

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor
Interim Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin R. Koozer
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Lay Reader: Melissa Webster

November 1, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints Day

“By committing themselves to meet regularly together, Christians become aware of those who are not gathering together – those who are absent. This is how the community develops the practice of pastoral care and evangelism, the skill of memory for those missing, the virtue of love for the lost, and the notion of the communion of saints.” – Samuel Wells

GATHERING

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

VOLUNTARY

“Bread of the World”

David Cherwien

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

In life and in death

we belong to God.

Baptized into Christ’s death

we live unto Christ.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN No. 326**

For All the Saints (stanzas 1-4)

SINE NOMINE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we remain silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

from *Romans 14:7-9; 6:2-4*

Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life. Friends: believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 326 (stanza 5)

SINE NOMINE

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through Gates of pearl streams
in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Living Lord, bring us forth from death to life, so that as the scriptures are read
and your word is proclaimed, we like all of your saints, may be brought to a sure
and living faith in your lordship. Amen.**

FIRST READING – *Isaiah 25:6-9*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.SECOND READING – *Revelation 21:1-6a*

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ANTHEM

Festival Piece on "*Sine Nomine*"
Chancel Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams

GOSPEL READING – *John 11:32-44*

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The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you O, Christ.

SERMON

Love Never Ends
Rev. Charles M. Webster

*HYMN No. 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In deepest night, in darkest days, when harps are hung, no songs we raise, when silence must suffice as praise, yet sounding in us quietly, there is a song of God. When friend was lost, when love deceived, dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved; so with us in our grief God grieves, and round about us mournfully there are the tears of God. When through the waters winds our path, around us pain, around us death: deep calls to deep, a saving breath, and found beside us faithfully there is the love of God.

(text from *Glory to God*, hymn no. 785)

THE EUCHARIST

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

MINUTE FOR MISSION, RiteCare Speech & Language Clinics

Emily Johnson

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

Offertory

G Major "*Dietrich Buxtehude*"

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 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

SENDING

*HYMN (see insert)

Go, silent friend

LONDONDERRY AIR

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn No. 366 (stanza 4)

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*POSTLUDE

“King’s Weston”

Robert J. Powell

Next Sunday, November 8th.
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: Mark 12:38-44
Sermon: *The Widow’s Mite*

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is in memory of Ardyce Bohlke’s birthday, by the Bohlke family.

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 remembrance of Ardyce Bohlke’s birthday by Jon Bohlke and family.

Greeters: Jerri and Fred Knapple

Ushers: Dennis Asmus, captain, Dave Fisher, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood

Youth Ushers: Arich Fruehling, Josh Brooks

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Jack Howe

Nursery: Staci Trutna

Join us Sunday, November 15th for our annual Harvest Meal. Tickets are available before and after worship service, and in the office thru the week. Adults \$10, Kids 6-12 \$7.

Honey Sunday is next Sunday, November 8th. Bears are \$5 each and may be purchased in the meantime in the office thru the week. Proceeds go to Arc of Adams-Clay counties to benefit individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Kili Wenburg will be leading the program at this Wednesday’s Presbyterian Women Luncheon. This event starts at 11:45 in Fellowship Hall and is open to all members of the church.

Hastings College Autumn Vespers will be held this evening in the Sanctuary at 5pm.

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This Week ----- November 1 – 9

Mon, Nov 2	11:15 12:00	Office Staff Meeting Memorial Committee Meeting in Kessler
Tues, Nov 3	9:00 1:00 5:30 5:30 - 8:30	Home Page Assembly Quilters Worship, Arts, Music Committee Meeting in Anderson Conference Renee Thomsen Benefit: Spaghetti Dinner / Auction
Wed, Nov 4	7:00 11:45 4:00	Breakfast Bible Study in Parlor PW Luncheon (with program by Kili Wenburg) in Fellowship Hall. Wednesday Night Live
Fri, Nov 6	10:00	World Community Day @ First United Methodist Church
Sat, Nov 7	9-10 10:00	Meet in Fellowship Hall before Veteran's Day Parade Veteran's Day Parade Begins

World Community Day "Our Journey Together"

Our 2015 theme focus is bringing Christian women together from different cultural backgrounds to share stories from their Christian journey. The goal of this worship is to unite the faith community in a time of praise and worship that demonstrates Christ's reconciling love to the community, the country, and the world.



World Community Day Sponsored by Church Women United; Celebrate Community with us:



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2015
10 AM CELEBRATION WORSHIP
FOLLOWING WITH A COMMUNITY
SOUP LUNCHEON

First United Methodist Church
614 Hastings Ave. (402) 463-6733

Speakers at this year's World Community Day will include Sandy Sypherd, Hastings Multicultural Alliance and Andrea Paret, Norfolk, Justice for our Neighbors volunteer. They will discuss welcoming strangers and immigration in Nebraska. The Choralettes will provide special music.