

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Pastor: Don Canady
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Organist: Ashley Ehrich

**February 21, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" Diane Bish
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today is a day to sing praise to God!

God continually blesses us, each and every day.

Even in the midst of cold and darkness, the warmth of God's love is real.

We can count on God to be here for us.

Let your hearts rejoice and your voices shout praise to God.

For God is great and worthy to be praised. AMEN.

*HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 269

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There is a certain gloom in our spirits today, O Lord. There are so many things in our lives which claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes and fears. The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us for the many times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life; when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need; when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path to Jerusalem, to live, for we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

No. 582

*PEACE OF CHRIST

ATTENDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ANTHEM

“Cantique de Jean Racine”

Gabriel Faure

Racine's paraphrase of the Latin hymn Consors paterni luminis, English version:

Word of God, one with the Most High,

in Whom alone we have our hope,

Eternal Day of heaven and earth,

We break the silence of the peaceful night;

Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,

That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;

Banish the slumber of a weary soul,

That brings forgetfulness of your laws!

O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people

Now gathered here to praise you;

Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;

May they go forth filled with your gifts.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 27 (page 509)

Andrew Barrows

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:14-4:1 (page 190)

Andrew Barrows

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-43

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

*HYMN

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

No. 192

MESSAGE

“How To Be Holy”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We can dwell peacefully in the world, for we believe that God shelters us in love. As Jesus embraced a child in his arms, so God welcomes us as cherished sons and daughters. God’s love gives us the peace that shall sustain us through all life’s seasons, from infancy through old age. God’s Holy Spirit embraces all the earth’s children with a ready embrace, loving all as members of a common family.

THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Just as I am”

Victor Johnson

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 450

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“My Faith Looks UP to Thee”

Karl Osterland

**Next Sunday, February 28, 2016
8:30 & 10:30 Worship**

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

Today's service may be seen on Channel 181 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and 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.

Flowers are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bierman and Mary Jane Foote.

Ushers: Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein, captain, Chuck Shoemaker

Greeters: Todd and Shannon Welton

Youth Ushers: Courtney Junker, Lauren Canady

Acolytes: Eleanor Oliver, Eric Brader

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff

Mr. Earl Warriner, husband of Kathy Warriner and father of Debbie Damrow, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016. Services will be on Thursday, Feb. 18, 11:00 a.m., at North Shore Assembly of God Church. Sympathies to Kathy, Debbie and the family.

Watch "The Bible" mini-series with the **Heirs Apparent Class** Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Anderson Conference Room. Discussion led by Curtis Reimer

Beginning February 17, St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral at 5th & Burlington is holding it's forty-fourth annual Lenten series. All are welcome to join **Sermons a La carte** on Wednesdays from 12:05 to 12:30pm for a Lenten message followed by lunch served in their undercroft. Lunch is \$3.00.

Register NOW for Summer Camp--Something for all ages! Camp Calvin Crest and Highlands Summer Camp brochures are now available on the glass shelves near the Church Office door. Scholarship Applications are also available. *****Camp Calvin Crest has an Early Bird Discount for registrations received by March 15*****

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org with any questions.

A big 'Thank You' to Roger Schukei for his help with redesigning and assembling the old, rugged cross in the sanctuary. -Zach

This Week --- February 22 - February 27

Mon, Feb 22 **10:00** **Staff Meeting** in Pastor's Office

Weds, Feb 24 **7:00** **Bible Study** in Parlor
4:00 **Wednesday Night Live**

Fri, Feb 26 **9:00** **World Day of Prayer Event Meeting** in Fellowship Hall
12:00 **Soup Group**

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