

**First Presbyterian Church  
621 North Lincoln Avenue  
Hastings, Nebraska**

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church  
Members of the Congregation, Ministers  
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Berke Landrum, Interim Associate Pastor  
Lay Reader: Melissa K. Webster  
Organist: Ashley Ehrich  
May 24, 2015, 10:30 a.m.  
**Day of Pentecost**

*Today we celebrate Pentecost. The name Pentecost comes from the Greek for "fiftieth day." Its origins relate to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, which commemorates God's giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter. - CMW*

*\*Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

Voluntary *O God Beyond All Praising* ROBERT BUCKLEY FARLEE  
(The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

**\*Call to Worship**

When God's people gather for worship,  
**Surely the Spirit of God is in this place.**  
When every age and all colors are welcome,  
**Surely the Spirit of God is in this place.**  
When we carry God's welcome out into the world,  
**Surely the Spirit of God will be in every place.**  
When we live the story of peace and justice,  
**Surely the Spirit of God will be in every place.**  
When we live in love and harmony with all people,  
**Surely the Spirit of God will be in every place.**  
Let us worship God.

\*Hymn No. 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

MUNICH

Prayer of Confession (BCW)

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit on gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ, Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

Kyrie No. 578

*O Lord, Have Mercy*

ORE PROIAJU VEREKO

***O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.***

***O Christ, have mercy; O Christ have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.***

Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Response of Praise – No. 288

LIVING GOD

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

\*Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, open your words to us and ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

First Reading – *Acts 2:1-21*

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – *Romans 8:22-27*

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – *John 15:26-27 John 16:4b-15*

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The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*Here, Now, and in Us*

Rev. Charles M. Webster

Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of the People

Offering *(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund)*  
Offertory *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* MICHAEL BURKHARDT

Invitation to the Lord's Table

\*Hymn No. 529 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* UNION SEMINARY

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 God our thanks and praise.**

Let us pray.

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.**

Receiving of the Bread of Life

*Please eat the bread as you receive it.*

Receiving the Cup of Salvation

*Please drink of the cup as you receive it.*

Post Communion Prayer

\*Hymn No. 296 *Go in Grace and Make Disciples* WONDROUS LIGHT

\*Charge and Blessing – *Galatians 5:22-23*

\*Congregational Response

***Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.***

\*Postlude *Praeludium in C BWV 553* J.S. BACH

## Announcements:

**The radio broadcast** is provided by JoAnn and Les Seiler.

**Today's service may be seen on Channel 181** Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., or Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village** the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**The flowers** today are in memory of Florence and George Root by family and friends.

**Ushers:** Dave Fisher, Neal Hoff, Susan Hoff, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood

**Greeters:** Mary Creigh, Kim Creech

**Acolytes:** Lily Kingsley, Sydney Kerr

**Nursery:** Lucy Nielsen, Maggie Nielsen

**Recently hospitalized:** Mary Northrup (MLMH), Dale Grams

### **This Week ----- May 25-29**

Monday, May 25	Church Offices Closed
Tuesday, May 26	11:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Quilters
Wednesday, May 27	7:00 a.m. Bible@Breakfast (last one until Fall) 6:00 p.m. VBS decorating in Fellowship Hall All are welcome to help!