



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

November 24, 2024 - 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE

“Have Thine Own Way Lord”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Diane Bish

INTROIT

“Harvest Hymn”

Calvin/Westminster Youth Choir, director Linda Johnson; Mary Plock, Accompanist
Come, ye thankful people, come, God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to
Raise the song of harvest home; be supplied;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; Come to God’s own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 145)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever!

Every day we will bless you and praise your name for ever and ever!

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and God’s compassion is over all that God has made.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

May our mouths speak and sing the praise of the LORD! Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Let All things Now Living”
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger, and abounding in love; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation: bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls.

SILENT CONFESSION

Where do I see God's grace at work in my life? Where do I see it in the world?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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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.)



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

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

While the children are coming down, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, trusting you and seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 31:1-3, 31-34

ANTHEM “Take Your Neighbor by the Hand” *Ed Robertson*

The road doesn't seem so long,
winter's cold isn't nearly so chilling,
when you reach to take your neighbor by the
hand.

Stay by their side, won't you hold out your
hand
when their world starts to crumble.

The world doesn't seem so wrong,
and the heart is a little more willing,
when you reach to take your neighbor by the
hand.

Your song is a brighter song, and your life will
be everfulfilling,
When you reach to take your neighbor by the
hand.

Share their load, you can help them to stand
when they fear they might stumble.

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Hebrews 10:12-17, 23-25

SERMON *Grace enacted in love and good deeds* Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” 727

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the French Reformed Confession of 1559)

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all wise, all good, all just, and all gracious.

We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift.

By faith, we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit.



OFFERING OF GIFTS AND PLEDGE CARDS

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

You can give this morning by putting your offering in the offering plates that will be passed through the pews during the offertory, or you can scan the QR code or give online: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY “Let Us Break Bread Together” *arr. Dan E. Edwards*
Calvin/Westminster Youth Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS AND PLEDGE CARDS

O God, inspire in our hearts a deep sense of grace and gratitude, and move us to share our time, talent, and treasure. Lead us to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully—that our common ministry may continue to bear witness to your unfailing grace.

Accept and bless these gifts and pledges offered for the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. Give us courage and wisdom to use these gifts to put grace into action! Amen!

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL 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

“Trumpet Tune”

Robert Lau

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30 Contemplative Worship in the Chapel
9:15 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DUE TO THANKSGIVING BREAK
10:30am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30am Worship 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 family.

NURSERY Rachel Guiai, Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES James Ellerbee

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

GREETERS

November	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
24	Jane & Chuck Bauer	Erica & Brent Brooks

December Ushers (Team #4) Captain – George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

DECEMBER GREETERS	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
1	Kim Hermann	Pat & Dick Kleiber
8	Paul & Lynette Krieger	Clyde Sachtleben, Carolyn Nowka
15	Kathy & Curtis Reimer	Susan Hoff
22	Jenna Jorgensen	Melissa Davis
5:30pm 24	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
7:30pm 24	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
29	Cathy & John Pershing	Milrae & Harold Korb

**Hands Around the World
Christmas Open House**

**Saturday, December 7
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Come check out our new items from SERRV, new shipment of coffee, Christmas decorations, etc.

Please remember your purchase also helps our local mission partner United Harvest, to whom we donate monthly.

While By Their Flocks

A Christmas Musical

On Sunday, **Dec. 15th** at **10:30am**, the PreK-8th Grade students will be putting on a Christmas musical as part of the morning worship service!





UPCOMING FORUMS
SUNDAYS - 9:15 A.M. - LYDIA ROOM



NOVEMBER 24

“While By Their Flocks: A Christmas Pageant Preview”
 Led by Hannah Jensen-Heitmann & Rose Koepp

DECEMBER 1

No Forum - Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 8

“Hope and Humility in Jesus’ Birth”
 Led by Dan Deffenbaugh

DECEMBER 15

“Hope and Humility in Jesus’ Birth”
 Led by Dan Deffenbaugh

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 Heartland Health Center.

Heartland Health Center has begun providing medical care at 223 E. 14th Street in Hastings. Improving health outcomes for all people in Central Nebraska, Heartland Health Center accepts uninsured, insured, Medicaid, and Medicare patients. Services are paid using a sliding fee scale to reduce costs. Next steps are in the plan to provide dental care and behavioral health.

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:

I will take my poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve services: Yes No

I will leave my poinsettia at the church: Yes No

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher
Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family
Matt Campbell
Janey Nottage-Tacey
Bob Wolf
KyMani Riek
Ken Fisk
Howard Mathews
Vicki (Fisk) Nieves
Jim Boeve
Candice Unger
Nytha & Dave Glass
Lexi Longshore

Ashley Ibach
Carl Utley
Barry Thomson
Greg Howard
Pam Canady
Kathy Carrier
family of Eleanor Jorgenson
Darcie (McDonald) Brink
David Hauch
Monte Malouf
Eli Struss
family of Ken Stein
John Pershing
Pat Kleiber

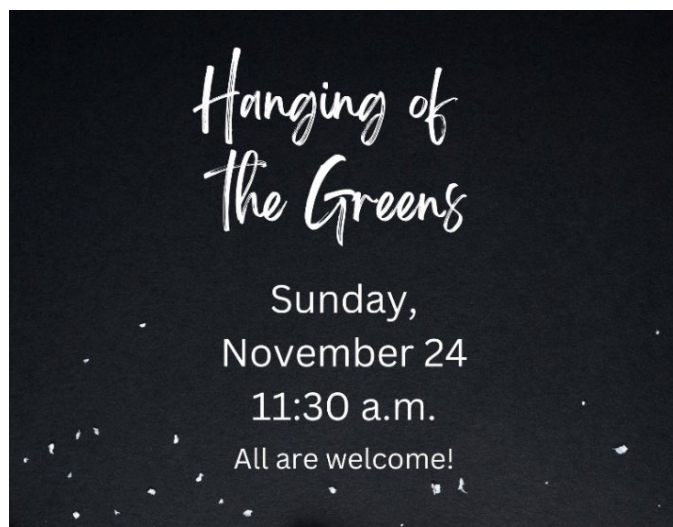
In memory of

Ken Stein, who passed
away on 10/30/24
Eleanor Jorgenson , who passed
away on 11/8/24



Hastings First Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone for the donations to the Hurricane Helene Relief Drive. Your generosity again is overwhelming! We collected enough materials for 14 cleanup bucket kits (4 buckets came from Holdrege), 25 Hygiene Kits, and 20 Menstrual Hygiene Kits. The money that was donated was used to purchase items needed to fill some kits. The extra money (\$456.66) will be given to the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Lincoln to be used to ship the kits. Nancy Grams is delivering the kits to Lincoln. They will be sent from there to areas in need. Thank you for your support.

Sunday 11/24	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Hanging of the Greens	
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 11/25	1-3pm	1 st 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 11/26	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 11/27	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
		<i>NO WNL</i>	
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
Thursday 11/28		<i>Church Offices Closed-Thanksgiving</i>	
Friday 11/29		<i>Church Offices Closed</i>	
Sunday 12/1	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		<i>No Sunday School</i>	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library



First Presbyterian Church of Hastings <i>Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873</i>	
Head of Church: Jesus Christ	Ministers: Members of the Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett	Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler	Director of Children & Family
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Brett Epperson	Ministries: Rose Koepp
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster	Church Office Administrator: Melissa Davis
Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen	Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson	Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady	Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver	Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock	