



PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. Richard Price

Cathedral Brass Quintet

Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn;

Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Miller Family

This is the first Sunday in Advent. Today, we light the candle of Peace!

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping. We anticipate the coming Christ and the peace he brings!

We await the kingdom of God where hatred, anger, and violence are no more;
Where peace becomes a way of life.

We read, “They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks...

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” People will work together in harmony, seeking solutions that benefit all.

And a little child shall lead them;

The Church, the body of Christ, we will lead this movement for peace.

Today we light the candle of peace as a prayer and a reminder of God’s vision for the world.

And as this light burns and grows, we will wait, eagerly, longing for the birth of a child and for the peace that only love can bring. May peace light up the world. Come let us worship the Prince of Peace!

*OPENING HYMN

“Candles Glowing, Promise Showing”

Linda Vollweiler, organist; Tyler Koepp, song leader

(To the tune of “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)

Candles glowing, promise showing – holy peace so still and bright.

New tomorrow, free from sorrow – living in Christ’s holy light.

Shunning violence, loving neighbor, joy of silence, trust our savior –

Living in Christ’s holy light! Living in Christ’s holy light!

CALL TO CONFESSION

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 call to be a peacemaker? 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, 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.)

During this cold and flu season, we are encouraging safety. Instead of shaking hands or hugging someone during the passing of the peace, you could look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest or sharing some other appropriate sign.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

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 – Romans 13:11-14

ANTHEM

"Contrapunctus X"

J.S. Bach

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 2:1-5

SERMON

"A Pending Invitation of Peace"

Greg Allen-Pickett

As part of the sermon, we will sing the song "Down by the Riverside/Ain't Gonna Study War No More"

Gonna lay down my burden, Down by the riverside (3×)

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, Down by the riverside (3×)

Gonna talk with the Prince of Peace, Down by the riverside (3×)

Gonna share peace where'er I go, Down by the riverside (3×)

Chorus:

I ain't gonna study war no more

Study war no more

Ain't gonna study war no more

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Presbyterian Confession of 1967)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. The risen Christ is the Savior of all humanity. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which begins with the apostles and continues through all generations.

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

OFFERTORY

"Ne Irascaris Domine"

William Byrd arr. Orgel

*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 “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

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*POSTLUDE “Canzon I”

Paul Peuerl

(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 FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT!

8:30 am: Contemplative Taizé-Style Worship in the Chapel with Communion

10:30 am Traditional worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

10:30 a.m. service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM Broadcast live on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/fpchastings

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

November 27, 2022

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by Jo and Les Seiler.

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

Ushers for November: (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows,
Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist.

Ushers for December: (Team #4) Captain George Howard, Susie Graham,
Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Julie Thomsen.

GREETERS for November

NOVEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX	NARTHEX
6	Kili & Justin Wenburg	C.L. Wimer	Linda & John Carllson	
13	Milrae & Harold Korb		Melissa Davis	
20	May & Ira Wierenga		Sue Medsker	
27	Jane & Chuck Bauer		Erica & Brent Brooks	

GREETERS for December

DECEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX	NARTHEX
4	Kim Hermann		Pat & Dick Kleiber	
11	Paul & Lynette Krieger		Clyde Sachtleben	C. L. Wimer
18	Kathy & Curtis Reimer		Susan Hoff	Erin Gastman
5:30pm 24	Daveta & Dick Brader			
7:30pm 24	Sandra & CL Wimer		Milrae & Harold Korb	
25	Sandra & CL Wimer		Kathy & John Pershing	

Sunday 11/27	8:30a-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Children's Christmas program practice	
	10am-10:30am	HAW store open	Narthex
	10:30-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW store open	Narthex
	3pm	Cathedral Brass Quintet Concert	Sanctuary
	3pm-5pm	Children's Christmas program practice	
Monday 11/ 28	1-3pm	1 st Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 11/29	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-Person
	12-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson/Zoom
Wednesday 11/30	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	Prek-5 th grade WNL	Various
	6:45-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	basement
	7:30-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 12/1	12:30-1:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 12/2	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
	5-8:30pm	Food4Thought Fundraiser	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 12/4	8:30-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School Hour	Various
	10-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Varies

CATHEDRAL BRASS QUINTET

CONCERT

Sunday, November 27, 2022

3:00pm

First Presbyterian Church







Fundraiser



Food4Thought Fundraiser - Thank you FPC for hosting a Food4Thought Chili Dinner and Trivia Fundraiser on Friday evening, Dec. 2nd ! Everyone is invited! Cost is \$20 per adult and \$10 for students. Trivia Teams have 8 people each! Get your teams together early and let Chaplain Doodle Harris know who is on your team by e-mailing her at doodle.harris@hastings.edu!

Don't have a team? No problem! Just come on the 2nd and we'll find you a table of friends! Doors open at 5:30. Dinner starts at 6:00 and Trivia begins at 6:30! There will be prizes for the winners! Please let Doodle know if you have any questions!



FLOWER & RADIO MEMORIALS

There are openings throughout the year for both flower and radio memorials. Please contact Melissa in the office or Mary Olsen (402-462-2811 molsen@charter.net) Donations are greatly appreciated.



Lessons and Carols Service at Hastings College- Members of First Presbyterian Church are invited to the Hastings College Service of Lessons and Carols on Wednesday morning, December 7th 9:30am. This service will have your favorite Christmas readings as well as performances by the Hastings College Handbell Choir and the Hastings College Choir! This event is free at French Memorial Chapel on the Hastings College Campus.



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 Foster Grandparents.

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: _____

How many total poinsettias are you ordering? _____

I will leave my poinsettia(s) at the church:

☐ Yes

☐ No

*Cathedral Brass Presents:
'Tis the Season*



*A Study of Advent Music & Fatih
Lydia Room - 9:15 AM
Dec 4 & 11*

Mariner's
December Gathering

All moms are invited to join in the next Mariners gathering! We will meet at 5:45pm on Sunday December, 11 at Trapped Downtown Hastings for an Escape Room! After, we will go to Steeple Brewing where we'll have a table reserved. The Escape Room is free but please bring money for pizza and beverages at Steeple! Please RSVP by Friday, December, 9, at the Mariners Facebook Page or by emailing Melissa at melissa@fpchastings.org



*Prayers
for*

Shirley Maul
Barry Thomson
Christian Fruehling
Stephen Gass
Bev Stein
Greg Howard
Ramona Shetler
Family of Dora Horsley
Irina Belikova-Erickson
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Tarah Davis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond
Brad Davis
Audre Zaroban

Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Ruby Sloggett
Dick Kleiber
Family of Ken Fike
BJ Pumroy & family
Family of Verna Meyer
Elaine Schumacher
Melba Trehern
Michael Hahne
Dave Schawang
Katie Reynolds & family
Family of Phyllis Waltemath
Family of Bob Johnson

In loving memory of

Verna Meyer, who passed
away on 9/28/22
Bob Johnson, who passed
away on 10/22/22
Dora Horsley, who passed
away on 10/27/22
Phyllis Waltemath, who passed
away on 10/31/22
Ken Fike, who passed
away on 11/5/22



The Food Pantry is in need of canned good food items. Your donations are appreciated.

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The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Tour Host

 Faith Journeys

There will be an informational meeting about the Scotland trip on Sunday, December 4 at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Check with Pastor Greg if you need the Zoom link.



Giving Tree

During the holidays our First Presbyterian Church family embraces 50 more brothers and sisters who are served by the Assertive Community Treatment program at South Central Behavioral Services in Hastings. The tags on the Giving Tree list items that would be appropriate for the person noted on the tag. Please select from the list one or two items as gifts. Then wrap the items, attaching the tag to the gift bundle. If you bring the gifts to place around our Giving Tree by Monday, December 19, volunteers will be able to deliver them in time for Christmas.

Of the individual recipients, most live independently in their community and some live with family members. Most of those who live independently have no family network, so our Christmas gifts are the only ones they receive. During the year, many also depend on food banks and donations of non-perishables and clothing.

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

Head of Church: Jesus Christ

Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

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Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

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