

*First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
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**The 27th. Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday
Peace and Global Witness Sunday
Hastings College Sunday**

“Each year near the first Sunday in October, we give thanks to God for the vision and founders of Hastings College, whose roots were sown by the session of First Presbyterian Church. Today is also World Communion Sunday, and as we celebrate Holy Communion, we remember our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the globe who share in this sacramental meal. In the scripture readings today, the second lesson summarizes the *Letter to the Hebrews* by contrasting Mt. Sinai, where Israel received the Law, with Mt. Zion, with which the writer identifies the grace of God, embodied in Jesus, and the hope of heaven.”

–C.M.W.

GATHERING

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

VOLUNTARY

“*Hymn to Joy*”

Wayne L. Wold

(The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Lancashire Fanfare”
Hastings College Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 71:3,5

God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge and strength.

God is our hope and our trust.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord’s name be praised.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

HYMN TO JOY

*Praise the source of faith and learning who has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray:*

*God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.*

*May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought
Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets thought;
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed
Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.*

*As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow,
May we blend our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
And our seeking and our yearning join in praising you their source:*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, for intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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

HYMN TO JOY

*Praise for minds to probe the heavens, praise for strength to breathe the air,
Praise for all that beauty leavens, praise for silence, music, prayer,
Praise for justice and compassion and for strangers, neighbors, friends,
Praise for hearts and lips to fashion, praise for love that never ends.*

*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETINGS from Hastings College

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: as we hear your word today, remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that we may grow in thankfulness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING – *Exodus 19:10-13,16-19*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Substantia pulvis

JACOB NIENHUESER

Translation: “We all have the substance of dust, therefore we are one.”

SECOND READING – *Hebrews 12:18-29*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

You Have Come to Mount Zion

Rev. Charles M. Webster

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING (*All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund*)

Offertory Anthem

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

*HYMN No. 513

This Is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

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...

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 sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us; 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

Please partake of the bread and cup when you are served.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

*HYMN No. 373

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

JOHN STAINER

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata” in b minor

Eugene Gigout

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is given 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 are in memory of Mary Alice Heineman by Joe, Doug, John and Rex Heineman.

Communion Servers: Katharine Davis, Dave Fisher, Susan Hoff, Lynette Krieger, Paul Krieger, Kathleen Nelson, Phil Odom, Chris Schukei, Doug Soderquist, Marnie Soderquist

Ushers: Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Clyde Sachtleben, Dwayne Strasheim

Greeters: Bonnie & Kenton Grams, Dawn & Jim Baldwin

Acolytes: Kayla Howe, Nyaguor Duang

Nursery: Staci Trutna

In the Hospital: Renee Thomsen (Houston, TX) will be coming home this week to continue her treatment. Thank you everyone for your continued prayers.

The single red rose is to welcome Jarod Thomas Wilson, born September 11, 2015, son of Katherine (Creigh) and Jarod Wilson. Grandparents include Mary Creigh and the late Thomas Creigh, III.

All women of the church are invited to PW's annual guest salad luncheon at 11:45 on Wednesday, October 7. Neighboring Presbyterian churches have also been invited. Amy Sandeen will be presenting the program telling us all about activities at the Prairie Loft in Hastings. We are asking that those attending from our church bring a salad. Please RSVP to the church office by October 5 so that we can plan for seating.

This Week ----- October 5 – 10

Monday, Oct. 5 11:15 Staff Meeting
 5:30 Church Nominating Committee

Tuesday, Oct. 6 9:00 Home Page Assembly
 1:00 Quilters
 4:00 Personnel Board
 5:30 Worship, Arts & Music Committee

Wednesday, Oct. 7 7:00 Breakfast Bible Study
 4:00 Wednesday Night Live

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