us; The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice and what His table gives us; Here sounds the Word that does proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, Yea, and for aye our Redeemer. Amen

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING - Philippians 4:1-9

MESSAGE "Loving & Sharing, even in the midst of struggles" Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN "My Life Flows On" 821

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009)

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The hope in our lives is Jesus.

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The call we must answer is God's.

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all. (Continued next page)

The Lord of our lives is Jesus.
There is one baptism, one creator of all.
The creator who calls us is God.
We are one body, one family, one church,
woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.
With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,
we are one body in unity and love.

**OFFERING** 

OFFERTORY

"Simple Gifts"

American Folk Hymn/arr. Russ Schulz-Widmar

\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, creator of all that we have and all that we are, no one can utter all your mighty deeds or declare all your praise.

Please accept these gifts and our lives, we pray, both as tools of the work of the gospel and as signs of our pledge to be coworkers in Christ's name. Amen.

#### 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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

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#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

\*POSTLUDE

"Praise the Lord, the King of Heaven"

John Goss

Linda Vollweiler, organist

(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!

10:30 am Stay-at-Home worship

Broadcast live on Facebook at <a href="www.facebook.com/fpchastings">www.facebook.com/fpchastings</a> and on KICS 1550 AM

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

11:30 am In-Person Worship in the Park in Alexander Park (bring your own chair and facemask)

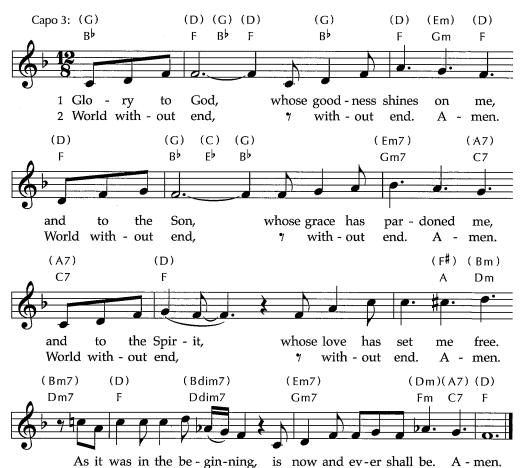
# 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies



This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

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## Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

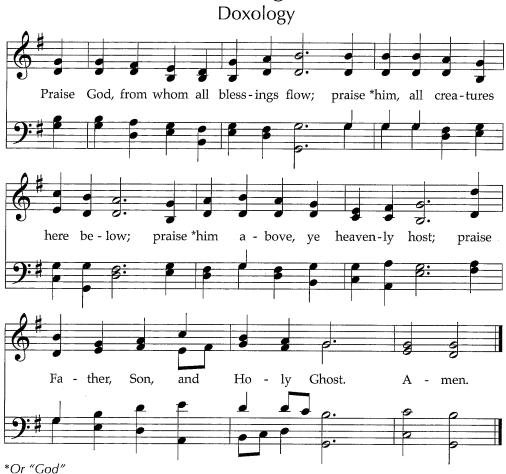


# My Life Flows On How Can I Keep from Singing? in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion. life flows on 1 My 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing. 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav-ior liv - eth. peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing! hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. Ι finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth. things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing? Refrain No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

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# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH



Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

#### October 11, 2020

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

**Flowers** are given in memory of Frances & Clarence Anderson and Mabel & Paul Robare by the Anderson family.

#### Today's 10:30 "Stay at Home" Worship Service will be broadcast

- ➤ live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (You don't need an account.)
- > on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.
- > on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- > at Good Samaritan Village, the 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 <a href="mailto:jean@fpchastings.org">jean@fpchastings.org</a>.

Erica Brooks and family	FPC Prayers for	Barry Thomson
Irina Erickson and family	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Gretchen Lainson
Jim Harrenstein	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Carol Medsker
Everly Hogan	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Jeff Howard	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Darlene Payne and family
Vern Kooy	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Jim Cooke

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.



Giving during our time of "Stay at Home" Church The church counts on your giving to carry on its work. As you participate in "Stay at Home" Worship, please take time to

- 1. mail your donation in,
- 2. drop by the church and leave your offering in the new locked "tithing box" located on the second brick column under the portico.
- 3. sign up for electronic fund transfers,
- 4. or give on-line at: <a href="https://fpchastings.org/give-online/">https://fpchastings.org/give-online/</a>

The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts in Nebraska. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

#### In Memory Of

- ♥ Rev. Dr. James Cooke, who passed away 09/05/2020. Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, American Heart Association, or Hastings Area Habitat for Humanity. A memorial service will be held in the spring.
- ♥ Shirley M. Lee, who passed away 09/17/2020, and is the sister of Darlene Payne.
- ♥ Irina Belikova-Erickson's mother, who lost her battle with cancer on 10/01/2020.

#### October Communion Offering will go towards the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



**Thinking of You Notes** With COVID-19 on the rise, a number of our retirement communities have closed to visitors again, which can lead to a sense of isolation. We want our members who live in these homes to know that they have a church family that loves them and is thinking about them. One way to do that safely is to send them cards. If you have a few moments, you can drop a card

or note into the mail to help them feel connected and remembered. Please contact the church office for names and addresses. Even if you don't know them personally, a card or note can provide a real pick-me-up. Please join us in this important work.

#### This Week at FPC --- October 12 - October 18, 2020

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through October 31 for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 15 or fewer in attendance, 2.) 1 hour or less in length, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6-ft. seating. All boards and committees will have the option to meet in person or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both to be coordinated by the church staff representative.

Mon, Oct 12	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center	
ŕ	7:00p-8:00p	Troop 200 Scouts in FPC Scout Room	
		"Monday Check-in" Communication	
		from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen	
Tues, Oct 13	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center	
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing	
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing/Anderson	
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life via ZOOM/Parlor	
	6:00p-7:00p	<b>Trustees</b> via ZOOM/Fellowship Hall	
Wed, Oct 14	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center	
	12:00 1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing	
	6:15p-7:00p	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal in Memorial Room	
	6:45p-7:30p	Choir Small Ensemble Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall	
	7:00p-8:00p	Middle School Youth Group in Basement Youth Rm	
	7:00p-8:00p	High School Youth Group in PEACE Center	
Thurs, Oct 15	8:30a-9:30a Walkers in Gym/PEACE Center		
,	5:30p-6:30p	Session via ZOOM/Fellowship Hall	
	6:00p-7:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe in NE Room/PEACE Center	
	7:00p-8:00p	<b>Cub Scouts</b> in Fellowship Hall	
Fri, Oct 16	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center	
Sat, Oct 17	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest	
		Coat Distribution	
Sun, Oct 18	9:15a-10:15a	Adult Ed Forum via ZOOM Conferencing	
	9:15a-10:15a	19/20 Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall	
	10:30a	"Stay at Home" Worship Service	
	11:30a	Worship in Alexander Park (NEW TIME)	

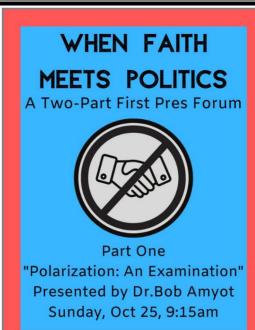


**Forum** Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour known as Forum meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be

recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session at any time. To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up!

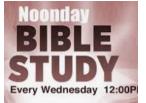


Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, is starting soon via ZOOM conferencing. Contact the church office to receive the invitation.

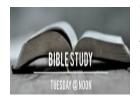




**Presbyterian Women** PW will NOT meet through the end of 2020. This means there will be NO Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons.



**Bible at Breakfast has a new time and name! Join us for Noonday Bible Study** via ZOOM at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. We will be looking at the Book of Revelation using the text *Revelation & the End of All Things* by Craig R. Koester. To join the study, contact sbbrooks52@gmail.com. All are welcome!



#### **Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Pastor Greg**

All are welcome to join this weekly study. The focus for the group discussion and study each week is on the verses to be used on Sunday during worship. The group gathers either by ZOOM Conferencing or in person in the Anderson Room. To join by ZOOM, contact the church office.



#### Update on Sunday School/Youth Group for the fall

Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades: Families should have received a packet of materials in the mail to use as you follow along with video lessons to be posted weekly on our church website <a href="https://fpchastings.org/children/">https://fpchastings.org/children/</a>

**6th-8th Grades** Youth Group is meeting in-person on Wednesday evenings in the church basement youth room from **7pm-8pm**. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask**, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things. A little Presbyterian 101 will be included for the first few weeks.

9th to 12th Grades Youth group is meeting in-person on Wednesday evenings in the PEACE Center youth room from 7pm-8pm. All participants are asked to wear a facemask, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things.

There will be no Sunday morning Sunday School or current 8th Grade Confirmation Class at this time. That may change in the coming months, but at least for September and October we will do without.

We are hoping this will become a meaningful learning experience for all. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Love to Walk? 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. The Walkers are your solution for getting those daily steps in from **8:30a-9:30a** Monday through Thursday.

Afterwards, we have fabulous Café Justo and good conversation, but, hey, that's the bonus option.

The First Presbyterian Church PEACE Center gym is a great place to walk during the winter months. (Group size limited to 15).

Interested? Call or text Denny Storer at 402 460 8804 for more information on how to join the group and gain access to the PEACE Center on days the weather does not cooperate to walk outside.



The <u>next</u> Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, October **30**, **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 sign or up

www.redcrossblood.org.





Annex Building Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

Sponsored by: First United Methodist Church First Presbyterian Church

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the

	October 17, 2020	
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	11:30 AM

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.



#### HASTINGS CROP HUNGER WALK TODAY

- 2pm Sunday, October 11, 2020. Heartwell Park
- Start and end at N. California Ave. in the park
- 25% raised goes to Hastings Middle School Food Pantry

Our CROP walk is virtual, but the need could not be more real. We will walk this year, but to keep everyone safe and healthy, we will walk either alone, with immediate family, or in small groups walking a safe distance apart at Heartwell Park. Look for our registration table in the park by N. California Ave.

Join Our First Presbyterian Church team - virtually - as we continue our shared commitment to stand up for the poor, the forgotten, those left behind. Access crophungerwalk.org/hastings to donate online or make a check to CWS/CROP and send or drop it by the church office or drop box. Even though we might not walk, we can "Walk in Spirit" and still support our Church

World Service programs here and throughout the

world.



#### \*\*FRAUDULENT **EMAIL ALERT** SCAM AGAIN!\*\*

First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends:

Someone has created a

fake email address and is posing as Pastor Greg. Please do NOT reply to this email. If you get an email that looks like it is from Pastor Greg, make sure you look at the email address itself. You can see this one was sent from:

greg.fpchastiings@gmail.com

That's not Pastor Greg's email address.

We have alerted Gmail and law enforcement about this scam.

#### **CLEANING OUT** YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat distribution to be held October 17th in conjunction with United Harvest

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men. Women, and Children.

(Adult XL and XXL are in high need.)



Donations accepted now through October 14th.

Please bring your gently used coats to Sunday Worship in the Park or to the church office during the week.

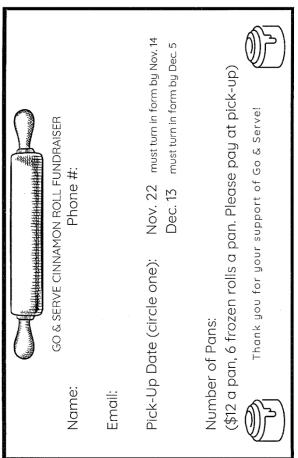


#### **Go & Serve Cinnamon Roll Sales**

The greatest of all seasons is nearly here: chili season. You better make sure you've some cinnamon rolls to go with that bowl! Luckily, Go & Serve has you covered as we once again be embarking on our cinnamon roll fundraiser. Let your hearts and taste buds rejoice! If you'd like to place an order, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. As with last year,

all of the cinnamon rolls **will be frozen** so that you can bake them whenever you'd like. They bake easily at home for your enjoyment! Also, we'll be 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. 22** then you must turn in the form by Nov. 14. If you'd like your rolls by Dec 13 then you must turn the form by **Dec. 5**. The cost of the rolls is \$12 per pan (please pay at pick-up) and they come 6 rolls to a pan. Included with each pan is a bag of frosting. 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!





#### 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 Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacev

# Lowing 4 Sharing for such a time as this

# 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

Next week you will receive a letter in the mail describing our annual stewardship campaign. Included in that letter will be a pledge card and a "Time and Talent" sheet. You will also receive an email follow-up for those of you who receive emails from the church.

I hope you can sit down with your family over the next few weeks and prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the work of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings in 2021.

We ask that you return the pledge cards and the Time and Talent sheets to the church by Sunday, October 25. That will be the last Sunday of our stewardship campaign, and we will say a prayer of blessing over the pledges as we prepare the budget for 2021.

It is vitally important that we do receive your pledge cards so that we can build our church's budget for the coming year.

Thank you for your steadfast support of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. May the stewardship campaign this year give you a chance to reflect on all the ways that God has been at work through the church over the last year, and may our pledges be a symbol of faith and hope that God is still at work in our church, even in these challenging times.