



January 3, 2020
10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Christmas

PRELUDE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Linda Vollweiler, Organ

arr. John Innes

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

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION

Where did you find God’s presence in the last week?

INTROIT

“Still, Still, Still”

arr. David Paxton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

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,

Still wondering just what this mysterious presence might mean for us.

We come together looking for a way forward, looking for the signposts of God’s presence with us.

In the fading warmth of candles and common songs, we wonder if such things could really be.

Does God really dwell among us? Has the word been made flesh once more?

*OPENING HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The words that come to us, the words that we most often see and hear, are not always holy words. Usually, they encourage us to do more shopping or be jealous of fake lives, spend our energy in rumination on the current state of some sports team. Worse yet, the words we often hear ask us to mistrust our neighbors or reinforce the idea that everything is about us. We know these words are foolish, but they’re here and we’re bored, so we follow them. The cacophony of the world hushes your voice, O God, and your Word slips into the background. Forgive us for the times and moments we’ve lost track of your word. Help us to bring your Voice and Spirit back to the foreground of our lives.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: What “other” voices have you listened to this week?

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 others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

FINDING GOD IN ISOLATION

Kili Wenburg

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let your word, O God, enliven your servants once more. Let it appear before us and rouse us from our winter slumbers. Let it dwell again within our lives. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

ANTHEM

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

arr. Stanley Sexton

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5, 10-18

SERMON

“What’s the Word?” or “Not So Secret Word”

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

*HYMN

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

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*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

Meditation on “The Coventry Carol”

arr. David Lasky

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Inspired, O God, by your Word made flesh, we dedicate these gifts to your work. May they amplify the voices of righteousness, increase the work of love, and magnify your Kingdom in this world. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us sing our thanks to God.

It is right to give God 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN "Who Would Think That What Was Needed"

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*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 "Postlude" Op. 661

Carl Wilhelm Kern

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.)

128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat-tle stall;
 2 Flocks were sleep-ing; shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings of the gos-pel true.

Swift are wing-ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring-ing, ti-dings bring-ing:
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais-es voic-ing greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!
 Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!

The English text of this 13th- or 14th-century Polish carol does not try to tell a story but to offer verbal snapshots of the well-known Nativity narrative of Luke 2:6-20. The tune name quotes the opening of the Polish text and means "He lies in a cradle" or "In manger lying."

TEXT: Polish carol; trans. Edith M. G. Reed, 1920; rev. 1921
 MUSIC: Polish folk melody; harm. Arthur E. Rusbridge, 1962

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY
 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.7
 (this tune in a lower key, 410)

Glory Be to the Father

581

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

The first system of musical notation for 'Glory Be to the Father'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, a half note F5, and a quarter note G5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note G5, a quarter note F5, a half note E-flat5, a quarter note D5, a half note C5, a quarter note B-flat4, a half note A4, and a quarter note G4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note F4, a half note E-flat4, a quarter note D4, a half note C4, a quarter note B-flat3, a half note A3, and a quarter note G3. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff concludes the melody with a half note G3, a quarter note F3, a half note E-flat3, a quarter note D3, a half note C3, a quarter note B-flat2, a half note A2, and a quarter note G2. The bass staff concludes the accompaniment with a final chord. The system ends with a double bar line.

Sing of God Made Manifest 156

1 Sing of God made man - i-fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i-fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i-fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man - i-fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,
 "I should be bap-tized by you, but your bid-ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph-ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for-gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, indicated by a single sharp (F#) on the treble clef. The key signature is G major. The time signature is common time (C). The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system of music has the lyrics: 'Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures'. The second system of music has the lyrics: 'here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise'. The third system of music has the lyrics: 'Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.' The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the 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
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138 Who Would Think That What Was Needed

1 Who would think that what was need-ed to trans-
 2 Shep - herds watch and wise men won-der; mon - archs
 3 Cen - tu - ries of skill and sci - ence span the

form and save the earth might not be a
 scorn and an - gels sing; such a place as
 past from which we move, yet ex - pe - rience

plan or ar - my, proud in pur - pose, proved in
 none would reck - on hosts a ho - ly help - less
 ques - tions wheth - er, with such prog - ress, we im -

worth? Who would think, de - spite de - ri - sion, that a
 thing. Sta - ble beasts and by - passed strang - ers watch a
 prove. While the hu - man lot we pon - der, lest our

child should lead the way?
 ba - by laid in hay; God sur - pris - es earth with
 hopes and hu - mor fray,

heav - en, com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.

Hindsight is nearly always clearer than foresight, and with gentle good humor this Christmas hymn points out how great was the gap between human expectation and God's actual way of providing a means of salvation for us. God's ways continually exceed our claims to comprehend them.

January 3, 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 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

Lois Hafer
Cindy Pickett
Jeff Howard
Gretchen Lainson
Carol Medsker
Pastor Greg and family

Family of Carlyn McPherson
Family of Erlene Gessford (Gayle Fandry's sister)
Family of Norma Cropley
Family of Burdetta Fricke
Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)
Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's mom)
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)

Family of JoAnn Finley
Family of Karen Huber
Norris Swan and family
Barry Thomson
Tommy Thomsen
Family of Vern Kooy
Craig and JoAnn Williams

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

- ♥ Erlene Gessford, who passed away 11/05/2020. Erlene is Gayle Fandry's sister.
- ♥ Karen Huber, who passed away 11/18/2020. Services will be held at a later date.
- ♥ Norma Cropley, who passed away 11/19/2020. Norma is Steve Cropley's mother.
- ♥ Burdetta Fricke, who passed away 12/02/2020. Burdetta is Cindy Frickie's and Cathy Mitzelfelt's mother.
- ♥ Sylvia "Carlyn" McPherson, who passed away 12/21/2020. Carlyn is the mother of Dennis McPherson and grandmother to Sara, Rachel, and Rebecca.
- ♥ JoAnn Finley, who passed away 12/26/2020. There will be a private family memorial service with no visitation or viewing. Burial will be at Parkview Cemetery in Hastings, NE at a later date. Memorials may be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Northboro, IA, First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, or Hastings Public Library.

January Communion offering be designated to the Harvard People's Project.

Congratulations Mark and Kate Hemje on the birth of their new baby boy, Colton Douglas Hemje, born December 3, 2020. Colton joins his sisters Sophia and Cora and his brother, Cade. We are excited to welcome the newest member of our church family. If you want to help out by bringing a meal, simply click on the following **Meal Train** link to sign up. <https://mealtrain.com/3gmk48>

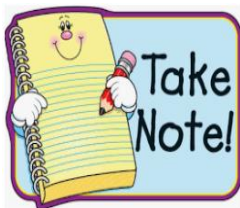
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OF YOU

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, 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 --- January 4 – January 10, 2021

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 5 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 with 5 or fewer in attendance or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both to be coordinated by the church staff representative.

Mon, Jan 4	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM “Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
	Noon-6:00p	Red Cross Blood Drive
Tues, Jan 5	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	5:30p-6:30p	WAM via Zoom Conferencing
	5:30p-6:30p	United Harvest Board PEACE Center NW classrm.
Wed, Jan 6	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM
	10:00a-11:00a	PW Coordinating Team
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
Thurs, Jan 7	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed (Youth) via Zoom Conferencing
Sun, Jan 10	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent via Zoom Conferencing
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum via Zoom Conferencing
	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service



Notes for your Information:

1. The 2021 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Office, stop in and pick one up!
2. The 2021 Jan/Feb/March Daily Bread Devotions have arrived; both large print and regular print.



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.



The Hands Around the World Store has ordered more coffee. Stop by the church office to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag.

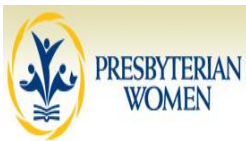


Connecting with God and Each Other While We Worship Apart (Finding God in the Solitude of Covid Times/Five for Five)

For many of us, attending church on Sunday mornings is our primary, if not only, means of connecting with our church family and with God. We give thanks for the technology and hard work of staff and volunteers who make it possible every week for us to worship "together apart," but it's not quite the same. Additionally, the uncertainty, isolation, stress, losses, and grief associated with living through a pandemic have created an increased need for the hope and security which can only be found in God. Because our familiar way of connecting with God (in-person worship) is not currently available, and because we all have more open calendars than ever before, this is the perfect time to learn new spiritual practices! God is just as present and available to us as ever before; it's just that we may need to learn new ways of seeking and finding God's presence in these new times. To that end, I will be creating short videos (90 seconds or so) each week, each of which will introduce a simple spiritual practice. Try these new practices for just 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week--5 for 5--and watch as your heart learns to recognize God in events, people, feelings, etc. as never before! The videos will be shown during Sunday worship and can also be found on the church YouTube page.

--Kili Wenburg, Parish Associate and Spiritual Director

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>

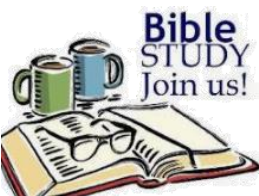


Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.

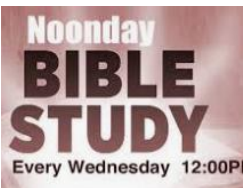


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session at any time. To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up! The next class begins 01/10/2021.

If you want to go back and watch a previous Forum, it can be found on the church YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>

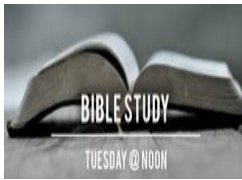


Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. They will start a new study in January, 2021. If you would like to join this study, please email Curtis at teece4@gmail.com or call the church office to get the Zoom link.



Bible at Breakfast has a new time and name! Join us for Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM on **Wednesdays** 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.



PreK-5th Grades: Families will 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 Wednesday night youth group, 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!



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 our car distribution. Our goal is to provide food when there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all local citizens. The individuals providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

Interested in volunteering at **United Harvest?** Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

January 16, 2021		
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

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