

First Presbyterian Church

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A heart and a church full of JOY!

Dear First Presbyterian Church Family:

I am sitting at my desk on Monday morning, still basking in the joy of our worship service on Sunday. The Advent theme for this week was JOY and there was plenty of joy to go around on Sunday to last us until Christmas and beyond. The service began with the lighting of our Advent wreath by beloved members of our church, Don and Marie Rasmussen, joined by their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Marie led us in a prayer that included these words:

Joy is the space between your breath and your laughter.

Joy is a hand wrapped around yours.

Joy is that first day of a new season.

Joy is dancing in the kitchen and singing in your car.

Joy is the first cry of a newborn baby.

Joy is contagious. Joy is a song.

Joy is the daughter of gratitude.

Joy is the heart of praise.

Today, we plant our feet in joy.

Indeed we did plant our feet in joy on Sunday! Our children and youth shared the message of the Christmas story and God's love for us through an incredible program called "Angel's Aware." If you missed the worship service or want to experience it again, you can watch it at this link:

<https://fb.watch/hmZeIVARXi/>

I want to thank all of the children and youth for their hard work, it takes a lot of courage to get up in front of more than 375 people who attended on Sunday (in-person and on-line). Our children and youth taught us about God's love that came down at Christ's birth, and gave us lots of reason for joy!

I also want to thank Leah Ratzlaff, who led the effort to prepare and present this incredible program and was one of the directors. She was joined by Jenni Welsch as a co-director, and they both did an amazing job leading rehearsals, wrangling kids, and making the whole experience a JOY for our children and youth to participate in.

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A thank you also goes to some of our newest members, Amanda Boyd and Doodle Harris. Amanda was the music director for the program. Amanda and Doodle also adapted the music from a piano score to include a live band of 6 people. Doodle, who is the chaplain at Hastings College, recruited music students from the college to play in the band. It was a beautiful collaboration between the college and the church and the live music added so much to the program this year. Special thanks to church members Mary Plock and Kirsten Eckhardt who filled out the band too!

There are lots of other people who contributed to this program, and I am so grateful for each of their contributions.

I hope and pray that your hearts are full of joy during this season of Advent, and that your membership and active participation at First Presbyterian Church brings you hope, peace, joy, and love. May this season of anticipation prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of Christ 2000 years ago even as we await his triumphant return.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg



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.



December 17, 2022

I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM



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

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 candle light.

Holy Night 11:00PM

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



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.



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Tour Host

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Church

Thank you so much
for your thoughts and
prayers during my
hospital stay. I felt
very blessed.

Thank you also for
welcoming me as a member
of the church.

The gift of flowers
brightened my day.

Thanks again,

Audie Zaroban



Greeters and Ushers

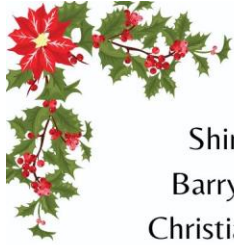
Greeters- We are in need of Greeters for the 5:30pm and 7:30pm services on Christmas Eve and for the 10:30am service on Christmas Day.

Ushers- We are in need of Ushers for the 7:30pm service on Christmas Eve.

Please let Melissa know in the office if you are able to help out
(402-462-5147 or melissa@fpchastings.org)

Your help is greatly appreciated! Thanks!

Sunday 12/11	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	Sr. High youth group at Damen's NO JR. HIGH	Pastor Damen and Hannah's home
Monday 12/12	1-3pm	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 12/13	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	4pm	Global Mission Committee	Confirmation Room/Zoom
	5:45pm	Trustees Meet	Anderson Room
Wednesday 12/14	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-6:45pm	Prek-5 th grade WNL	various
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 12/15	5:30pm-7:30pm	Session Meets	Anderson Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 12/16	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 12/17		United Harvest	
Sunday 12/18	8:30-9:15am	Taizé Service	Chapel
	9:15-10:15am	Confirmation/Sunday School	Various
	10-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am-12pm	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High youth group Party NO SR HIGH	Fellowship Hall
Monday 12/19	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 12/20	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Deacons Meeting	Anderson Room
Wednesday 12/21	9:30-10:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	College View
	12pm-6pm	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Fellowship Hall
	12-2:30pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	7-8pm	Blue Christmas Service	Sanctuary
Thursday 12/22	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 12/23	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 12/24	2pm	Christmas Eve Service	College View
	5:30pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
	7:30pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
	11pm	Christmas Eve Service	Chapel
Sunday 12/25	10:30am	Christmas Morning service/brunch	Fellowship Hall



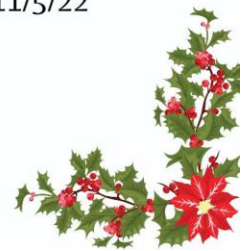
PRAYERS FOR

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
Family of Sharon Harvey
Tarah Davis & family
Cheryl Ann Elford
Brad Davis
Family of Phyllis Waltemath

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
James Freetly
Family of Bob Johnson
Laura Ferdinand
Jenni Bauer

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



Christmas Morning Birthday Brunch



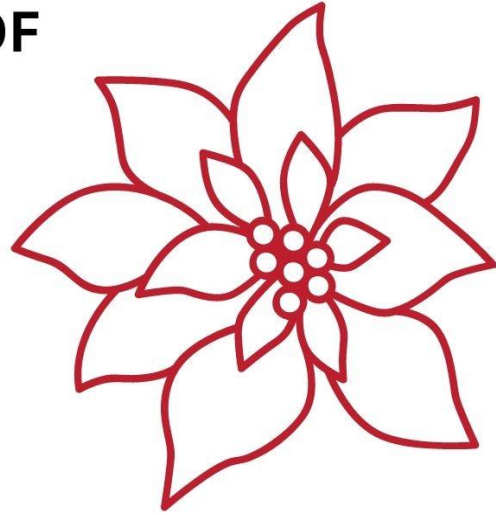
Every 11, 6, 5, & 6 years Christmas falls on a Sunday. Lucky for us, this year is one of those years! All are welcome to join us on Christmas morning at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall to celebrate Christmas morning with a time of worship, fellowship, and birthday brunch. We'll provide egg bake and 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.

*Sanctuary
Poinsettias*

IN MEMORY OF

Parents & Grandparents

Given by Jim & Carol Harrenstein
Kristen & Jesse Manske
Tracy & Kenny Brooks



David E. Northrop

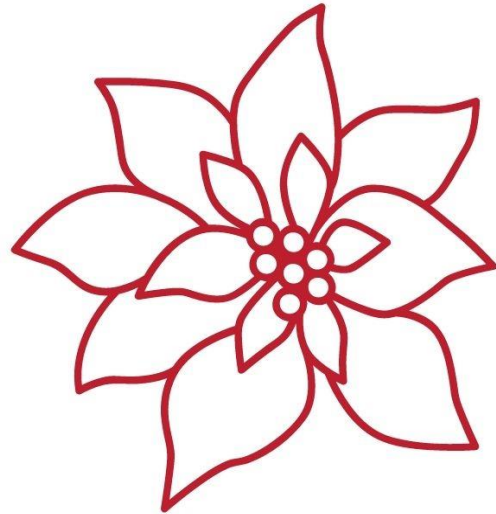
Given by The Northrop Family

Frank W. Northrop

Given by The Northrop Family

Michele L. Northrop

Given by The Northrop Family



Our Parents

Given by Don & Marie Rasmussen

Our Parents

Given by Colleen & George Adam

Brandon Brader

Given by Dick & Daveta Brader

Kurt Unger

Given by Lisa Unger

IN MEMORY OF

Loved Ones

Given by Sally Smith

Grandma Julie

Given by Nolan, Clara & Calvin Soderquist

Calvin & Phyllis Soderquist

Given by Doug Soderquist

Lloyd & Virginia Wright

Given by Marnie Soderquist

Mark Bliss

Given by Steph, Lauren, Matt and Rosie

Mark Bliss

Given by Mary and Jorn Olsen

Chris Olsen

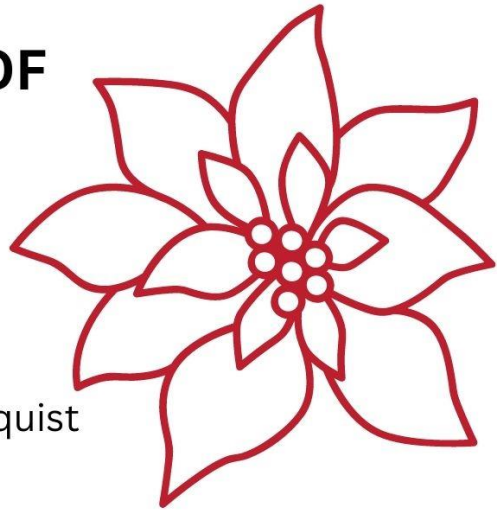
Erica Olsen & Scott Henry

Gretchen and Hal Lainson

Given by their family

Steve Kleiber

Given by Dick & Pat Kleiber



IN MEMORY OF

Don Kleiber

Given by Dick & Pat Kleiber

Bob Foote

Given by his family

Alfred & Dorothy Friedewald

Given by The Shoemaker/Friedewald Family

Ome & Honor Shoemaker

Given by The Shoemaker/Friedewald Family

Nicole Jensen

Given by Byron & Deb Jensen & Families

Jimmy & Louise Coburn

Given by Phil & Dana Odom

L.W. & Mary Odom

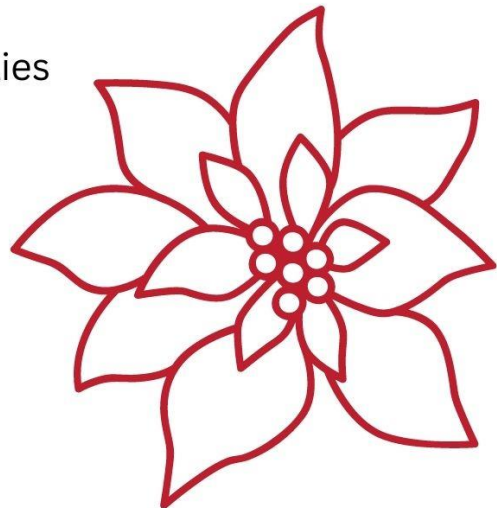
Given by Phil & Dana Odom

Rogene Wenburg

Given by her family

Dennis Utter

Given by Kathy & Family



IN MEMORY OF

Rogene Wenburg

Given by Justin, Kili, Carter & Selah Wenburg

John & Dixie Kerr, Cara Kerr Tagg

Given by Rob & Michelle Kerr

Our Parents and Stephanie

Given by John & Cathy Pershing

Merle & Annabelle Hafer and Boyd & MaryLou
Laymaster

Given by The Hafer Family

Ralph & Leila Merwin

Given by Lanae Hall & Family

John A. Harrington

Given by Barbara Harrington and family

My Parents- Don & Lucille McHargue

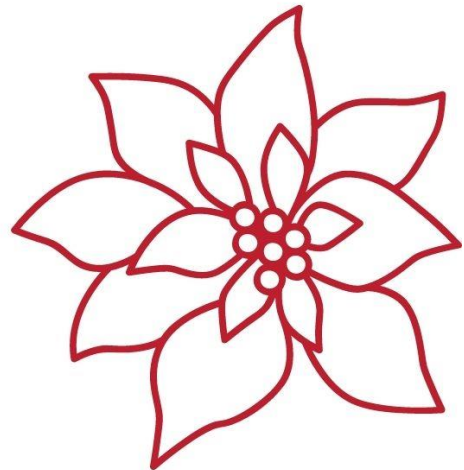
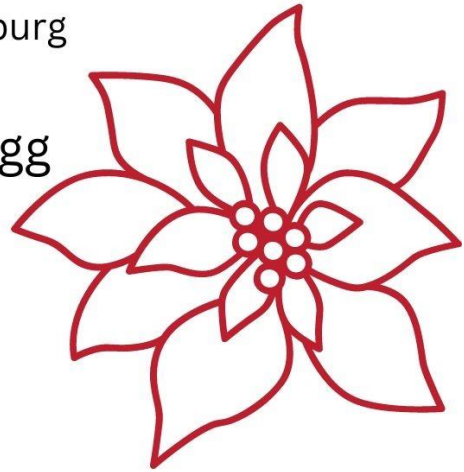
My Sister- Marcia Meshbesh

My Granddaughter Livy Zamora

Given by Jan Bolliger

Mark Bliss

Given by The Hermes Family



IN HONOR OF

Carole Storer

Given by Denny Storer

Andrea

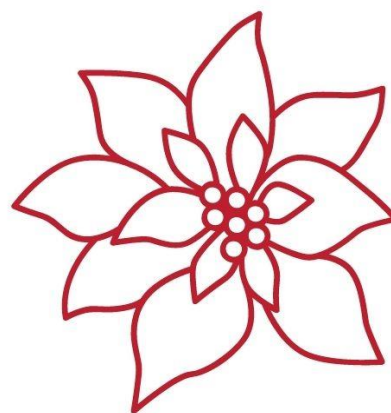
Given by John & Sharon Brooks

My Children- Art, Peggy, Karen, Pam and Sharon

Given by Sally Smith

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Given by Colleen & George Adam



AND YOU SHALL CALL HIM...

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

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| 1. Cleaning Sponges | 15. Bleach |
| 2. Toothbrush/Paste | 16. Twin Sheets (New) |
| 3. Paper Towels | 17. Toilet Bowl Cleaner |
| 4. Shampoo & Conditioner | 18. Deoderant (Men's & Women's) |
| 5. Feminine Hygiene Products | 19. Dish Soap |
| 6. Broom & Dust Pan | 20. Cough Drop |
| 7. Body Wash | 21. Clorox Wipes |
| 8. Pillows (new) | 22. Mac & Cheese |
| 9. Household Cleaner | 23. A&D Ointment |
| 10. Toilet Paper | 24. Pine Sol |
| 11. Baby Wipes | 25. Diapers (sz 2, 5, 6) |
| 12. Blankets | 26. Peanut Butter & Jelly |
| 13. Scouring Pads | 27. Small Trash Can |
| 14. Acne facewash | 28. Razors (Men's & Women's) |



The Church Office will be Closed on December 26, 27 and 28th for the Christmas holiday and on January 2 for the New Years holiday

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Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
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