First Presbyterían 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: Kili Wenburg

November 8, 2015, 10:30 a.m. The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"In today's gospel reading from Mark, Jesus has harsh words for those who enjoy the façade of faithful living without the cost of genuine obedience. Jesus then lifts up the virtue of a poor widow whose faithfulness is revealed in her giving a few copper coins despite her lack of resources." -- CMW

GATHERING

*Indicates those who are able, please stand.

VOLUNTARY

"Darwall's 148th" Barbara Harbach (The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God: a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and

who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow.

The Lord will reign forever.

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN No. 305

DARWALL'S 148TH *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to offer. You have given us the best gift of all in Jesus Christ, who offers us an abundant life. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our sickness that we may live faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. (Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Psalm 146:1-2. 5-10

KYRIE - HYMN No. 602

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Give Thanks *RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 647

***WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP**

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

The congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

THE WORD

Holy Lamb of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our refuge and strength, as we grow in your word, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that the earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ANTHEM	"Go Not Far from Me, O God" Chancel Choir	Zingarelli
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GOSPEL READING – <i>Mark 12:38-42</i> The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you O, Christ.		Page 46
SERMON	<i>The Widow's Offering</i> Rev. Charles M. Webster	
*HYMN No. 688	Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart	MORECAMBE

THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

YA HAMALALLAH

Hebrews 9:27-28

GIVE THANKS

Stephanie Brader

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mission Committee and Honey Sunday

TOLLING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

Tolling of the bell eleven times for Armistice Day / Veterans Day to remember those who have fought or been lost in war.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING
Offertory(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund.)Offertory"Great is Thy Faithfulness"Dan Miller

*RESPONSE No. 708 We Give Thee but Thine Own (st.1&2) SCHUMANN We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as though blesses us, to thee our first-fruits give.

***DEDICATION OF PLEDGES**

O Lord, throughout the ages your people have lived under the care of your covenants. We respond now in faith because of your faithfulness.

Accept these offerings as our pledges to live by faith in your pledge to us. We offer this church to you. Use us as a light that shines in a dark world, as your heavenly city set on a hill.

We commit this church back to you because it has never belonged to us. Use us and what we give to bring your church deeper into service of Jesus Christ.

*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.

SENDING

*HYMN No. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"Praeludium" in E minor BuxWV 143 Dietrich Buxtehude

Next Sunday, November 15th. *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time* Scripture: Mark 13:1-8 Sermon: Birth Pangs

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is in memory of John and Dixie Kerr by the Kerr 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 memory of Donna Jane and Marvin Find and Marie I. and Milo M. Fink.

Greeters: Jane Johnson

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

Youth Ushers: Lauren Canady, Lucy Nielsen

Acolytes: Luke Brooks, Nathan Kerr

Nursery: Carol Grummert

In the Hospital: Al Behl

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.

Please join us immediately following today's 10:30 service to elect Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees. <u>Nominated Ruling Elders</u>: Sharon Brooks, Karen Doerr, Kay Georgiana, Harold Korb, and Kraig Lofquist <u>Nominated for Board of Deacons</u>: Kim Creech, Jeanne Hastings, Jeff Howard, Scott Kummer, and Katherine Sachtleben

Nominated for Board of Trustees: Dianne Christensen, Paula Crozier, and Kathy Utter

This Week ----- November 8–14

Sun, Nov 8	1:00	Go & Serve Meeting in Sr. High Room - Annex
Mon, Nov 9	11:15 11:30	Office Staff Meeting P.E.O. in Parlor
Tues, Nov 10	9:00 1:00 5:30 5:00 5:30 5:30 5:30 7:00	Home Page Assembly Quilters Committee Night Appreciation HSO in Parlor Trustees in Anderson Conference Congregational Life in Library Global Mission and Social Witness in Kessler Christian Education in Anderson Conference
Wed, Nov 11	7:00 10:00 4:00	Breakfast Bible Study in Parlor PW Lesson Leader with Kili in Library Wednesday Night Live
Thurs, Nov 12	7:00	Taize Worship in Chapel
Fri, Nov 13	10:00	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Activity Room
		First Presbyterian Church

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The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

DEATHS November 1, 2013 to November 1, 2015 of members of our congregation

Shirley Ann Aabel Gilbert LeRoy Adrian Jeanette Rose Adrian Paul Becker Elizabeth D. Behrens Wuanita I. Butler May Copley Willard Thomas (Chip) Essex Robert Lee Foote Dr. Donald E. Goodrich Mary Alice Hawthorne Roger Lee Hawthorne Floy E. Jensen Thomas Carlton Jorgenson Dixie R. Kerr Oriel Viola Kinley William D. "Bill" Langford, Sr. Eunice Wiley Langvardt Alice Lena Gfeller Locke **Donald Mapes Oline Marvel** Kenneth Morrison Norma M. Nollmann William Robert Nollmann Joyce H. Ohlsen Hubert E. Payne **Dale Sears** Dorothy "Dee" Shiffler Dr. Robert C. Smith Thelma Lillian Sole Berdina Strayer Delwyn "Del" Lee Swingle Burdette Oliver Thomsen Elizabeth (Betty Jo) Trenchard Robert C. Trenchard, Sr. Bernard "Bernie" Tushaus William "Bill" Riley Welton Edith Virginia Willcock

September 28, 1927 to August 2, 2015 August 20, 1928 to March 25, 2014 August 19, 1935 to January 23, 2015 July 30, 1926 to April 3, 2015 June 3, 1943 to June 14, 2014 December 21, 1916 to December 17, 2014 May 4, 1923 to June 17, 2014 April 25, 1945 to June 20, 2014 January 12, 1931 to March 30, 2014 July 20, 1928 to October 25, 2014 August 19, 1929 to August 10, 2014 December 13, 1928 to April 30, 2014 September 26, 1932 to November 28, 2013 March 13, 1932 to September 20, 2014 July 20, 1929 to August 22, 2015 December 10, 1915 to February 17, 2015 March 28, 1939 to December 18, 2014 February 7, 1920 to December 10, 2014 October 6, 1914 to July 24, 2015 July 10, 1922 to April 4, 2014 May 26, 1918 to February 7, 2014 February 8, 1921 to January 6, 2015 February 27, 1929 to October 26, 2014 February 3, 1919 to December 27, 2013 January 30, 1927 to November 7, 2014 July 31, 1921 to September 29, 2015 May 16, 1930 to May 7, 2014 December 3, 1917 to July 24, 2015 September 30, 1924 to February 2, 2014 May 15, 1918 to June 14, 2014 July 8, 1922 to May 11, 2014 November 7, 1933 to August 16, 2015 September 19, 1922 to February 6, 2014 December 23, 1924 to May 1, 2014 June 26, 1925 to September 29, 2015 January 6, 1945 to October 21, 2015 August 31, 1939 to September 28, 2014 May 1, 1927 to January 2, 2015