



**Sunday, November 21, 2021**  
**Hanging of the Greens**  
**10:30 am Worship**

**PRELUDE**

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

*Traditional Irish Hymn Melody/G.F. Handel*

*Linda Vollweiler, Organist*

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

**WELCOME**

**Greg Allen-Pickett**

**INTROIT**

**“Savior of the Nations Come/O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**

*arr. Byron Jensen*

*Calvin/Westminster Youth Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Damen Jensen-Heitmann**

*How shall we prepare our house of worship for the coming of the King?*

***With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty!***

*How shall we prepare our house for the coming of the eternal Christ?*

***With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green!***

*How shall we prepare our house for the coming of our Savior?*

***With wreaths of holly and ivy, to tell of his passion, death, and resurrection!***

*How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?*

***By hearing, again, the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God!***

*Glory to God from the highest heavens to our earthly realm today!*

***Come, let us worship God!***

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**“The Holly and the Ivy”**

*Morgan O'Neill, Song Leader*

**Insert**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Merciful God, you sent your messengers and prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Yet too often we ignore the calls of those prophets and attempt to follow our own way. You desire justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted. May your herald's urgent voice pierce our hardened hearts and announce the dawn of your kingdom.***

*continued*

***Give us grace to heed the prophet's warnings and your herald's urgent voice so that we may forsake our sins and greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Savior.***

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

*When have I ignored the prophetic voices of the Bible calling me to repentance?  
What can I do as I prepare for this season to listen more closely and follow those voices?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world  
**But that the world might be saved through him!**  
In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and loved!  
**Alleluia! Amen!***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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\*PEACE OF CHRIST

*The Peace of Christ be with you!*

***And also, with you!***

*(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)*

To reduce the risk of disease transmission, please do not shake hands or hug people outside of your immediate family. Instead, maintain proper social distance, look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest and bowing your head to them or share some other appropriate sign.
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SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As we prepare to hear your Holy Word read and proclaimed, open our eyes so that we may see and our ears that we may hear:  
Open us to learning and understanding,  
Open us to love and compassion,  
Open us to your promise of hope found in these words. Amen.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Hosea 14:1-9 (CEB)

ANTHEM

“All Good Gifts”

Natalie Sleeth

*Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson*

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 92:1-5, 12-15 (NIV)

MESSAGE

“A Lesson in Green”

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (By Rev. Steven M. Fearing)

***We believe that God has come to us, that God brought us into being, that this God gave us breath and purpose, that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others, that we have fallen short of this commandment but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.***

***We believe that God is coming to us, that God is not happy to leave us alone, that this God will come to us as a particular human being, that God will be made known to us in flesh and bone like ours, that Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy, that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete.***

***We believe that God will come to us, that God will have the final word and that Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will gather at the Table to sing an endless and perfect “Alleluia!”***

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

For the health and safety of our members, we will not pass a plate or collect gifts during the offering. You are invited to give by dropping your offering as you leave in the plates at the back of the sanctuary, dropping it in the outside locked tithing box located on the second brick column under the portico, mailing it in, or giving online: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator” *Netherland Folk Song*

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Lord, everywhere we look we see your creative love and are inspired to be people of hope. May the gifts we share today seek to build that hope in the world. May our entire lives be dedicated to sharing your love and spreading your hope to a world in desperate need. 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

“Deck the Hall”

Insert

\*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 Tune”

*David N. Johnson*

*(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)*

### **November 21, 2021**

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Della & Willard Stein by the Stein Family.

**FLOWERS** are given in memory of Elmer & Libby Glenn by the family.

**GREETERS 11/21/21:** Georgie Evans-Memorial Room

**GREETERS 11/28/21:** May & Ira Wierenga-Memorial Room; Lynette & Paul Krieger-Narthex;  
Erica & Brent Brooks-Memorial Room; Jane & Chuck Bauer-Narthex

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: Team #3 Dave Fisher (Captain)**

Andrew Barrows   Phil Odom   Rich Portwood   Doug Soderquist

**ACOLYTES 11/21/21:** Lyla Adam and Vivienne Turner

**ACOLYTES 11/28/21:** Harrison Welsch and Madelynn Gosda

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER 11/21/21:** Kristen Eckhardt

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK & INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS,  
FAMILY, AND FRIENDS! IT'S THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT!**

8:30 am: Informal Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 am: Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary and broadcast live on Facebook at  
[www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

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

10:30 am service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

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

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

**Director of Children & Family Parish**

**Ministries:** Rose Koepp

**Organist and Music Coordinator:** Linda Vollweiler

**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson

**Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors:** Teresa & Tim Canady

**Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver

**Accompanist:** Mary Plock

**Scholar in Residence:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

**Associate:** Kili Wenburg

**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger

**Chancel Choir Director:** Dr. Robin Koozer

**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**

**Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen

**Church Office Administrator:** Sarah Allen

**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey



**Please keep these  
people in your  
prayers:**

Carol & Frank Medsker

Lois Hafer

Katherine Sachtelben

Bev Stein

Greg Howard

Rachael Lay

Frank Georgiana

Tommy Thomsen

Family of Martha Stuckey

Rich Portwood

Shirley Gass

Elaine Schumacher

Melba Trehern

Chris Wheeler

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond

Pam & Don Canady

Tut Ruei Family

Brad Davis

Family of Alana DeBellis

Carl Utley

Lanae Hall's Mother

Michael Hahne

Taralyn Davis and her family



In Memory of Carol Wheeler who passed  
on 10/24/2021





At last week's 10:30am service there was a rose on the pulpit to honor the birth of *Taralyn LaRae Davis*.

A meal train has been set up to help her parents in this new, exciting and sometimes exhausting time in their lives. If you would like to help out by providing a meal to Tarah and Tony, please use the following link to sign up on the Meal Train created specifically for them. If you do not have email and would still like to take them a meal, call Sarah at the church office and she will be happy to reserve a time for you. 402-462-5147 <https://mealtrain.com/2ve8m7>



PRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## HANDS AROUND THE WORLD STORE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



**DECEMBER 11, 2021  
9:00AM-1:00PM**




The beautiful and unique handcrafted items in our store are made and produced by artisans and farmers from around the world. By purchasing their works, you are helping support their families and provide hope for their future.

Each month, a portion of revenue goes to our local mission, United Harvest, helping to support the local community as well.

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FIRST PRES FORUM SERIES

# CREATING HOPE

An Artistic Advent Exploration  
Led by Lindsey Kluver  
Nov. 21, Dec 5 & 12

During the Sunday School hour in the Lydia Room or contact the office for the Zoom link.





American Red Cross

# GIVE BLOOD

**Blood Drive**  
Hastings First Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 22, 2021  
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



DECEMBER 1 CONVERSION

## REALM CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are going to be converting from *Instant Church Directory* to the newer software program **REALM** for your directory. Watch for details and instructions in the following weeks.



## A BLESSED THANKSGIVING

*Wishing you, your family  
and loved ones a very special  
Thanksgiving Day.*

SUN 11/21	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School	Various Locations
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum Series	Lydia Room or Zoom
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	11:30a-1:30a	Hanging of the Greens	Sanctuary/Memorial Room
MON 11/22	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee ( <i>Mon-Thurs</i> )	PEACE Gym/PEACE NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	5:30p-6:30p	Foundation Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
TUES 11/23	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	11:45a-1:15p	Habitat for Humanity Meets	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Bell Choirs perform for family and friends	Sanctuary/Memorial Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
WED 11/24	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan Deffenbaugh	Zoom
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
		<i>No Wednesday Night Live Activities</i>	
		<i>No Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>	
		<i>No Chancel Bell Rehearsal</i>	
		<i>No Pickleball Club</i>	
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers (check before arrival)	Lower-Level Church
THURS 11/25		<i>Thanksgiving Church Offices Closed</i>	
FRI 11/26		<i>Church Offices Closed</i>	
SUN 11/28	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary
		<i>No Sunday School</i>	
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room





# The Holly and the Ivy

words: traditional English

music: traditional English  
harm. Edward L. Stauff

1,6. The hol-ly and the i - vy, When they are both full grown, Of  
 2. The hol-ly bears a blos - som, As white as lil - y flow'r, And  
 3. The hol-ly bears a ber - ry, As red as an - y blood, And  
 4. The hol-ly bears a pri - ckle, As sharp as an - y thorn, And  
 5. The hol-ly bears a bark, As bit - ter as the gall, And

all trees that are in the wood, The hol - ly bears the crown: O, the  
 Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ, To be our dear Sav - iour:  
 Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ, To do poor sin - ners good:  
 Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ, On Christ - mas Day in the morn:  
 Mar - y bore sweet Je - sus Christ, For to re - deem us all:

ris - ing of the sun, And the run - ning of the deer The

play - ing of the mer - ry or - gan, Sweet sing - ing in the choir.

# Deck the Hall

words: traditional English

tune: *Nos Galan*, traditional Welsh

Deck the hall with boughs of hol - ly,  
See the blaz - ing Yule be - fore us, fa la la la la la la la la.  
Fast a - way the old year pas - ses,

Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly,  
Strike the harp and join the chor - us, fa la la la la la la la la.  
Hail the new, ye lads and las - ses,

Don we now our gay ap - par - el,  
Fol - low me in mer - ry meas - ure, fa la la la la la la la la.  
Sing we joy - ous all to - geth - er,

Troll the an - cient Yule - tide car - ol,  
While I tell of Yule - tide treas - ure, fa la la la la la la la la.  
Heed - less of the wind and weath - er,