



PRELUDE "Still, Still, Still" Austrian Carol *arr. David Paxton*
Organist Linda Vollweiler

WELCOME Damen Jensen-Heitmann

1st SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 12:1-6

INTROIT "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" *arr. Kevin McChesney*
Chancel Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Moore Family

Of the many things that love can be,
Patient, kind, delighting in truth,
It is also a calling, a way that we are asked to live our lives:
Generous, forgiving, encouraging.
It is also a gift, given by God to be shared among people:
Respectful, attending, self-limiting.
We light the candle of love in gratitude for the gift of God's grace,
In expectation of our commitment to live by its flame.

*OPENING HYMN "Light Dawns in a Weary World" 79
Tyler Koepp, Song Leader

*Light dawns in a weary world; when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns in a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.*

*Love spreads in a weary world; when gossiped talk is ceased
and hearts long to make peace.*

Love spreads in a weary world: the promised day of welcome comes.

CALL TO CONFESSION Greg Allen-Pickett

3rd SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-58

MESSAGE

“Going Slowly with Haste”

*HYMN

“To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary”
(Verses 1, 4-6)

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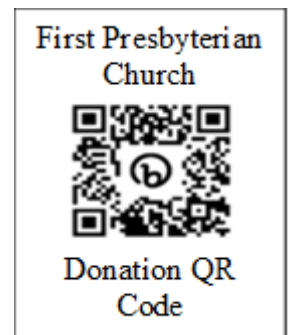
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING *(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

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

arr. Ron Mallory

*DOXOLOGY

“People, Look East”
(Verses 1 & 5)

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To this time and to this moment we bring our very selves. Responding to your call, O God, we seek to be aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace for all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SENDING SONG “Symphonia on HYFRYDOL” *arr. Kevin McChesney*
(Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “O Come, All Ye Faithful” *arr. Ruth Elaine Schram*

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

Liturgy and additional verse written by Damen Jensen-Heitmann

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

No Contemplative Worship Service
No Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service

10:30 a.m. service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM Broadcast live on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/fpchastings
(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

NURSERY Esther Allen-Pickett, Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES Meredith Oliver, Student Volunteer

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

GREETERS

December	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
22	Jenna Jorgensen	Melissa Davis
5:30pm 24	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
7:30pm 24	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
29	Karen Doerr	Milrae & Harold Korb

Christmas Eve at First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Tuesday, December 24

2:00 p.m. – Service at College View

5:30 p.m. – Family Service in the Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

11:00 p.m. – Contemplative Service in the Sanctuary



Christmas with Cathedral Brass



Sunday, December 22

3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary

Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve

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

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

Thank you!



The Sanctuary Poinsettias are given



In memory of Ome & Honor Shoemaker by The Shoemaker/Friedewald family.

In memory of Al & Dorothy Friedewald by The Shoemaker/Friedewald family.

In memory of Gretchen & Hal Lainson by the Hermes, Olsen, Bliss, and Overmiller families.

In memory of Mark Bliss by the Olsen family.

In memory of our parents by Marie & Don Rasmussen.

In memory of Darrel and Roberta Lloyd by Jeni & George Howard.

In memory of George and Marion Howard by Jeni & George Howard.

In memory of Rogene Wenburg by her family.

In memory of Wesley and Joyce Dickenson by Susan (Dickenson) Cole.

In memory of Gretchen Lainson by Lonnie Miner.

In memory of Hal Carrier by Kathy (Adams) Carrier & family, and Jill Kramer.

In memory of Asa, Myrtle, Ida, Judy, and Don Kramer by Jill Kramer.

In memory of our parents Merle & Annabelle Hafer and Boyd & Mary Lou Leymaster by Charlie & Lois Hafer.

In honor of our children and grandchildren given by Charlie & Lois Hafer.

In honor of First Presbyterian Church Pastors and staff by The Nottage-Tacey family.

In honor of Andrea by Sharon & John Brooks.

In memory of parents and grandparents by Jim & Carol Harrenstein, Kristan & Jesse Manske, and Tracy & Kenny Brooks.

In memory of Rogene Wenburg by Justin, Kili, Carter, and Selah Wenburg.

In honor of Neal & Susan Hoff by your grandchildren.

In memory of our parents by Mike & Carol Kleppinger.

In memory of Grandma Julie by Nolan, Clara, and Calvin Soderquist.

In memory of our parents by Doug & Marnie Soderquist.

In memory of my loving parents, Elton & Melba Trehern by Lisa Unger.

In memory of my loving husband Kurt Unger, Billie Unger, and Alice & Arthur Anderson by Lisa Unger.

In memory of Dennis Utter by Kathy and family.

In memory of my granddaughter, Livy Zamora by Jan Bolliger.

In memory of my parents Don & Lucille McHargue by Jan Bolliger.

In memory of Brandon Brader, our parents Dale & Dorothy Brader and Walter & Lee Meyer by Richard & Daveta Brader.

In memory of family and friends by Dale & Sherry Behrens.

In memory of our parents by Colleen & George Adam.

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The Sanctuary Poinsettias are given



- In honor of First Presbyterian Church Staff by Colleen & George Adam.
In memory of Mark Bliss by Steph, Lauren, Matt, Rosie, and Hal.
In memory of Bob Foote by his family.
In memory of Dean Pickett and our grandparents by The Allen-Pickett family.
In honor of FPC family and FPC staff by the Allen-Pickett family.
In memory of Dr. Robert C. Smith and parents by Sally Smith.
In memory of John A. Harrington by Barbara Harrington and family.
In memory of Ted Van Fossen by his family.
In memory of John W. Hatcher by Sally Hatcher.
In memory of Ryan Struss and our parents by Kathy & Gayle Struss
In honor of Scott & April Struss, Ross & Melissa Struss, and Emily, Evan, Jeremy, and Eli by Kathy & Gayle Struss.
In memory of Walter & Mary Anne Seiler by Jerry & Mary Seiler and family.
In memory of Rev. Alexander & Lois Wacker by Jerry & Mary Seiler and family.
In memory of our parents and grandparents by Melissa Davis and Wade Giesler.
In memory of John & Dixie Kerr, and Cara Kerr Tagg by Rob & Michelle Kerr.
In memory of loved ones by Linda & Richard Johnson.
In honor of Mary Northrop by Linda & Richard Johnson.
In memory of David E. Northrop by the Northrop family.
In memory of Frank W. Northrop by the Northrop family.
In memory of Michele L. Northrop by the Northrop family.
In memory of Nicole by Deb & Byron Jensen.
In honor of Hannah, Damen, Nathan, and Anna by Deb & Byron Jensen.

December Communion Offerings

Giving Tree, Reverse Advent donations, and PC-USA Joy Offering. PC-USA Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in need and helps develop future church leaders at schools and colleges that are Presbyterian related.

Dear Members and Friends of FPC:

Thank you for your generous gifts. Many of you use your investments for the benefit of the church. Sometimes these checks come to the church without the contributor's name. Getting these gifts credited to the appropriate contributor is very important but without a name, it is impossible. When you request your gift be sent to the church, please let myself or Melissa know that it is on its way.

To date, we have received two checks without the contributor's name. One from LPL Financial and one from American Online Giving. Please let the office know if either of these gifts are yours.

Thank you,
Deb Hamburger
Finance Administrator



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
 Janelle Baideme

Carl Utley
 Barry Thomson
 Greg Howard
 Pam Canady
 Kathy (Adams) Carrier
 family of Eleanor Jorgenson
 Darcie (McDonald) Brink
 David Hauch
 Monte Malouf
 Eli Struss

Jim Boeve
 Candice Unger
 Nytha & Dave Glass
 Lexi Longshore
 Ashley Ibach
 family of Ken Stein
 John Pershing
 Pat Kleiber
 Judd Carrier
 Jane Tushaus
 Linda Carllson and family

In memory of

Ken Stein, who passed
 away on 10/30/24

Eleanor Jorgenson , who passed
 away on 11/8/24



**Church Office Hours
 for
 December 25, 2024-January 1, 2025**

December 25-27: Closed
 December 30-31: 9:00am-12:00pm
 January 1: Closed

Sunday 12/22	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	HAW Store Open	Library
	3pm	Cathedral Brass Concert	Sanctuary
Monday 12/23	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	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 12/24	10:30am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	2pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service	College View
	5:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service (Family)	Sanctuary
	7:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	11pm	Christmas Eve Worship Service (Contemplative)	Sanctuary
Wednesday 12/25		Church Offices Closed-Merry Christmas	
Thursday 12/26		Church Offices Closed	
Friday 12/27		Church Offices Closed	
Sunday 12/29		No Contemplative Worship Service	
		No Sunday School	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

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 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

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Director of Children & 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