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DEVOTIONAL GUIDE 2022  
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings  
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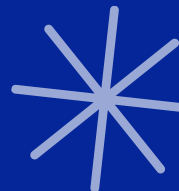








**Dear Advent Pilgrim,**

**Few people know this, but once upon a time, Advent was much more like Lent. It was a season of repentance and restoration during which one would prepare for the coming of the Christ child not by adorning the hallways and wrapping presents but by clearing space within their hearts and reorienting their lives toward God. This year, once again, we are encouraging our friends and members to partake in a holy advent through daily prayer and a commitment to serve others. Contained within this packet, you'll find a prayer for each day of Advent. The prayers were written by staff and members of First Presbyterian Church, and they correlate to the lectionary readings for each Sunday in Advent. You'll also find herein a list of items that are needed by some of our vital ministry partners. Each day during the season, we invite you to take a moment, light a candle, recite a prayer, and place one of the items in a box in your home. Think of it as a "reverse Advent calendar." You may bring the items to church during regular office hours and place them in the parlor. This year's items will go to benefit the following agencies: Hastings High School Food Pantry, Catholic Social Services, Crossroads Homeless Shelter, and Maryland Living Center. This Advent, may we prepare to encounter the God who meets us in our need by preparing us to meet others in their need.**



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

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## Week 1: Matthew 1:18-21

"Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

### Week 1: "He's Such A Joshua" by Damen Jensen-Heitmann

The culture within which I was raised didn't have a lot of names that meant anything. Names were given to children because they were family names or they adhered to some arbitrary naming convention or because they sounded neat or (and this one is terribly important) because the name somehow managed to not remind you of anyone you found annoying or problematic. Damen, as a name, doesn't really mean anything. I'm sure I could look it up (Google is free), but whatever I found there wouldn't carry any weight for me because my family never sat around telling each other what our names meant.

Other cultures are not this way. Other cultures tend to give their children names that have a definition. Did you know that Jesus means something? It's not just a name; a nice sounding combination of syllables. Jesus is the Greek version of the Hebrew name Joshua. Does that ring any bells for you? Joshua quite literally means "The Lord saves/helps." And within the Hebrew scriptural witness Joshua was the leader who actually led the wandering Israelites into the promised land, thereby saving them. So here we have a newly born Joshua who, with God's aid, will do some sort of undefined saving and/or helping. From what does this new Joshua save his followers? I find that most frequently Jesus saves me from my own human tendency to live only for myself. From what does Jesus save you? What aid does this child provide?



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### **November 27: Prayer by Damen Jensen-Heitmann**

Gracious God, we know that Jesus will live up to his name. Given time, he'll teach in synagogues and streets, feed the hungry, heal the sick, and welcome the outcast and the scorned. As we seek, O God, to take up his name for our own salvation, help us to live up to it as well. Grant that we may be inspired to lend aid to others, comfort the afflicted, and care for the vulnerable. As you have so freely given aid to us, let us likewise offer aid to our neighbors and strangers alike. Amen.



**Item: Cleaning Sponges**

### **November 28: Prayer by Ginny Locke**

Dear Lord, We thank you for those who named us and for those who helped us learn that each of us is a child of God. Help us to recognize everyone as a child of God and to be aware of their needs and challenges. "In the turbulence of our lives and the unsettled waters of the world,"\* give us the courage and steadfast love to help bring hope, justice, freedom, and peace to others. Help us demonstrate the meaning of Jesus' name and follow his teachings with our lives. In Jesus name, Amen.

\*Celtic Benediction by J. Philip Newell

**Item: Toothbrush & Toothpaste**



### **November 29: Prayer by Rose Koepp**

God Almighty, you are the orchestrator of the universe; a universe so vast that we cannot comprehend it. The thought that you would lay in place a plan so intricate as Jesus is humbling to us. Sometimes, like Joseph, we do not understand your ways, and we consider turning a different direction. Thank you for your redirection and reassurance. We pray that you would continue to show us that path you'd have us walk. Redirect us towards Christ-like lives of love and service. Amen.



**Item: Paper Towels**



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## **November 29: Prayer by Jenni Welsch**

Heavenly Spirit, we pray to save ourselves from judgment: our own unnecessarily harsh judgment of self or of others. We know time and energy spent on such thoughts do not serve our own well-being, nor do they serve your greater good. Like Joshua, may we lead others in this way. Like Jesus, may we walk toward the lonely and afflicted, embracing them with our love, not our shame or pity. May the words and thoughts we use to describe our own lives be filled with grace, for we know that how we see ourselves is often how we see the world. Open our eyes to love. Help us move away from judgment. Be with us today and always. In your heavenly name we pray, Amen.

**Item: Shampoo & Conditioner**

## **December 1: Prayer by Andy Barrows**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the Gospel of Matthew and for the example set by Joseph and Mary as they accepted their mission as parents of Jesus. Thank you for the gift of Your Son and His inspiration for us to know our own never-ending mission of doing Your work. Good and Gracious God, give us understanding of Your Word and insight into the plan of redemption and salvation brought to Earth by Your Son Jesus, The Word made flesh, whose name and life teach us that God is with us, that we are never alone, that our mission is to serve others, seek justice, and resist evil. Empower us, O God with Your Word and Spirit. Amen.

**Item: Feminine Hygiene Products**

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## **December 2: Prayer by Anonymous**

Almighty God, by the incarnation of Your eternal Son, you revealed that You are love. Give us true faith in Christ and His promise that by His conception, birth, holy life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, our sins are forgiven, and we are Yours. Fill us with joy and lead us to proclaim Your glad tidings to all people. As our families gather in this holy season, give us patience, that we may be slow to judge and quick to forgive. Comfort the lonely with Your presence and help us extend the welcome of our homes and the friendship of Your grace. Make us mindful of those less fortunate, who celebrate this blessed feast in poverty and want, and teach us to be generous. All this we pray through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Item: Broom & Dust Pan**

## **December 3: Prayer by Jadyn Shoemaker**

Thank you Lord for being a Joshua and saving us from our mortal temptations. Your steadfastness and guidance help us to follow the path you set for us. Please help us to be a Joshua in our everyday lives by giving us the courage to offer aid to others. Amen.

**Item: Bodywash (no bars please)**



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## Week 2: John 10:11-8

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

### Week 2: "Good Shepherd" by Kili Wenburg

In this passage, Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd. We know a little about shepherds from biblical times (since we've heard the Christmas story read and explained so many times). For example, we know that shepherds were quite lowly, humble, dirty, smelly folks. In this passage, however, Jesus focuses not on what shepherds are like but on what they do: they lay down their lives for the sheep. By repeating this phrase multiple times, we know that it is important to Jesus: the shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Jesus lays down his life for the sheep. Jesus lays down his life for us. Has anyone (that you know of) laid down their life for you? How would you feel if they did? What sort of response from you would be appropriate? Interestingly, Jesus doesn't tell us what he expects of the sheep in return for his sacrifice. All he says about the sheep is that they listen to his voice. This passage is really about Jesus, the shepherd, not the sheep. Often as Christians we focus on what we are to do, but this passage invites us to focus instead on what Jesus does for us. Today, let us take the focus off ourselves and simply listen to his voice with gratitude and trust. That would be the voice of a child who is also a shepherd. Interesting, no?



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### **December 4: Prayer by Hannah Hafer**

A good shepherd cares for his sheep, all of them, keeping them safe from harm at all cost. That is what you have done for us, Jesus. You gave your life to protect us sheep. Thank you for not running away from our wolves. Often we let the world scatter us, losing our flock, feeling lost and alone in the world. Help us remember that we are never truly alone, as you are always there guiding and protecting us. Help us to hear your voice, keeping us close to you. Teach us to sacrifice out of love as you do, to love so fully that we are willing to let go of our selfish habits. Amen.



**Item: Pillows**


### **December 5: Prayer by Grant Hunter**

Lord, help us to be shepherds in your own communities. May we all focus on your tasks and words so that when our time comes, we are ready to lay down our own priorities and our own self-interest in order to better our communities and the people in them. Help us to look forward to such opportunities for self-sacrificial love in eager anticipation, the same anticipation we find in Advent that sustains us, guides us, and keeps us focused on your word and good tidings. Amen.


**Item: Household Cleaner**

### **December 6: Prayer by Merry Williams**

Dear Shepherd Jesus, at birth you lay in a manger, where you benefited from the warmth of your mother and the presence of animals. Thank You for being the good shepherd. You gave your life as the once-and-for-all ransom, the sacrificial lamb for the sins of each of your sheep.



Because of your mercy, you do not give me what I deserve as payment for missing the mark in obeying you. The artist Blanca once sang: "Even at my worst you love me. Even at my worst you give me something I don't deserve. You love me even at my worst." Again and again, through your grace, I know I can confess, repent, and move on. Help me to continue asking for your forgiveness. With gratitude, I lift this prayer to you. Amen.



**Item: Toilet Paper**








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### **December 7: Prayer by Byron Jensen**




Almighty Most heavenly and gracious Father: We offer our thanks for those who bravely rush headlong into trouble, fending off menacing wolves, with little more than a staff to protect their sheep. We offer our thanks for those who find humble purpose in serving others and in unselfish acts of valor. Thank you that such shepherds, and servants of the Lord, find their inspiration in the angelic chorus that proclaims the birth of Christ! Grant us, despite our fears, the strength to bring safety, comfort, love, compassion, justice, and joy to those around us. Like biblical shepherds, give us the courage to rise above a trepidatious heart, and bring positive change to this world through our actions and prayers. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



**Item: Baby Wipes**

### **December 8: Prayer by Junior High**



Good Shepherd, thank you for leading and providing for us, just as a shepherd does for his flock. We are grateful that you protect us through your sacrifice on the cross. We confess that we are often too distracted to listen to your voice. Consistently, we prioritize worldly things before you. Thank you, Good Shepherd, for not abandoning us like the hired hand. We thank you that you laid down your life for us. We ask that you help us to hear your voice during this season of Advent. Amen.



**Item: Blankets**







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**December 9: Prayer by Rick, Heather, Maddie, & Molly Gosda**




Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the gift of Jesus. Jesus lived His life as a humble, selfless servant, just as a shepherd takes care of his flock. Help us to remember the gift of this grace. Guide me in ways to make sacrifices for others each day. Today I will selflessly live like Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank). Thank you for the gift of your ONLY son. Amen.



**Item: Scouring Pads**



**December 10: Prayer by Curtis Reimer**



Dear Jesus, our Good Shepherd, as we live in hopeful anticipation of Christmas, let us reflect on your shepherding. Your entire life, from birth in a lowly manger to death on the cross, was devoted to your sheep. All you ask of us is that we listen to your voice. We are truly grateful for your commitment to serve, guide, and protect us. Help us to fully trust you, knowing you desire for us to have good, fulfilling lives. As we pray for your constant presence and guidance, help us to act humbly in service to others, so all can hear your voice and rejoice in being a member of your flock. Amen.



**Item: Acne Facewash**



## Week 3: Matthew 16:13-20

"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah."

### Week 3: "Give a Name, Get a Name" by Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Messiah is a Hebrew word. Did you know that you knew Hebrew? The word for it in Greek is Christ and it simply means anointed. It was a term used to refer to a ritual of consecration that designated someone or something for a holy purpose. Within the scriptural witness, there were anointed kings, priests, and prophets in addition to vessels, bread, and sundry items, all of which were intended to have a particular sacred function. Just a few weeks ago, I gave a prayer for a parking lot that was titled, "Consecrated Concrete" and that served as a reminder of the sacred function our new parking lot serves. In the case of the parking lot, it allows for a variety of ministries to take place. So a messiah is an anointed servant of God given a particular task or objective.

What I find truly interesting about this passage is that when Peter recognizes Jesus' identity as messiah, he, in turn, receives his own identity. Peter does not also become a messiah, but he is given a particular calling and purpose from Jesus. Peter will be the one upon whom Jesus builds his church. Knowing Jesus gives shape and form to Peter's life.

Recognizing Jesus as God's anointed messenger helps Peter to recognize his own mission and purpose. When the messiah comes into the world, heals the sick, dines with sinners, feeds the hungry, and urges his followers to love their neighbor as themselves, it enables us to find our own identities. We may not be rocks like Peter, but we are Christians, those who follow the Christ or, in Hebrew, the Messiah. As we prepare again for the arrival of the Messiah, we would be wise to spend some time considering how our own identity is shaped by this anointed messenger named Jesus.

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## December 11: Prayer by Jennifer Boeve

Gracious God, we thank you for your Son Jesus, who is not just the Son of God or of Man but of the living God. You aren't disconnected from our world, but ubiquitous in it. We also know that you are present in us. We are often overwhelmed by our own and others' anxiety, selfishness, hurt, anger, jealousy, and greed, and we are powerless against it. The evil that so frequently holds us captive reminds us of how much we need you. On our own, we are not enough, but through your love and peace which reside in us, you do infinitely more than we could ever pray for or imagine. Help us to hold fast to and draw others to this light. Amen.

**Item: Bleach**

## December 12: Prayer by Neil Riley

Gracious God, I rely on you to help give me guidance and direction not only in the big decisions but in so many elements of my day. I trust in you to help me to interact with others in a way that shares your love and kindness. At times, I can find comfort in the uplifting spirit and compassion shown by others, and I can feel your presence through them. Your love shines brightly through both strangers and friends. I thank you for providing me with a sense of calm even when life seems to be chaotic. Thank you for being with me not just today but on all days. Amen.

**Item: Twin Sheets (New)**

## December 13: Prayer by Senior High

As we prepare, yet again, to meet the newborn Messiah, we ask that our hearts be filled with love, peace, and joy. In the light of Christ, may our own lives find a blessing. Through the arrival of Jesus, may our lives find purpose and meaning. Help us to worry less about filling ourselves with chocolate and more about filling ourselves with a selfless spirit. May your messiah free us from our fears: things like midnights, raccoons, and the pink sludge from the cafeteria. Give us the courage to become foundation pieces for your church. Amen.

(1...2...3...Jesus!)

**Item: Toilet Bowl Cleaner**

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### **December 14: Prayer by Joe Black**

Dear Lord, please help us to remain focused during this busy season. Our eyes are drawn to the flashy gifts of this world and away from the simple gift of salvation that your son freely gave. Help us to keep this gift in mind as we enjoy the holidays, and let your son be an example not only during this time of year but throughout the year to come. Lord, help us live up to the name of Christ as we label and live our lives as Christians. In your son's name, Amen.

**Item: Deoderant (Men's & Women's)**

### **December 15: Prayer by Melissa Davis**

Dear Merciful Father, you are the Messiah. Knowing you gives me the compassion to serve others. By the blessings you have given me, I have been able to share blessings with my neighbors. Your wisdom has guided me to listen well and hear others who are in need. For all of these blessings, I am grateful. Please continue to guide me where you need me and to share my blessings with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Item: Dish Soap**

### **December 16: Prayer by Mary Fisk**

Lord Jesus, Messiah, Savior, Almighty, Bread of Life, thank you for being here for us. Our strength to keep going comes from You. We are not alone. You have created us to live in community with one another. Help us to give and receive support as a community. Be present as we meet together, eat together, and worship together. When we are knocked down and we don't think we can stand again, You are there. We do not know Your plan, but just as You came to earth to serve others, give us the same heart for service. In this Advent season, may we be generous as you have been generous with us. Amen.

**Item: Cough Drops**

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## December 17: Prayer by Constance Malloy

Lord, I strive to see the face of Jesus in others. Sometimes that's hard, but I try to see worth in everyone. I am thankful for the example of Jesus, who doesn't judge. Jesus loves us unconditionally, not asking whether we're worth it. To Jesus, all people are worthy of love and generosity. I ask your help in following his example. Amen.

**Item: Clorox Wipes**

## Week 4: Matthew 1:22-25

"All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son,\* and he named him Jesus.

## Week 4: "Never Alone" by Greg Allen-Pickett

For those of us who have grown up in the Christian faith tradition, I'm not sure we realize how unusual the concept is of Jesus as "Emmanuel-God with us." In the landscape of world religions, rare is the god who is born into this world as an infant and spends thirty-three years on earth before experiencing death. There are plenty of world religions that have gods who come down to earth, but they maintain their deity status. Jesus is different. Jesus experiences all that our human existence has to offer, from birth and infancy, to the love of a mother and father, to disappointment and betrayal by friends, to suffering and death. That is what makes this idea of Jesus as Emmanuel-God with us, so revolutionary. We have a God who has chosen to enter into our lives completely through the life of Jesus. We have a God who knows the entire range of human emotion and experience, because Jesus has felt those emotions and had those experiences. Jesus as Emmanuel-God with us, can empathize with us in a way that is unique and incredible. No matter what you are going through in life or what you are feeling, you have a God who knows, who understands, and who can accompany you each step of the way.

As Advent draws to a close and Christmas begins, may we realize the profound gift of love that is Jesus as Emmanuel-God with us.



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### **December 18: Prayer by Sandra Wimer**

Dearest Lord, please wrap us again in the awareness of your presence today. Hold us close in any disappointment we are experiencing. Lord, instead of understanding situations around us, I pray you steep us in belief that you are the overseer and you will reveal everything to us in your time. Provide us, sweet Emmanuel, the energy to witness in your name. Please provide reassurance of your hope to those around us who you enable to see the light of belief in us. Thank you, sweet Emmanuel, for the way you were present to us through the lives of the saints who came before us. Help us to hold them in our minds as we endeavor to follow in your way, which they taught us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Item: Mac & Cheese**

### **December 19: Prayer by Erica Brooks**

Heavenly Father, what a comfort it is for me to know that you are with me! You knit me together in my mother's womb. You know me and love me like no other. Your spirit dwells in me through all of my joys and triumphs as well as my sins and failures. Your love is the one constant in my life. How could I not want to follow you? In the realities of day to day life, help me to remember that the love you have for me is the same love that you have for my neighbor. Help me to see the world through Your eyes and love others the way You have so generously loved me. Amen.

**Item: A&D Ointment**

### **December 20: Prayer by Tuesday Bible Study**

God of love and mercy, your gift of the birth of Jesus teaches us so much about humility, patience, mercy, and love. As Christmas draws near, quiet our minds and hearts in the bustle of the holiday season so that we can focus our attention on you. As we focus our attention on you, may it also draw us closer together as a family of faith so that we can walk together in paths of fellowship, service, and sacrifice. We are grateful that we don't have to ask the question, "What would we do if God wasn't with us?" because through the gift of Emmanuel, we are promised that God IS with us, and that gives us great hope. Amen.

**Item: Pine Sol**

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### **December 21 Prayer by Chris Schukei**

Heavenly Father, through your son, you know directly our joys and our challenges, and we thank you for being with us every moment of every second. Help us to sense the joys and challenges of others and to do your work on earth through celebrating and comforting—making sure that both friends and strangers know they are never alone. Provide us with the empathy, love, humility, and obligation to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, accompanying others in their times of need. Bless us with the health and happiness to reflect your spirit in all of our actions and to represent the one they called Emmanuel. In your everlasting wisdom we trust. Amen.

**Item: Diapers (sizes 2, 5, & 6)**

### **December 22: Prayer by Junior High**

Emmanuel, we are amazed and humbled that you would give up deity status for humanity. We confess that we often take for granted the magnitude of your sacrifice. We thank you for coming to earth as a fragile child. Help us to remember that you understand us because you have experienced the same joys and sorrows that we experience.

**Item: Peanut Butter & Jelly**

### **December 23: Prayer by Anonymous**

God of Presence, in our lives, it seems that we most want to know that we are not alone. We most deeply desire to be known; that someone might sense our disappointment, relate to our grief, or help us hold our anxiety. Even joy loses some of its ring if it cannot be shared with others. What is laughter but hollow noise if it does not fall upon listening ears? Through the gift of your son, we know that we are not alone. We have your strength to sustain us, your life to nourish us, and your word to guide us. Thank you, O God, for remembering us, for coming to us, for sharing all of our joys and sorrows. With gratitude we pray, Amen.

**Item: Small Trash Can**

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### **December 24 Prayer by Greg Allen-Pickett**

Dear Jesus, as the day we celebrate your birth draws near, I offer you my thanks. Thank you for coming to earth. Thank you for the story of your birth, life, death, and resurrection that is recorded in the pages of the Bible. Thank you for the life you lived, walking among humanity full of grace and truth. Thank you for teaching me what love looks like, feels like, and acts like through your example. Thank you for your mercy. I am grateful to worship and follow a God who knows me and my human experience intimately. I find peace and comfort knowing how well you know me. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

**Item: Razors (Men's & Women's)**

May you embrace and live up to  
the name of Christ this day and all days.  
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

# 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.