



**Sunday, November 20, 2022**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**10:30 am Worship**

**PRELUDE**

**"Fanfare"**

*Lemmens/arr. Bish*

*Linda Vollweiler, Organist*

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

**WELCOME**

*Greg Allen-Pickett*

**INTROIT**

**"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

*Rick Founds*

*Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson; Mary Plock-accompanist*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Rev. Shelli Latham*

*God has looked favorably on all of God's people and has redeemed all of creation.*

***God has given us a mighty Savior, the Lord, whose reign we celebrate.***

*We gather to offer our thanks and praise to almighty God.*

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

**\*HYMN**

**"Come Sing, O Church, In Joy"**

**305**

*Tyler Koepp, song leader; Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Christ as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

**SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION**

*How have I failed to acknowledge the reign of Christ and lived by justice and love?*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*God has rescued us from the power of evil*

***And claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption.***

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!***

\*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

Nancy Grams

(While the children come forward, we will sing “Jesus Loves Me”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (adapted from Hymn #435, *Open Your Ears O Faithful People*)

*Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God’s word.*

*Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.*

***We who have ears to hear the message,***

***we who have ears, now let us hear;***

***we who would learn the way of wisdom, let us hear God’s word.***

***Amen.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 23:1-6

ANTHEM

“Sing to the Lord”

*Kathie Hill & Janet McMahan*

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Revelation 1:4-8

MESSAGE

“Not so Undercover”

Rev. Shelli Latham

\*HYMN

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

730

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From *The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version*, Question 26)

*What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord”?*

***That having been raised from the dead, Christ reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith. By loving and serving him above all else, I give glory and honor to God.***

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

OFFERTORY

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*arr. Brian Childers*

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

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***Let the reign of Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, our Savior, be evident in the gifts we give and the way those gifts are used. May Christ's reign also be evident in all that we say, think, and do. May our gifts and our lives witness to God's kingdom in the world, a kingdom marked by 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.***

**PRAYER OF BLESSING OVER THE HANGING OF THE GREENS (Isaiah 41:18-20)**

*The Lord your God will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys.*

***God will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.***

*God will put in the desert the cedar and the acacia, the myrtle and the olive.*

***God will set junipers in the wasteland, the fir and the cypress together,***

*So that we may see and know, may consider and understand,*

***That the hand of the Lord is here.***

***Thank you, God, for these evergreens that serve as a reminder of your steadfast love for us. As we decorate our church today in anticipation of Advent and Christmas, may we be aware of your presence as Immanuel, God with us. May the time and energy spent adorning the sanctuary help us and others feel more deeply connected to you and the story of your birth and reign that we celebrate. Amen.***

**\*HYMN**

**"Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above"**

**645**

(While the congregation sings the closing hymn, the high school youth will hang the wreath)

**\*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 "Recessional in C Major" *Handel/arr. Wolff*  
*(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)*  
**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS &**  
**INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!**

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
**8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel**  
**10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary**

**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)**  
*(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)*  
 The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast  
 on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7 FM.

**November 20, 2022**

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Willard and Della Stein by the Stein family; and also in honor of Alice Throckmorton and her dedication to the music ministry of First Presbyterian Church by Ginny and Will Locke.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of Libby and Elmer Glenn by family; and also in honor of Alice Throckmorton and her dedication to the music ministry of First Presbyterian Church by Ginny and Will Locke.

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

**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	



The Harrington Noonday Book Group meets online on Wednesdays at 11:55 a.m. led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh. Currently the focus is on *The Fourth Gospel: Tales of a Jewish Mystic* by John Shelby Spong.  
 If you would like to join the Zoom gatherings, please contact Sharon Brooks, [sbbrooks52@gmail.com](mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com)



**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](mailto:molsen@charter.net))  
 Donations are greatly appreciated.



First Presbyterian Church

# Hanging of The Greens

Sunday, November 20

11:30am

All are welcome



FREE WILL DONATION

## Christmas Craft Make-and-Take Event

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

2 PM - 5 PM

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CRAFTS | HOT CHOCOLATE | MUSIC



## 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



<b>Sunday 20</b>	8:30am-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School Hour	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30-11:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am	Hanging of the Greens	
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various
<b>Monday 21</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 22</b>	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity Board	
	12-1pm	Noon Bible Study	Anderson room
<b>Wednesday 23</b>	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com">sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade WNL-CANCELLED	Various
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir CANCELLED	Choir Room
	7:30-8:30pm	Chancel Bells-CANCELLED	Bell Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving- Church Office Closed</b>		
<b>Friday 25</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>		
<b>Saturday 26</b>	9am-2pm	HAW Holiday Open House	Narthex
	2-5pm	Christmas Craft Make-and-Take Event	Fellowship Hall
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	11:30am-12pm	HAW store open	Narthex
	3pm	Cathedral Brass Quintet Concert	Sanctuary
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various

*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](mailto:melissa@fpchastings.org)

*The food Pantry is short on canned food items. Please donate if you are able to. Thanks*





# 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](mailto: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!



**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.

## Scotland

June 15 – 24, 2023

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The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett  
Tour Host

Informational meeting about the Scotland trip will take place on Sunday December 4 at 12pm in Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Check with Pastor Greg if you need the Zoom link



## 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



The church office  
will be CLOSED on  
Thursday, November 24  
and  
Friday, November 25  
for  
Thanksgiving

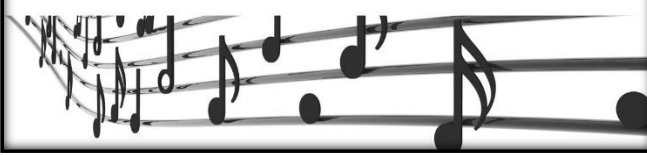
*Have a blessed Thanksgiving*

## CATHEDRAL BRASS QUINTET CONCERT

Sunday, November 27, 2022

3:00pm

First Presbyterian Church



### *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  
**Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster**  
**Bells Director:** Dr. Byron Jensen  
**Calvin/Westminster Choir Director:** Linda Johnson  
**Praise/Alleluia Choir Director:** Teresa Canady  
**Praise/Alleluia Bells Director:** Dr. Susan Oliver  
**Accompanist:** Mary Plock

**Ministers:** Members of the Church  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann  
**Director of Children's & Family**  
**Ministries:** Rose Koepp  
**Church Office Administrator:** Melissa Davis  
**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun  
**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger  
**Scholar in Residence:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey