

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

It's getting harder and harder to focus on the true meaning of Christmas, the incarnation of God's love in the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ. As we get closer to the actual celebration of Christmas, we are leaving less and less time for You, gracious God. Forgive us. You are all too familiar with our reasons and excuses for neglecting our relationship with you and turning away from the needs of others. Help us to make some changes in our lives and our focus, so that this time of celebration may have the deepest sense of joy and purpose, not just like any other holiday season that disappears all too quickly. Keep us focused on the eternal "yes" response to your call to us, to live our lives as those who would joyfully serve You. Heal and comfort us, Lord, this day and always. For we ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The ancient promises of God are fulfilled.

God does not forget us.

God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

Let our souls rejoice in God!

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

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (vs. 1)

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1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, In excelsis Deo! Gloria, In excelsis Deo!

*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 THE SOLITUDE OF COVID TIMES (Five for Five)

Kili Wenburg

(Pre-recorded)

READING 1: Luke 1:26-38 – Avery Essink

(The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce that she will give birth to Baby Jesus.)

HYMN:

“To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary” (vs. 1, 4 & 6)

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READING 2: Matthew 1:19-24 – Abigail Kerr

(The angel Gabriel visits Joseph to announce that Mary will give birth to Baby Jesus.)

BELL ANTHEM

“Symphonia on HYFRYDOL”

arr. Kevin McChesney

Chancel Bells, director Byron Jensen – Recorded 12/22/2019

READING 3: Luke 2:1-7 – Kinnick Pumroy

(Announcement of the census that sends Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.
Baby Jesus is born in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes.)

HYMN “Away in a Manger” (vs. 1 & 2) Led by Damen Jensen-Heitmann on guitar 115

1 Away in a manger, no crib for
his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down
his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on
the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing; the
poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying
he makes,
I love thee, Lord Jesus;
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until
morning is nigh

READING 4: Luke 2:8-14 – Addyson Hermes

(The angel appears to the shepherds and invites them to find the Christ child, singing
glory to God!)

HYMN “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (vs. 1 & 2) 119

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

READING 5: Luke 2:15-20 – Madelynn Redline

(The shepherds go to Bethlehem and meet Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.)

ANTHEM

The Light of the World

From *Nativity Suites* by Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir and instrumentalists under the direction of Dr. Robin Koozer

Recorded and edited by Roger Schukei - December 9, 2007

MESSAGE

The First Nowell

Greg Allen-Pickett

(Congregation will sing vs. 1 as part of the message)

1 The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison)

We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed.

We believe Jesus is the Son of God. We affirm that this joyous gospel was birthed in Bethlehem, where divinity was cradled in a manger. We believe that this child was a supreme gift, a package of Divine Love bundled in servant clothes, who came to teach us what it means to love and serve.

We join with those who received Jesus there. And without reservation, we receive Jesus now and proclaim that He is the greatest Gift of all.

In our waiting and our hoping for the coming of Christ, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love, and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” *Traditional/arr. Faber & Faber*
Eleanor Oliver, Piano

*DOXOLOGY

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1 & 4)

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Refrain:

O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him,
Born the King of Angels! [Refrain]

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, your love is magnified in the gift of your Son, whom you so freely share with us. Bless these gifts that we offer to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry in your coming reign of justice and peace; in Christ's name. 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

“O God, We Long for Better Days”

Insert

Tune: Traditional English melody ("What Child Is This?")
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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***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**

"Fantasia on a French Carol"

Robert J. Hughes

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.)

Christmas Eve Services December 24th

1. Drive-In Christmas Eve Service in the Hastings College Football Stadium parking lot at 5:30pm on December 24th. Arrival time begins at 5:00pm (PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLIER THAN 5:00) to allow for parking and for receiving candles and bulletins. Prelude begins at 5:15pm. The service will include hymns, a special activity for children, and candlelit Silent Night.
2. A special Christmas Eve evening prayer service broadcast on Facebook Live at 11pm for the night owls.

***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873***

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Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

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Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

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Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

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98 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

Capo 3: (Em) (B7) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
Gm D7 Gm Cm D Gm

- 1 To a maid whose name was Mar - y, the an - gel Ga-briel came.
- 2 "For you are high - ly fa - vored by God the Lord of all,
- 3 But Mar-y was most trou-bled to hear the an-gel's word.
- 4 "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
- 5 "How shall this be?" said Mar - y, "I am not yet a wife."
- 6 As Mar-y heard the an - gel, she won-dered at his words.

(Em) (B7) (Em) (G) (D) (G)
Gm D7 Gm B \flat F B \flat

"Fear not," the an - gel told her, "I come to bring good news;
who e - ven now is with you. You are on earth most blest;
What was the an - gel say - ing? It trou-bled her to hear,
His name shall be called Je - sus, God's off-spring from on high.
The an - gel an-swered quick - ly, "The power of the Most High
"Be - hold, I am your hand-maid," she said un - to her God.

(Em) (Am) (B) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
Gm Cm D Gm Cm D Gm

good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."
you are most blest, most bless - ed; God chose you, you are blest!"
to hear the an - gel's mes - sage, it trou-bled her to hear.
And he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high."
will come up - on you short - ly, your child shall be God's child."
"So be it; I am read - y ac - cord - ing to your word."

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) displays many characteristics of a folksong style, especially repetition in both text and tune and short quotations included in the narrative. Such features help to make a song both memorable and singable.

O God, We Long for Better Days

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Greensleeves

arr. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

1. O God, we long for bet-ter days when we can be to - geth - er,
2. We long to come and *Deck the Halls* this year—like ma - ny oth - ers.
3. We'll still, with *Chris-tian Friends*, *Re-joice*, by phone, or by our Zoom-ing.
4. We long to feast and ce - le-brate with fam-ily, friends, and neigh-bors.

to ce - le-brate your love and grace in Je - sus Christ our Sa - vior.
Yet all a - round we hear the calls of count-less, hurt-ing neigh-bors.
We'll pon-der here: *What Child Is This?*— and seek *A Rose, E'er Bloom-ing*.
Yet this can be our gift— to wait, un - til the times are bet - ter.

We long for *Si - lent Night* in crowd-ed pews, by can-dle-light.
This year, in qui - et ways, we'll pray and serve and fill our days.
We'll love and serve and give; we'll live as Christ taught us to live.
Still, Still, you give us joy— a love that death can - not de-destroy.

May we who stay at home now find your Christ-mas bless - ing.

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December 20, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Waunita and Don Butler by family and friends.

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

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

- ♥ 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.

December Communion Offering will be the Christmas Joy Offering.

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 so 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>



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 --- December 21 – December 27, 2020

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, Dec 21	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM “Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
Tues, Dec 22	8:30a-9:30a 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
Wed, Dec 23	8:30a-9:30a 12:00p-1:00p	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
Thurs, Dec 24	5:30p-6:30p 11:00p-12:00a	Christmas Eve Service (see details in Christmas Corner elsewhere in this bulletin) Christmas Eve Service (see details in Christmas Corner elsewhere in this bulletin)
Fri, Dec 25	OFFICE CLOSED	CHRISTMAS DAY
Sun, Dec 27	9:15a-10:15a 10:30a	Heirs Apparent Adult S.S. via Zoom Conferencing “Stay at Home” Worship Service
Dec 28-Jan 1	OFFICE CLOSED	We will check voice mail and emails



**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>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

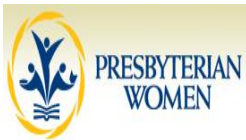
Patti Deveny



Amanda & Kevin Turner family



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.

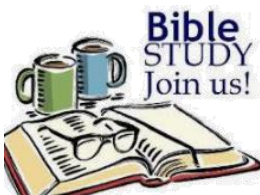


Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.

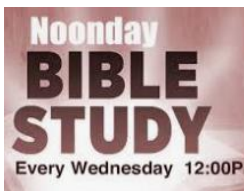


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session 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>

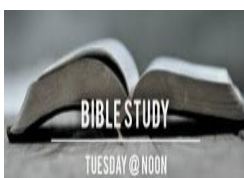


Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. They will start a new study in January, 2021. If you would like to join this study, please email Curtis at teece4@gmail.com or call the church office to get the Zoom link.



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



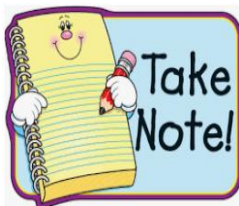
PreK-5th Grades: Families will receive packets of materials in the mail to use as you follow along with video lessons to be posted weekly on our church website <https://fpchastings.org/children/>

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!



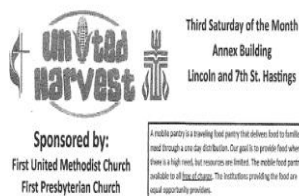
The Hands Around the World Store has ordered more coffee. Stop by the church office to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag.

PLUS, the store will be OPEN TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 20, from 1:00 – 2:00p. We will follow COVID rules of no more than 5 people at a time with masks required.



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.



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



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15 each. Money raised over the cost will be donated to Salvation Army Utility Assistance Program, which provides money to individuals and families, including children and elderly, towards utilities assistance for necessary electricity, water, and gas.

As with all of The Salvation Army's programs, utilities assistance is an emergency service. To qualify, individuals and families must have received a disconnect notice and meet qualifications of need.

Your donation makes a difference. Please return your order form to the church office as soon as possible.

Poinsettia in memory of: _____

Poinsettia in honor of: _____

Given by: _____

I will take my poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve services: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I will leave my poinsettia at the church: ☐ Yes ☐ No



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CORNER

The Christmas Season is upon us! Mark your calendar with these special church family events!

♥ **Church Family Advent Devotionals** mailed the week of Nov. 16. *Reverse Advent items can be delivered to the church Parlor.*

♥ **Christmas Caroling** – Weekly Advent/Christmas hymn sing in the church parking lot every Sunday in Advent at 12noon.

♥ **Fourth Sunday of Advent** - December 20 - Advent/Christmas hymn sing in the church parking lot every Sunday in Advent at 12 noon.

- **Christmas Eve Services** December 24th

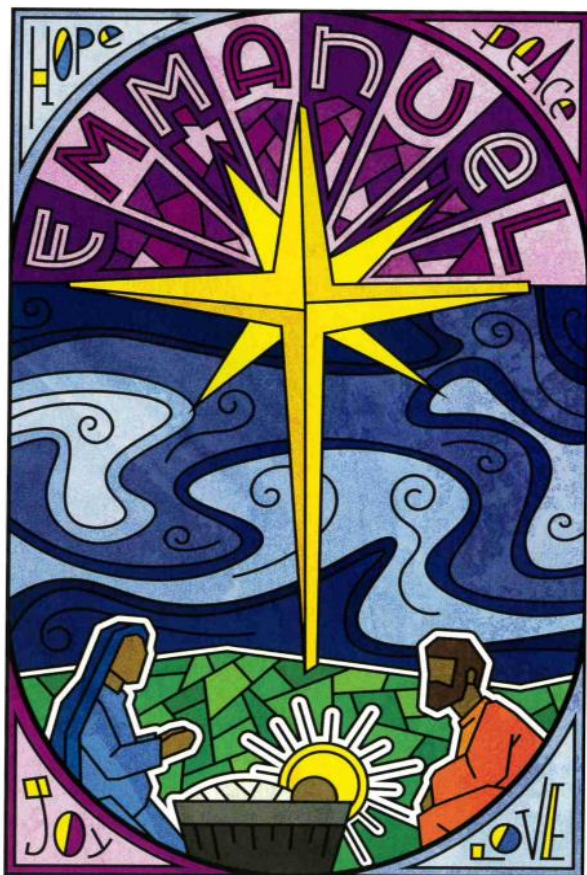
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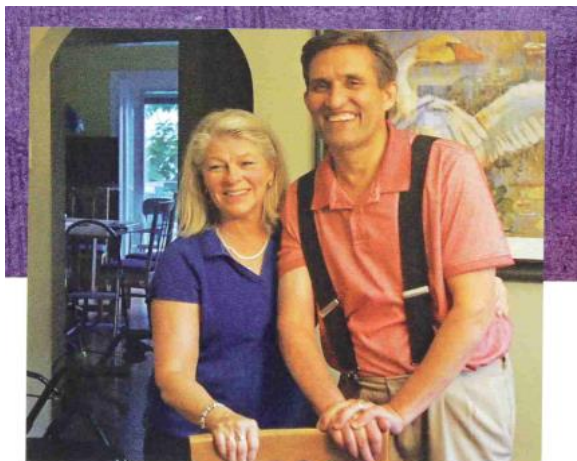
Family Photo Opportunity by the Big Tree

Good news, everyone! As with every other year the Big Tree in the Memorial Room is all decorated and beautiful. Why am I telling you this? In the past, families have often stopped by the church to take their picture by the beautifully decorated tree. If this is something you are interested in doing this year, please call the office or click on the link below to schedule a time. Please call the office to make arrangements to get into the church after office hours.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nythntUcRVzSPr1nQAg_7Z6Le2LBXpePtmLkyYS8rHc/edit#gid=0



 **CHRISTMAS JOY**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE



"What the Board of Pensions does is really important to me and others like me, so that we can carry on with life even with our disabilities."



Rev. Dr. Stewart M. Pattison is living with multiple sclerosis — as he has for years. Support from the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions made it possible for him to purchase a motorized scooter so he can have better mobility, a better quality of life — and enables him to continue to serve the church he loves. He is grateful for the help he has received thanks to gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, and wants people to know that these gifts have "helped in ways that have opened up my life."



THE PERFECT GIFT

God saw the great needs of the world and offered a perfect gift, Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we receive the perfect gift of God being with us, and of being with those in need—the gift of being together when we are near, and being together when we are apart.

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future.

50%

50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

50%

50% of your gifts provide assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

Please give generously.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

 **CHRISTMAS JOY**
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. Even as we support our current and former church leaders through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, God is calling new leaders for our Church and world, through the ministry of Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color — offering students the means for a brighter future and enhanced opportunities to use their talents and skills to serve God, the Church and the world for years to come.



WAYS TO GIVE



Through your congregation



Text JOY to 56512 to learn more or donate



Online at pcusa.org/christmasjoy



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The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the 21st century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.