



HYMN SING      Call out your favorite hymn, and we will sing a verse!  
*Led by Robin Koozer and Linda Vollweiler*

PRELUDE      “Christmas Medley”      *arr. Ricky Lombardo*  
*Deb Johnson and Sarah Wolf, flutes*  
*(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)*

WELCOME      Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT      “Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”      *Tennessee Melody*  
*The Chancel Choir, director Robin Koozer*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE      Brandt Family

This is the second Sunday in Advent. Today, we light two candles:

***The candle of peace and the candle of hope!***

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.

***During this Advent season, we recognize that we are hungry for hope, and we live in a world that is desperate for hope.***

We will light the candle of hope today as a prayer and a reminder that darkness will not win.

***Peace will win. Hope will win!***

*For we read: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him.*

***In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.***

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”*

***As we light this Advent candle, let us boldly proclaim that we are a people of hope! Come, Lord Jesus, let us worship you!***

\*OPENING HYMN      “Candles Glowing, Promise Showing”  
*(To the tune of “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)*

Candles glowing, promise showing the great hope that calms our fear.

Darkness scatters, worry shatters, Christ will always draw us near.

Calms our sighing, hears our crying, helps our trying, love undying –

Christ will always draw us near! Christ will always draw us near!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy Lord, in this time of Advent, we confess we often are distracted by the season's busyness, by the stress of commitment, and even by putting our own traditions ahead of the true meaning of Christmas. We confess we also often prefer being sentimental to being sacrificial. Forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to treat the holidays as holy days. Pour hope into our lives, and let us be bearers of your hope to others. Remind us that this is a season of waiting and preparation for the greatest gift of all. In the holy Name of our Savior, Jesus, we pray.***

## SILENT CONFESSION &amp; QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

*When have I picked bitterness over hope? How can I reorient myself during this season of Advent to embrace and share hope with 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 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 1)

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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.)

In this cold and flu season, we are encouraging safety. Instead of shaking hands or hugging, you can 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 sharing some other appropriate sign.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

## SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 15:4-7, 12-13

ANTHEM                      “Comfort Ye, My People” (from Messiah)                      *Handel*  
   Carter Pursley, tenor  
   “And the Glory” (from Messiah)

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 11:1-10

MESSAGE                      **“A Tangible Vision of Hope”**                      Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN                              “Live into Hope”                              772

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                      “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”                      *arr. Schram*  
   Sarah Wolf, flute

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Giver of all that is good, may the gifts that we bring today— gifts of money, energy, and commitment— be gathered up into your great love, and through us, may your hope overflow more and more into all the world. Amen.***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***We thank you, God, for breaking into our world and pouring into our lives and our experiences.***

***We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. Amen.***

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Advent Tidings"

Matthew Compton

Chancel Handbell Choir, director Byron Jensen

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

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Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson & the Congregation

\*POSTLUDE

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

Paul Manz

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

No 8:30am Service

10:30 am Children's Christmas Pageant

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

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

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

**December 4, 2022**

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of David E. Northrop by the Northrop family.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in memory of David E. Northrop by the Northrop family.

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

**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			Milrae & Harold Korb	
25			Kathy & John Pershing	

**Greeters-** We are in need of Greeters for the following services in December: 5:30pm and 7:30pm on Christmas Eve and for 10:30am on Christmas Day. Please let Melissa know in the office (402-462-5147 or [melissa@fpchastings.org](mailto:melissa@fpchastings.org)) if you are able to help out. Thanks!



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

*Prayers  
for*

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



*In loving memory of*

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 12/4</b>	8:30-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	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
	3pm-5pm	Children's Christmas Pageant Practice	Sanctuary
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Varies
<b>Monday 12/5</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 12/6</b>	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson/Zoom
	5:30pm-7pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson/Zoom
<b>Wednesday 12/7</b>	11am-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am-1:30pm	PW Luncheon/Program	Fellowship Hall
	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	Various
	5:30pm	Sesquicentennial group meeting	Anderson Room
	6:45pm-7:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm-8:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 12/8</b>	5pm	Personnel Meeting (as needed)	
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout room
<b>Friday 12/9</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
<b>Saturday 12/10</b>	9am-12pm	Children's Christmas Pageant Practice	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 12/11</b>	9:15am-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store open	Narthex
	10:30am	Children's Christmas Pageant	Sanctuary/Radio/Facebook
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various



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.

## Gift Wrapping



Judy Hoch will be gift wrapping again this season to benefit the United Harvest. Gifts can be dropped off at her house no later than December 10th. A free will offering to United Harvest is requested.

Call Judy at 402-460-0832 for more details."



## 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



**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.

*Cathedral Brass Presents:  
'Tis the Season*



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

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The Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett  
Tour Host



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

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



# Christmas With First Presbyterian

CHRISTMAS EVE 2022

To Grandmother's House  
2:00PM

A service of caroling and rejoicing is held at College View. Chancel Choir and Pastors hold a service for residents and their family members.

A Family Christmas  
5:30PM

A lively service held in the sanctuary features traditional hymns, organ, a child-friendly message, and singing by candlelight.

Traditional Service  
7:30PM

Held in the sanctuary, this service contains traditional hymns, music by the family choir, and singing by candlelight.

Holy Night  
11:00PM

A contemplative service is held in the chapel to greet the newborn child with simple music and prayer.



## Christmas Morning Birthday Brunch



Every 11, 6, 5, & 4 years Christmas falls on a Sunday. Lucky for us, this year is one of those years! All are welcome to join us on Christmas morning at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall to celebrate Christmas morning with a time of worship, fellowship, and birthday brunch. We'll provide egg bake and a waffle bar for those in attendance as we gather around tables to sing hymns and consider how we can become participants in Christmas. Come in your Christmas pajamas if you'd like! There will not be an 8:30 a.m. service on Christmas day so we hope you can join us at 10:30 for Christmas Morning Birthday Brunch.





Preparations for this year's Christmas program are underway! Here is the rehearsal schedule:

Dec 4	9:15-10:15 am	All students
	3-5 pm	All students EXCEPT preK/K
Dec 10	9am-12pm	All students
Dec 11	9:15 am	All students

*The program is during the 10:30 worship service on Sunday December 11th.*

# Mariners

## December Gathering

All Mariners are invited to join in our next gathering! We will meet at 5:45pm on Sunday December, 11 at Trapped Downtown Hastings for an escape room experience! 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)



**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.

### *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