

Confirmation Sunday & Welcoming of New Members

November 15, 2020

PRELUDE

"Sheep May Safely Graze"
"Rhosymedre"

J.S. Bach R. Vaughan Williams

Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Linda Vollweiler, Organ

(All musical portions of this service were pre-recorded 11/10/19 unless otherwise noted) (The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

"Exultate Justi in Domino" ("Exult in the Lord, Ye Just") Viadana
The Langenberg Ensemble (Psalm 33, 1-5; trans. Allen H Simon)
Lord we just it is fitting for the righteous to praise him together

Exult in the Lord, ye just, it is fitting for the righteous to praise him together.

Give praise to the Lord on the harp, Play to him on the ten-stringed psaltery.

Sing to him a new song, Sing well to him with a strong voice.

For the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are faithful.

He esteems mercy and justice. The earth is full of the Lord's mercy.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

How shall we worship the Lord this morning?

With songs of great praise and rejoicing!

How shall we prepare ourselves to hear God's word read and proclaimed?

With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.

Come this morning to worship God, to hear God's word, and to rejoice!

Let us offer our praise and adoration to God, who has redeemed us.

*HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes we can be "pack rats" of grace, mercy, and love, O Lord. You continually pour these blessings into our lives, and we hide them away for fear that they might disappear, rather than share your grace, mercy, and love with others. As Jesus reminded his listeners to honor the giver of the gifts by using them to create something better, for healing, for hope in the world, remind us that the message of Jesus is truly pertinent to us today. Forgive us when we have treated it as a nice story. Help us to take the gifts you have given us, to develop them, and use them in ways that will offer healing and hope in the world. In Jesus' blessed Name, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

When have I hoarded God's grace and love instead of sharing it with others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are loved by God.

We are given so many gifts by God to be used to help others. (Continued next page)

Do not fear to use these gifts, for God is with us, continually offering us grace and mercy to be shared with others. In the name of Jesus Chris, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wise and Patient God, we know what you want us to do; you make it abundantly clear through your Holy Word. But far too often we are hesitant to follow through for you. Open our ears, minds, and hearts, so that your Word may fall afresh on us this morning, inspiring us to be your faithful followers. Amen

1ST SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 123

ANTHEM

"The Church's One Foundation"

Wesley/arr. Nix & Paige

Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, director

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 25:14-30

MESSAGE

"Multiplying God's Gifts of Grace and Love"

Greg Allen-Pickett

Statements of Faith from the Confirmands

*HYMN

"We Give Thee but Thine Own" (*Pre-recorded 10/27/2019*)

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's 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 of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

CONFIRMATION AND JOINING OF NEW MEMBERS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

New Members: I do

Who is your Lord and Savior?

New Members: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior

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Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? *New Members: I will, with God's help.*

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

New Members: I will, with God's help.

Congregation, will you support these new members by reaffirming your commitment as faithful members of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We will, with God's help!

PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS

Gracious God, by water and the Spirit, you claimed us as your own, cleansing us from sin and giving us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew in these new members the covenant you made in their baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in them. Daily increase in them your gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Send them forth by the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these New Members have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "We Give Thee but Thine Own" arr. Neil Harmon

Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, director

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we offer them back to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts alike. Help these gifts and givers to witness to your grace and love throughout the world. 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.

*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

"Trumpet Voluntary"

William Boyce

Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Linda Vollweiler, Organ

(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 www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on KICS 1550 AM (Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

2020 First Presbyterian Church Confirmands

Jordan Lee Norris

Confirmation Mentor: Will Locke Parents: Kris & Shawn Norris Baptism Date: 03/24/2019

Tristan Blake Propp

Confirmation Mentor: Scott Shardelow Parents: Wendy & Jon Propp Baptism Date: 11/13/2005

Jonah Charles Snell

Confirmation Mentor: Joe Black Parents: Sarah & Scott Snell Baptism Date: 10/09/2005

Selah Skye Wenburg

Confirmation Mentor: Kathy Reimer Parents: Kili & Justin Wenburg Baptism Date: 02/19/2006

2020 First Presbyterian Church New Member Class

Kevin Turner

Amanda M K Turner

Patti Deveny

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 Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Accompanist: Mary Plock

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg

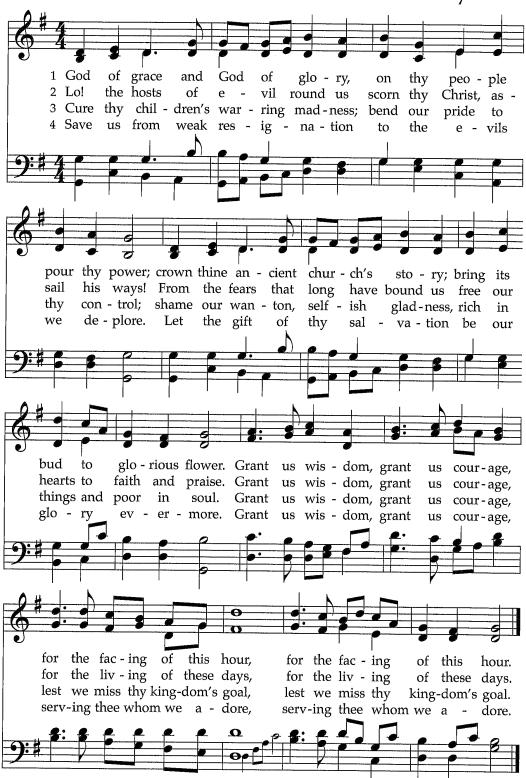
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacev

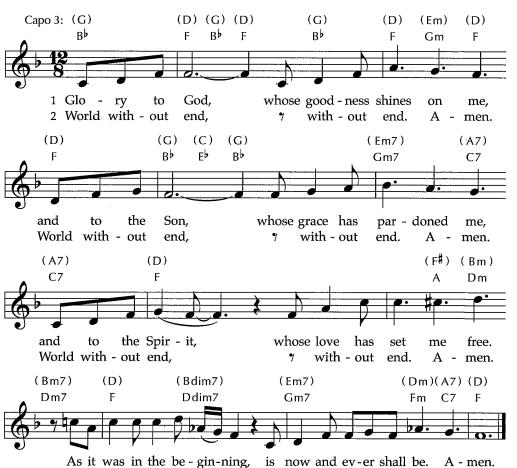
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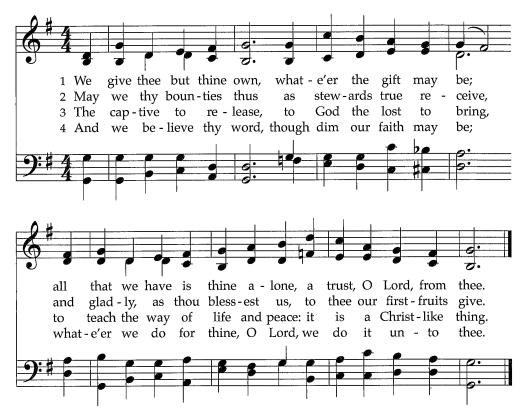
This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow





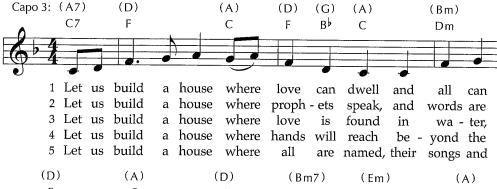
TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome





safe -1y live, place where saints and chil - dren tell strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare seek to wheat; wine, and ban - quet hall on ho ly ground wood and stone to heal and strength-en, and teach, serve vi sions heard loved and and trea - sured, taught and claimed



hearts learn how for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through live the and Word they've known. Here the out - cast the as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and



vi sions, rock of faith vault and of grace; here the wit ness and as sym bol of God's grace; here as Je sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we strang - er bear the im age of God's face; let us laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of let this grace;

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

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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.

Flowers are given in memory of Libby & Elmer Glenn by the 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 jean@fpchastings.org.



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: https://fpchastings.org/give-online/

The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus, Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

FPC Prayers for					
	Family of Erlene Gessford (Gayle Fandry's sister)				
Cindy Pickett	Family of Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Norris Swan and family			
Jim Harrenstein	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Barry Thomson			
Everly Hogan	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's mom)	Carol Medsker			
Jeff Howard	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen			
Gretchen Lainson	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Vern Kooy			
Pastor Greg and family	Family of Jim Specht (Elaine Specht's son)	Craig and JoAnn Williams			
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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

- Dean Pickett, who passed away 10/13/20. Dean is Pastor Greg's father. Memorial gifts in his honor may be given to one of three causes he was very passionate about: The American Cancer Society: https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html The Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering: http://bit.ly/PresbyPeace Best Friends Animal Society: https://bestfriends.org/
- ♥ Vern Kooy, who passed away 10/23/2020. Memorials may be given in his name to the American Civil Liberties Union, www.aclu-il.org, or First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.
- ♥ Kristine Cook, who passed away 10/28/2020 in Tennessee. Kristine is Katharine Davis' sister.
- ▶ Jim Specht, who passed away 10/30/2020, at his home in Hastings, NE. Jim is Elaine Specht's son. Services will be held at FPC Hastings on Monday 11/09/2020 at 2:00 p.m. and also be available via Facebook live streaming. The direct link is https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings Memorials may be given to Crossroads Rescue Mission of Hastings or Morrison Cancer Center.
- ♥ Erlene Gessford, who passed away 11/05/2020. Private grave side services will be held at Park View Cemetery. Erlene is Gayle Fandry's sister. Memorials may be given to the Hastings Food Pantry, 918 W 4th Street, Hastings, NE 68901 or the Epilepsy Foundation Nebraska, 108 N 49th St, Ste 210 Omaha, NE 68132.

November Communion Offering will go to Crossroads Mission.

This Week at FPC --- November 9 – November 15, 2020

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines 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, Nov 16	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers at the PEACE Center	
	7:00p-8:00p	Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room	
		"Monday Check-in" Communication	
		from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen	
Tues, Nov 17	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers at the PEACE Center	
	8:30a-4:30p	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing	
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing	
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons via Zoom/Fellowship Hall	
Wed, Nov 18	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers at the PEACE Center	
Í	12:00 1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing	
	7:00p-8:00p	Middle School Youth Group in Basement Youth Rm	
	7:00p-8:00p	High School Youth Group in PEACE Center	
Thurs, Nov 19	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers at the PEACE Center	
	5:30p-6:30p	Session via ZOOM/Fellowship Hall	
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall	
	6:00p-7:00p	Mexican Dance Troupe PEACE Center/NE Classroom	
Fri, Nov 20	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class ZOOM/PEACE Center/NW Classroom	
		Contact Jenni Howard 402-469-1500 for further information	
Sat, Nov 21	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest	
	9:00a	Hanging of the Greens	
Sun, Nov 22	9:15a-10:15a	Adult Ed Forum via Zoom Conferencing	
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent Adult S.S. via Zoom Conferencing	
	10:30a	"Stay at Home" Worship Service	

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.



The <u>next</u> Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2021 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 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



Presbyterian Women PW will NOT meet through the end of 2020. This means there will be NO Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons until further notice. Members will receive monthly packets.



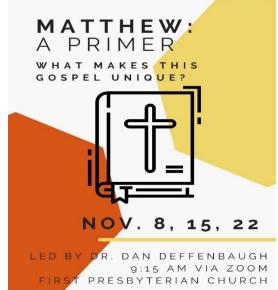
Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour known as Forum meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via

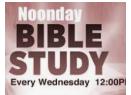
Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session at any time. To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up!



Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, has begun meeting via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. They are studying an Adam Hamilton book entitled *Seeing*

Gray in a World of Black and White that reflects on religion, morality, and politics. If you would like to join this study, please email or call the church office to get the Zoom link.





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-5th 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 https://fpchastings.org/children/

<u>6th-8th Grades</u> 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.

9th **to 12**th **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.

There will be no Sunday morning Sunday School or current 8th Grade Confirmation Class at this time. 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, from **8:30a-9:30a** Monday through Thursday. Afterwards, we have fabulous Café Justo and good conversation. 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 Hands Around the World Store has ordered more coffee. Stop by the church office to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag.

PLUS, the store will be OPEN on Sunday, Nov. 22, and Sunday, Dec 6 from 1:00 - 2:00p. We will follow COVID rules of no more than 15 people at a time and masks required.



Want some help wrapping your Christmas gifts? Want to support the United Harvest ministry? Here's a way to accomplish both at the same time!!

- Judy Hoch will gladly and beautifully wrap your Christmas gifts in exchange for a free will donation to United Harvest.
- Simply call Judy at 402-460-0832 to set up a drop off day/time.
- Deliver your gifts to Judy with TO/FROM sticky notes on each. She will provide the box, wrapping, and beautiful bows. You then pick them up and write a (tax-deductible) check to United Harvest. No set fee per box; all free-will proceeds will support the great work of United Harvest!



Sponsored by: First United Methodist Church First Presbyterian Church A mobile partry is a traveling food poetry that delivers food to families to med through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food selece there is a high need, but ressures we limited. The mobile food pointry is walkable on all figure (fragger. The instructions providing the food are qual apport with privales. Interested in volunteering at **United Harvest?** You can either register on Facebook or 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.

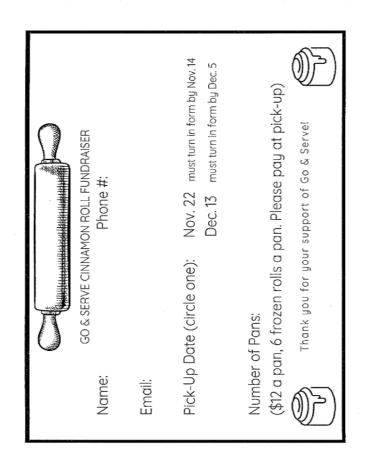
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S, T, U	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	10:45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

Go & Serve Cinnamon Roll Sales



The greatest of all seasons is nearly here: chili season, so make sure you've some cinnamon rolls to go with it! Luckily, Go & Serve has you covered, as we once again be

embarking on our cinnamon roll fundraiser. To place an order, please complete the form and return it to the church office. The cinnamon rolls **will be frozen** so you can bake them easily at home! We'll be doing two pick-up Sundays. Please indicate on the form when you'd like to pick-up your rolls. To have your rolls by **Nov. 22**, turn in the form by **Nov. 14**. To have your rolls by **Dec 13**, turn the form by **Dec. 5**. The cost of the rolls is \$12 per pan (please pay at pick-up) and come 6 rolls to a pan. Included 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!



Tags will be on the **Giving Tree November 21.** The Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall 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 Friday, *December 11*, 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.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CORNER

The Christmas Season is rapidly approaching! Mark your calendar with these special church family events!

- **♥ Church Family Advent Devotionals** mailed the week of Nov. 16
- **Hanging of the** Greens Many hands make light work! We will be setting up teams for specific tasks with specific times in order to be COVID safe. Masks will be required. We need you! Contact Brian Johnson at bljohnson@gtmc.net or 308 830-2642 to participate.
- **♥ Christmas Caroling** DETAILS STILL TO BE DETERMINED
- **▼ First Sunday of Advent** November 29
- **▼ Second Sunday of Advent** December 6
- **▼ Third Sunday of Advent** December 13
- **▼ Fourth Sunday of Advent -** December 20
- ♥ Christmas Eve Services December 24th DETAILS STILL TO BE DETERMINED



We officially concluded our Stewardship Campaign at the end of October; however, we are still taking the pledge cards and "Time and Talent" sheets. If you need a new copy of either of these, please reach out to the church, and we can send you an electronic copy.

We are in the process of creating our church budget for 2021, and it is vital that we receive

the pledge cards so we know how to build a faithful budget.

For those of you who have already sent in your pledge cards, THANK YOU! If you haven't done so already, I hope you can sit down with your family today and prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the work of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings in 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. We hope that the stewardship campaign this year gave you a chance to reflect on all the ways that God has been at work through the church over the last year. May our pledges be a symbol of faith and hope that God is still at work in our church, even in these challenging times.