



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
December 26, 2021**

PRELUDE “Still, Still, Still” *arr. James Pethel*  
*Linda Vollweiler- organ*

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

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

INTROIT “Prelude to Te Deum” *Charpentier/arr. Glover*  
*Josh Brooks- trumpet*

OPENING SONG “Away in A Manger” *Traditional, Glory to God*  
*Lauren Canady and Hannah Jensen-Heitmann- vocals, Mary Plock- piano*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Boeve Family  
*(Based on The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman)*

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
**When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back  
with their flock,***

*The work of Christmas begins:*

***To find the lost, to heal the broken,***

*To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,*

***To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others,***

*To make music in the heart.*

***Let us join in the work of hope, peace, joy, and love.***

\*HYMN “Candles Glowing, Promise Showing”  
*(To the tune of “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” written by Rev. Elana Keppel Levy)*

Candles glowing, promise showing Jesus born a baby small.

Hosts rejoicing, shepherds voicing – praising Christ the Lord of all.

God is with us, shout hosanna, raise a chorus, singing ever:

Praising Christ, the Lord of all! Praising Christ, the Lord of all!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***The baby needs clothes, and so do our neighbors. The baby is hungry, and so are our strangers. The baby needs sleep, and so do our workers, our teachers, and our healers. Into the hands of Mary and Joseph, you entrusted a very precious gift. Into our hands, you entrust the lives of others. Have mercy, O God, for the moments in which we have failed to love tenderly, listen intently, and work for the benefit of others.***

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

*To what act of care is God calling you?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Emmanuel! God is with us!*

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

*Thanks be to the one who forgives our sin.*

***Rejoice in God's mercy and grace.***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

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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.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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*(While the children come down, the congregation will sing verse 1 of “Still, Still, Still”.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As we listen, O God, to your holy word, grant that our minds may be driven by curiosity. Let our hearts be opened by compassion. Drape us in your inspiring spirit. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 2:41-52

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 28

ANTHEM

“A Blessing”

*Written and Offered by  
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann*

MESSAGE

“Giving Our Hopes Away”

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

## \*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

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“Gesù Bambino”  
CJ & Maggie Koozer

Pietro Alessandro Yon

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Having received, O God, so graciously and abundantly from you, we give graciously in return. We offer these gifts and our very selves to your work. May all of these gifts strengthen the faint-hearted, lift up the lowly, and dress the world in your love. 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

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

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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

“Auld Lang Syne” Traditional/arr. Mike Garson  
Sarah Wolf- flute, Mary Plock- piano

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK & INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS,  
FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

*No Sunday School 1/2/22*

[www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

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

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

### **December 26, 2021**

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in loving memory of Gretchen & Hal Lainson on their anniversary by the Lainson family.

**FLOWERS** are given in memory of Dr. Robert Butz; and also, in memory of Gretchen & Hal Lainson on their anniversary by the Lainson family.

**GREETERS 12/26/21:** Julie Thomsen-Memorial Room; Danna & Steve Wolford-Narthex

**GREETERS 1/2/22:** Erica & Brent Brooks-Memorial Room; Daveta & Dick Brader-Narthex

**USHERS FOR JANUARY: Team #5 Ken Stein (Captain)**

Dale Behrens      Matt Fong      Julie Thomsen

**ACOLYTES 12/26/21:** Madilyn Graves and Vivian Fong

**ACOLYTES 1/2/22:** Grady Hogan and Raegan Welsch

### ***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 Koeppe

**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

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Lewis

Lois Hafer

Bev Stein

Greg Howard

Rachael Lay

Frank Georgiana

Tommy Thomsen

Carl Utley

Shirley Gass

Brad Davis

Elaine Schumacher

Melba Trehern

Chris Wheeler

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond

Pam & Don Canady

Tut Ruel Family

Rich Portwood

Michael Hahne

Joan Shaw

Barry Thomson

## **IN MEMORY OF**

Joyce Harrenstein  
passed away 11/27/2021

Mary Lee Phelps  
passed away on 12/14/2021

Katherine Sachtleben  
passed away on 12/14/2021

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



SUN 12/26		<i>No Informal Service</i>	
		<i>No Sunday School</i>	
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex & Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex & Memorial Room
MON 12/27		<b>CHURCH CLOSED</b>	<b>No Indoor Church Activities</b>
TUES 12/28		<b>CHURCH CLOSED</b>	<b>No Indoor Church Activities</b>
WED 12/29		<b>CHURCH CLOSED</b>	<b>No Indoor Church Activities</b>
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study	Zoom
THURS 12/30		<b>CHURCH CLOSED</b>	<b>No Indoor Church Activities</b>
FRI 12/31		<b>CHURCH CLOSED</b>	<b>No Indoor Church Activities</b>
		New Year's Eve	
SAT 1/1		New Year's Day	
SUN 1/2	8:30a-9:15a	Informal Worship	Sanctuary
		<i>No Sunday School</i>	
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex & Memorial Room
<i>Communion Baptism</i>	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex & Memorial Room







Our Reverse Advent items are overflowing in the Parlor!! The outpouring of generosity for others in our community is unbelievable!

Last day of collection will be Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*The Work of Hope 2021*

Each day during Advent place an item in a box and say a prayer. Bring the box to church to add to our collection.

<b>1. Dish Soap</b>	<b>14. Laundry Detergent</b>
<b>2. Women's Razors</b>	<b>15. Cough Drops</b>
<b>3. Pillows</b>	<b>16. Deoderant (Men's &amp; Women's)</b>
<b>4. Feminine Hygiene Products</b>	<b>17. Paper Towels</b>
<b>5. Kitchen Cleaner</b>	<b>18. Broom w/Dust Pan</b>
<b>6. Baby Wipes</b>	<b>19. Disposable Gloves (size L &amp; XL)</b>
<b>7. Twin Sheets (new)</b>	<b>20. Acne facewash</b>
<b>8. Toothbrush &amp; Toothpaste</b>	<b>21. Scrubbing Brushes</b>
<b>9. Bathroom Cleaner</b>	<b>22. Baby Bottles</b>
<b>10. Diapers (size 2,5,6)</b>	<b>23. Bleach</b>
<b>11. Blankets</b>	<b>24. Spaghetti &amp; Sauce</b>
<b>12. Body &amp; Hand Soap</b>	<b>25. Disinfectant</b>
<b>13. Dish Cloths</b>	<b>26. Mac &amp; Cheese</b>
	<b>27. Helper meals</b>