



November 22, 2020

PRELUDE “Come, Ye Thankful People Come” *arr. Diane Bish*
Linda Vollweiler, Organ

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

WELCOME *Damen Jensen-Heitmann*

OPENING QUESTION

What would you like to close? What would you like to open?

INTROIT “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *George Job Elvey*
Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, Director (pre-recorded November 25, 2018)

*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.

*OPENING HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” *450*
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that our eyes are weak and our vision is blurry. When we look around the world, we don't see you. We mostly just see “others” with a few people we like sprinkled in. We see rival teams and competing interests. We see political parties and arguments waiting to be had. We see people who must have made bad choices, who must have misplaced priorities, who simply need to get it together; then they wouldn't be so bad off. We don't see you, God. We don't see your family. We don't recognize your children. Forgive us, O God, for we have failed to see your spark in the eyes of others.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

Who do you struggle to recognize as a child of God?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise be to God; whose mercy knows no end.

Praise be to God, who lived among us and calls us God's own.

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

Amen. And again, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May your word, O God, be opened to us this morning. May it grab our hearts, shake our brains, and reorient our very beings. As we draw one year to a close and embark on a new beginning, may your word pull us back to you and help us to start anew. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 1:15-23

ANTHEM "For Everyone Born" Murray/Mann arr. Tom Trenney
Chancel Choir; Robin Koozer, Director; Christa Speed, cello (pre-recorded October 16, 2019)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE "Get Sorted" or "Do You See What I See?" Damen Jensen-Heitmann

*HYMN "The Church of Christ in Every Age" 320

*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 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To the glory of God, we give these gifts. To the building of the Kingdom, we offer our very selves. May these gifts be used to meet the needs of the world, whatever those needs may be. 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

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

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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

Partita on “Nun danket alle Gott”

arr. Charles Callahan

VI. Postlude

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.)

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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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

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the'. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment of chords.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords.

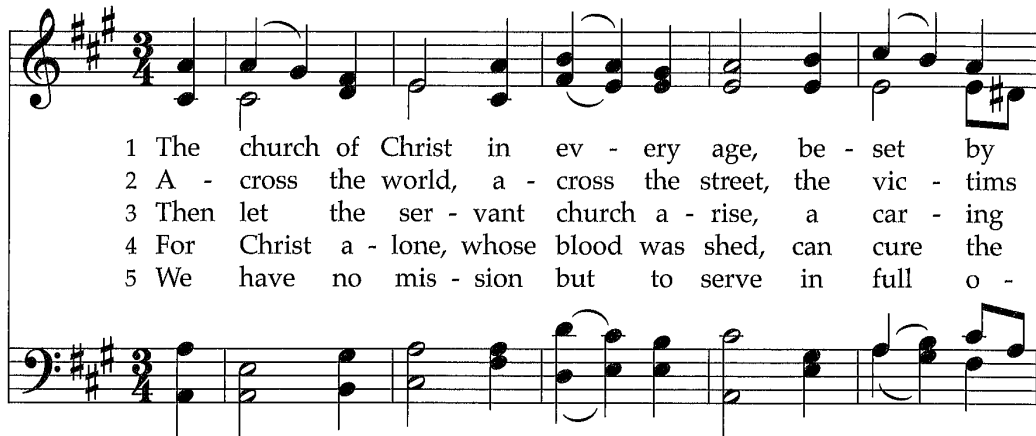
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the vocal line with lyrics 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece with lyrics 'world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord.

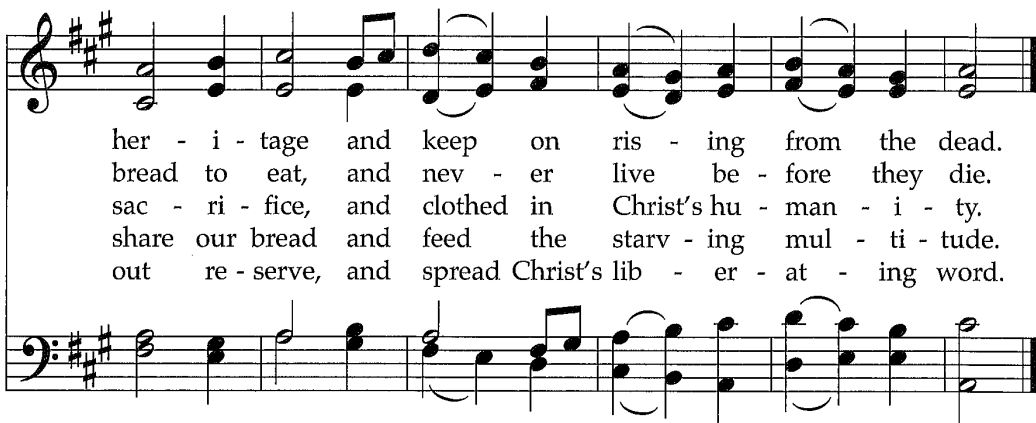
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Or "God"*

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;

Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.

November 22, 2020

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

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

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

- ♥ 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. Jim is Elaine Specht's son. Memorials may be given to Crossroads Rescue Mission of Hastings or Morrison Cancer Center.
- ♥ Erlene Gessford, who passed away 11/05/2020. 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.
- ♥ Karen Huber, who passed away 11/18/2020. Services will be held at a later date.

November Communion Offering will go to Crossroads Mission.

This Week at FPC --- November 23 – November 29, 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.

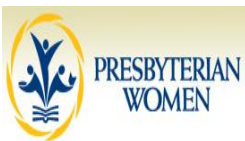
Mon, Nov 23	8:30a-9:30a 7:00p-8:00p	Walkers at the PEACE Center Scouts Troop 200 in Scout Room “Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
Tues, Nov 24	8:30a-9:30a 8:30a-4:30p 12:00p-1:00p	Walkers at the PEACE Center Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
Wed, Nov 25	8:30a-9:30a 12:00 1:00p	Walkers at the PEACE Center Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
Thurs, Nov 26	OFFICE CLOSED	THANKSGIVING DAY
Fri, Nov 27	OFFICE CLOSED	THANKSGIVING BREAK
Sun, Nov 29	9:15a-10:15a 9:15a-10:15a 10:30a	1st Sunday of Advent Adult Ed Forum via Zoom Conferencing Heirs Apparent Adult S.S. via Zoom Conferencing “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.



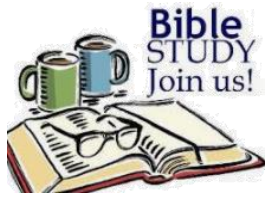
The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Monday, January 4, 2021** from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at 402-469-9285 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



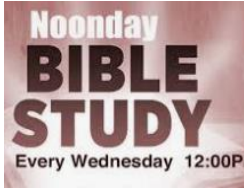
Presbyterian Women PW will **NOT** meet until further notice. This means there will be **NO** Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons until further notice. Members will receive monthly packets.



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!

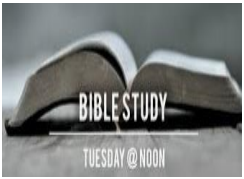


Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, has begun meeting via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. They are studying an Adam Hamilton book entitled *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White* that reflects on religion, morality, and politics. If you would like to join this study, 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.

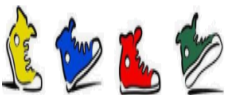


Update on Sunday School/Youth Group

Pre K-5th Grades: Families receive packets 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/>

6th-8th Grades & 9th to 12th Grades There will be NO youth group this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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 TODAY, 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!



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 types of groups. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

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

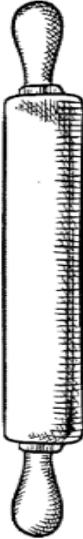

at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

	December 19, 2020	
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
S, T, U	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! Please indicate on the form when you'd like to pick-up your rolls. To have your rolls by **Dec 13**, return 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!

GO & SERVE CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER


Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Pick-Up Date (circle one): Nov. 22 must turn in form by Nov. 14
 Dec. 13 must turn in form by Dec. 5

Number of Pans: _____

(\$12 a pan, 6 frozen rolls a pan. Please pay at pick-up)



Thank you for your support of Go & Serve!



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

*Loving & Sharing
for such a time as this*

2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

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.