Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
November 26, 2023
10:30 am Service

PRELUDE "Sinfonia No. 3" *Johann Christian Bach*
Cathedral Brass
Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Andrew Buller, horn; Nathan LeFeber, trombone; Dan Sodomka, tuba

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP Damen Jensen-Heitmann

God's word stands forever;
Even when we forget or lose track or put it aside.
God's word stands forever;
No matter who is in power or how they lead.
God's word stands forever,
Calling us back to faithfulness. Come, let us worship our steadfast God and delight in God's holy word!

*HYMN "Make a Joyful Noise to God!" 54
Organist Linda Vollweiler; Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have told us what is good, O God, and sometimes we try our best. Other times we wonder why bother? The damage seems to be done, it's too late to change, and what difference can our small part make anyway?
We confess that we go back and forth between trying to control you and giving up, and both lead us away from your path.
Forgive us for the times we have set aside your word, believing it could not serve our desires and so was not valuable. Forgive us for the times we have used your word to manipulate our own ends.
Whatever lies ahead of us, O God, turn our hearts to you, that we may commit our way to the Lord and do what is right, with and for you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION
When have I set aside or ignored God's word?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy God, we give you thanks for your eternal word,
Which leads us into life.
We are grateful for your grace and forgiveness,
And that you always seek after us. Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" 582

*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.)

Scan to sign-in and let us know you were here.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN Nancy Grams
While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

When things are overwhelming, we come to your holy word to seek your guidance, O God. Help us to understand and to see the next step.
And when things are going smoothly, all seems well, and we think we have it under control, remind us to seek your guidance too. Reveal yourself to us through your holy word O God, for we have come looking, hoping to discover, or re-discover, your will for us today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Kings 22:1-13

ANTHEM "The Saints Hallelujah" *Luther Henderson*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Kings 22:14-23:3

SERMON "Lost and Found" Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet" 458

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Church of England)

Do you believe and trust in God the Creator, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in God the Creator.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in Jesus the Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY "Jubilate" *Roy Douglas*

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gifts and our lives connect us and others to God's love and covenant, and bring forth more light, compassion, peace, and justice in this world for in this is the root of God's kingdom. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church

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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 "O Word of God Incarnate" 459

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*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 "Canzon per Sonare No. 2" *Giovanni Gabrieli*

(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion
9:15 Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with Children's Choir and Bells

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at 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 92.7FM.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by Jo and Les Seiler.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of our parents by Marie and Don Rasmussen and also, in memory of Mark Bliss by his family.

USHERS (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Doug Soderquist

NURSERY Laura Kate Oliver

GREETERS

NOVEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
26	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Erica & Brent Brooks

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 the Hastings Public Schools Foundation playground improvement fund.

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 Coat Giveaway was a huge success again this year that was held November 18th. Our congregation warmed a lot of hearts and bodies for this winter. The smile on a child's face when they find a coat that is perfect for them, or a homeless man walking out wearing his new coat feeling proud of his choice. It's a wonderful experience to spread joy and warmth with the community so next year come and join us. We will collect coats in late Spring and Fall in 2024. Thank you all for making this happen!

Julie Thomsen
Mission committee

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL FORUM

BEARERS OF THE DIVINE

Topic: Learn all about the original cantata premering at FPC Dec. 10

Dates: Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10

Presenter: Hannah Jensen-Heitmann

SUNDAYS @ 9:15 A.M.
LYDIA ROOM

Christmas with Cathedral Brass

Sunday, December 17
3:00p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary

December Ushers
Captain- George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

December Greeters

DECEMBER	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX	NARTHEX
3	Kim Hermann	Pat & Dick Kleiber	
10	Paul & Lynette Krieger	Clyde Sachtleben	Carolyn Nowka
17	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Susan Hoff	Erin Gastmann
10:30am 24			
5:30pm 24			
7:30pm 24			
31	Milrae & Harold Korb	Cathy & John Pershing	

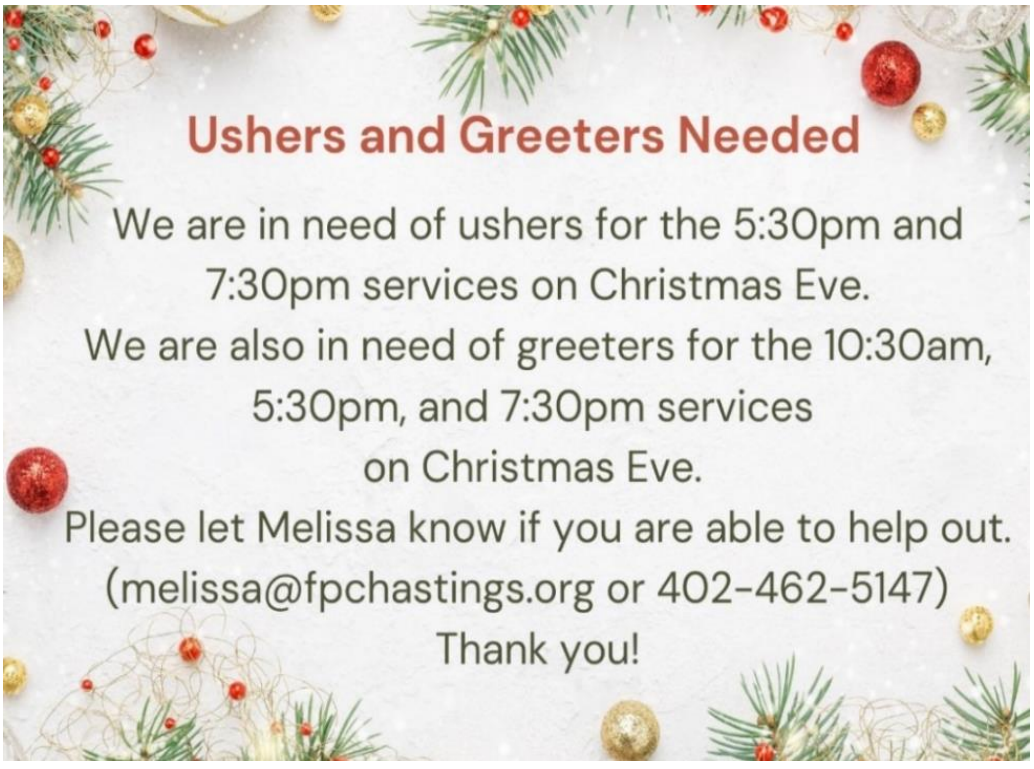
Please pray for

Brad Davis
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
family of Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Audre Zaroban
Carter Johnson
Scott Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
June Nielsen
Neil Kerr and family
Vernon Groves
Carol Medsker
Frances Kamler
Pam Canady
Ashley Ibach
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Greg Howard
Ken Fisk
Mary Wolf
family of Julie McDougal
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)
Jacob Shin
Jim Boeve
family of Peter Duang
Brett Epperson and family
family of Joyce Mefford
Paul Nuss
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Dana Odom
John Carllson
Mary Giesler

In memory of

Julie McDougal, who passed away on 9/27/2023
Rich Portwood, who passed away on 10/5/2023
Joyce Mefford, who passed away on 10/8/2023

Sunday 11/26	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		NO Sunday School/Confirmation	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
Monday 11/27	1pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 11/28	10:15am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 11/29	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5-7:15pm	PreK-5th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
Thursday 11/30	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 12/1	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
	6pm-8pm	Feast & Trivia Food 4 Thought Fundraiser	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 12/2	10am-1pm	Christmas Craft Make and Take Event	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 12/3	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex



FEAST & TRIVIA

A fundraiser aimed at aiding
individuals in need of sustenance.

DECEMBER 1ST
6:00-8:00 P.M.

Meal / Trivia / Community

FOOD 4 THOUGHT
EST 2007

$20 Adults / $10 Students

1st Presbyterian Church
621 N Lincoln Ave, Hastings, NE

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to reserve a table
please email Doodle Harris at:
doodle.harris@hastings.edu

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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 Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Brett Epperson
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

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