

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God of Presence and Promised Coming, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to fulfill your desire for us to love one another. We have not followed the paths you have given us, choosing instead to follow our own. We have broken relationships, we chase material desires, we have rebelled against your love. We have ignored the cry of the needy, the mouth of the poor is still hungry for mercy, the cause of the oppressed is still thirsty for justice. Free us for loving obedience, through the Advent of Christ, Our Lord, Our Messiah, Our Hope.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

Where have I fallen short in my love for God and love for others? How can I use this season of Advent to recommit to following God and loving others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Good News! Good News! Good News! God so loved the world that God gave us, sinful and broken humanity, a gift:

Emmanuel, God with us. This is proof of God's love for us!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you 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.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp and Greg Allen-Pickett

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.

Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 33:14-16

ANTHEM

"Avinu Malkenu"

arr. Mike Garson

Sarah Wolf, Flute – Mary Plock, Piano

This song is based on a Jewish prayer described as "the oldest and most moving of all the litanies of the Jewish Year." It makes use of two names for God that appear separately in the Old Testament: "Our Father" (Isaiah 63:16) and "Our King" (Isaiah 33:22).

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

SERMON

"Boundless Love"

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

"Lord, I want to Be a Christian"

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*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

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

arr. Georg Bohemia

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***In this moment of worship, we embrace your presence again, O God.
And we offer you our love.***

***In this moment of prayer, we proclaim again your purpose for the
world, O Savior. And we offer you our time, talent, and treasure.***

***In this moment of giving, we hear your call again, O Lord. And we
offer you ourselves.***

***Use us, all that we have and all that we are, to touch the world with
the Advent message: God is love. God is with us. 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**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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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**

"Joyful Praise"

Eugene Butler

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

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

(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

November 28, 2021

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by Jo & Les Seiler.

FLOWERS are given in by Marie & Don Rasmussen in memory of their parents.

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

GREETERS 12/5/21: Melissa Davis and Vonda Essex-Memorial Room; Pat & Dick Kleiber

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

Andrew Barrows Phil Odom Rich Portwood Doug Soderquist

USHERS FOR DECEMBER: Team #4 George Howard (Captain)

Susie Graham Dixie McDonald Gale McDonald Ted Schroeder Lori Schroeder

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

ACOLYTES 12/5/21: Meredith Oliver and Porter Ourada

NURSERY VOLUNTEER 12/5/2021: Rachel Guiai

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

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Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

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Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey



Welcoming all; Living the Love of God and neighbor; Seeking to transform ourselves, our community, and our world to become more Christ-like through service, worship, prayer, education and fellowship.



In Our 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
Carl Utley
Lanae Hall's Mother
Michael Hahne
Taralyn Davis and her family
Joyce Harrenstein
Mary Lewis

Edmund Huber passed away in Sutton on November 17. Our prayers go out to his family, including his son, Duane.

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Hastings College Choirs
Hastings College Bell Choir
Hastings College Band

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 3:00 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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FIRST 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 Kluever
Nov. 21, Dec 5 & 12

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



SUN 11/28	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary
<i>Advent 1: Love</i>		<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
MON 11/29	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee (<i>Mon-Thurs</i>)	PEACE Gym/PEACE NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	3:30pm-6:30p	HC Lessons of Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Memorial/Narthex
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
TUES 11/30	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
WED 12/1 <i>December</i>	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan Deffenbaugh	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	PW Coordinating Team Meeting	Library
	1:00p-2:00p	PW Program	Fellowship Hall
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:45p	Wednesday Night Live 1 st -5 th Grades	Check-In Fellowship Hall
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal Time	Fellowship Hall
	6:20p-6:50p	6 th -12 th Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:50p-7:30p	6 th -12 th Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	TBD
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
THURS 12/2	3:30p-6:30p	HC Lessons and Carols Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Memorial/Narthex
	5:30p-6:30p	Christian Ed Committee Meets	Parlor
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
FRI 12/3	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SUN 12/5	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship Service	Sanctuary
<i>Advent 2: Joy</i>	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	Various Locations
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum Series	Lydia Room
	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
	3:00p-4:30p	HC Service of Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary