Fírst Presbyterían Church Hastíngs, Nebraska

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church Members of the Congregation, Ministers Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor Westminster/Calvin Choir Director: Linda Johnson Accompanist: Mary Plock Organist: Ashley Ehrich Lay Reader: Lynne Friedewald

November 15, 2015, 10:30 a.m. *The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

"In today's gospel reading from Mark, Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down'. Jesus' words are doubly significant because the temple is not just a building of stone and mortar, but represents the relationship of God and his people. Jesus is saying this relationship is now located in his own body. Thus the letter to the Hebrews, addressed to those who had seen the temple destroyed, proclaims that, 'Christ offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins,' thus mediating between us and God in a way the temple had never succeeded in doing". - C.M.W.

GATHERING

*Indicates those who are able, please stand.

VOLUNTARY *Fantasia on "Netherlands' Melody"* Ellen Jane Lorenz (The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God: a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

CHORAL INTROIT

"We Gather Together"

Kremser

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Samuel 2:1-2, 7-8, 10

My heart exults in the Lord, for I rejoice in the power of God's salvation. **There is none as holy as the Lord; there is no rock as strong as our God**. The Lord is the author of life and death; it is God who humbles, yet God also exalts. **God raises the poor from the dust, lifting the needy from the ash heap**. God gives them a place with princes, and assigns them seats of honor. **The Lord judges the ends of the earth; to God be the power and the glory!**

*HYMN No. 336	We Gather Together	KREMSER
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

KYRIE - HYMN No. 602	Holy Lamb of God	YA HAMALALLAH		
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS	5			
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 647	Give Thanks	GIVE THANKS		
*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: as we are formed by your word today stir us from apathy and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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ANTHEM	"All Good Gifts"	Natalie Sleeth
GOSPEL READING – <i>I</i> The Gospel of the Praise to y		Page 47
SERMON	<i>Birth Pangs</i> Rev. Charles M. Webster	
*HYMN No. 351	All Who Love and Serve Your City	CHARLESTOWN

Nancy Grams

THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Christian Education Committee

Matt Fong

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund.) Offertory "Lift High the Cross" David Cherwien

*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.

*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. 643
 Now Thank We All Our God
 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

 *CHARGE AND BLESSING
 "Grant Us Peace"
 Michael Scott

 *POSTLUDE
 "Now Thank We All Our God"
 James Pethel

Next Sunday, November 22th. *Reign of Christ Sunday* Scripture: *Matthew 25:31-45* Sermon: *The Naked Truth*

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is in memory of Willard and Della Stein by the Stein 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 Louise C. Walter and parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. Walter by Ruth Meyer, Eunice Huntress, Gladys McManaman and Dr. James Walter.

Greeters: Martha and Bill Boyd

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

Youth Ushers: Emma Redinger, Erikka Rhodes

Acolytes: Abbie Kerr, Erika Nielsen

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff

November 13-15th is **National Donor Sabbath**. Thank you, Carol Harrenstein, for making sure we have the bookmarks!

Join us Saturday, November 28th at 9am for *Hanging of the Greens*. All are invited and requested to bring goodies to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

This Week ----- November 16 - 21

Mon, Nov 16	11:15	Office Staff Meeting
Tues, Nov 17	9:00 1:00	Home Page Assembly Quilters
Wed, Nov 18	7:00 9:30 9:30 1:15 4:00	Breakfast Bible Study in Parlor PW Circle 1 Meeting – Bonnie Grams @ 1011 Glenwood PW Circle 2 Meeting – Elaine Specht in Parlor PW Circle 3 Meeting – Carol Grummert, Marie Rasmussen in FH Wednesday Night Live
Thurs, Nov 19	7:00	Session Meeting in Anderson Conference Room
Fri, Nov 20	10:00	Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Activity Room

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