



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

January 5, 2025 – 10:30 am Service

PRELUDE “Canzona per sonare No. 2” *Giovanni Gabrieli*
Cathedral Brass
*Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Tim Farrell, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn; Nathan LeFeber, trombone;
Dan Sodomka, tuba*

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT “What Child is This” *arr. Richard Price*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Damen Jensen-Heitmann*
We who knelt in the stable to witness Jesus’ birth on Christmas,
Let us now come to “His Father’s House” to learn with Jesus.
Let our hearts give thanks and our hands rejoice!
Let our voices sing and our bodies dance!
O, children of God, may we enter the house of the Lord with joy!
Let us enter God's presence, and be reborn! Come let us worship God!

*HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” 133
Organist Linda Vollweiler
Rikki Nielsen, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have gathered to worship you, for such is the beginning of wisdom. Yet we think we are already wise. Help us begin to grasp that compared with yours, the vast scope of our minds is confined, that the steady scale of our hearts is unsure. Help us begin this year with humility. Like Mary and Joseph, we must learn the wisdom of honoring that which lies beyond us, of keeping within our hearts that which we do not comprehend. Help us, as we ponder the power

of your presence, the strength of your touch, and the mystery of your voice, to trust the savior you send unto all your people.

QUESTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

How can I humble myself and recognize God's greatness?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, Ask, and you will receive,

Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

God abounds in love and mercy and welcomes our return,

For in Christ, God came to us that we might have abundant life.

In the name of Jesus 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.)



SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your word is read and proclaimed, let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 2:21-38

ANTHEM

“For Unto Us a Child is Born”

G.F. Handel
arr. Chris O'Hara

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 2:39-52

SERMON

"Baby Jesus and Boy Jesus are already shaking things up!" Greg Allen-Pickett
Winter Sermon Series: ***Jesus is Making Waves***

*HYMN

“Joy to the World”

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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

“Gesù Bambino”

Pietro A. Yon
arr. Jari Villanueva

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts, O God. We offer them in thanksgiving for the gift of grace you have given us. May they bring hope to the suffering, peace to the lost, and joy to all. May they be used to further your work in the world. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, and you have made us one with all your people. We are one in Christ! Amen.

*HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

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*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**

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”

arr. Richard Price

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

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

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Dr. Robert Butz.

NURSERY Kim Bogan

ACOLYTES Student Volunteers

JANUARY USHERS (Team #5) Captain – Melissa Davis, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Justin Brader

January Greeters	Memorial Room	Narthex
5	Jan Bolliger	Andrew Barrows
12	Lesa & Steve Cropley	Daveta and Dick Brader
19	Roger & Karen Doerr	Susie Graham
26	Erica & Brent Brooks	Susan Cole

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 11:30AM, FPC SANCTUARY

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



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
family of Pat Kleiber
Judd Carrier
Jane Tushaus
Linda Carlsson and family

In memory of

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

Pat Kleiber, who passed
away on 12/27/24

GO & SERVE LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 12, 2025
Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
in Fellowship Hall

Free Will Donation

Free Organ Concert
First Presbyterian Church
Presents
**Gregory Peterson
and
Jon Stender**

Sunday,
February 2, 2025
3 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
621 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE

All are welcome!



Removal of the Greens

Sunday, January 5
following
the 10:30am service

The joy of Christmas continues on Sunday, January 5 with removal of the greens. Please join in the fellowship and important time and effort with your church family.

We will begin immediately after the 10:30am service.



Winter Sermon Series: Jesus is making waves!

- **January 5:** Luke 2
Boy in the temple
- **January 12:**
Matthew 2 & Luke 3
The Magi and Baptism
- **January 19:** Luke 4
Prophecy of Isaiah
- **January 26:** Luke 5
A great catch &
fishing for people
- **February 2:** Luke 6
Sabbath healing
& preaching
- **February 9:** Luke 7:1-17
Healing & raising from
the dead
- **February 16:** Luke 7:18-35
Jesus affirms John the
baptizer
- **February 23:** Luke 7:36-50
Forgiven at Jesus' feet

Jesus is making waves!

A sermon series on the gospel of Luke

Join us this winter for a sermon series on the gospel of Luke that shows how Jesus was shaking things up. He makes waves with the visit of the Wise Men, his baptism, preaching and teaching, performing miracles, working on the sabbath, healing and raising people from the dead, quoting prophecies, affirming John the Baptist, offering forgiveness to sinners and inviting others to join him.

What can we learn from his example?

Sunday 1/5	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Removal of the Greens	
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 1/6	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 Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 1/7	10:30am	Staff Meeting	in-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
Wednesday 1/8	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5-7:15pm	PreK-12 th Grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal	Bell Room
Thursday 1/9	12:30pm	Dulcimer	HCMA Room 112
	6pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 1/10	10am	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 1/12	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School for all ages	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctury, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	Go & Serve Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library

Upcoming Forums

January 12, 19, and 26

“Poverty Alleviation: The Bridging Forward Program”

Bridging Forward, a program created by the Community Impact Network and United Way of South Central Nebraska is an innovative effort to engage all of us in putting individuals, families, and this community on the road to stability. During this three part series Brady Rhodes will share a program overview, members of First Pres will share their experiences as volunteers, and we'll hopefully have an opportunity to hear directly from Bridging Forward participants as well.

January Communion Offering



RiteCare Clinics of Nebraska provide pediatric speech therapy for children who exhibit communication delays. Our child-centered, family-friendly process involves parents as partners in each child's individual treatment for long-term success at home, in school and beyond. We work with kids who are not meeting specific speech and language developmental milestones.

Nebraska's RiteCare Clinics have been providing clinical services for children in Nebraska for more than 40 years, with locations in Omaha, Lincoln, Hastings, and Kearney.

Services are provided at no cost to families, thanks to the generous support of Nebraska's Scottish Rite Masons and our community of donors.

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