

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Pastor: Don Canady
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Children's Choir Director: Teresa and Tim Canady
Children's Bell Director: Ashley Ehrich
Lay Reader: Jill Kramer



**March 6, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE "My Jesus, I Love You" Douglas E. Wagner
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT "Praise Him, All Ye Little Children" Children's Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

God makes us new in God's Spirit!

Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

Come, let us worship and be thankful.

Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O God,
when we keep silent about our sin,
we waste away with regret and guilt;
we feel your hand upon us,
and our strength dries up.
And so we acknowledge our sin to you,
holding nothing back,
for you are a hiding place for us;
we trust in you to preserve us.
Forgive us and reclaim us, we pray. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO GOD’S PEACE “Glory To God” No. 583
***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory
to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

*PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN Stephanie Brader
***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

***God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our
hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.***

FIRST READING - Psalm 32

SECOND READING--2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Lonesome Valley”

Children’s Choir

GOSPEL READING--Luke 15

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Lost & Found”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

CHILDREN’S BELLS

“My Shepherd”

Arr. by Margaret Cowen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

Joseph Prentiss

*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

*HYMN

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

No. 500

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please partake of the bread when you are served.
Please hold the cup until we can all drink together.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN	“Standing on the Promises”	No. 838
*CHARGE and BLESSING		
*POSTLUDE	“When We All Get to Heaven”	Emily D. Wilson

**Next Sunday, March 13, 2016
8:30 Worship;
Damon Heitman
10:30 Worship;
Pastor Don Canady**

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is given by the Sanderson family in loving memory of Carl Sanderson.

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 loving memory of Carl Sanderson by his family.

Communion Servers: Craig Balnicke, Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Matt Fong, Kim Hermann, Jeni Howard, Chris Junker, Al Meyer, Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline, and Cindy Strasheim.

Ushers: LaVern Franzen, Chuck Hastings—Captain, Mike Hogan, Monte Malouf, Doug Soderquist, Roger Sunderman, and Steve Wolford.

Greeters: Dick and Pat Kleiber, Kenton and Bonnie Grams

Youth Ushers: Jennifer Boeve, Lydia Meyer

Acolytes: Cale Henderson, Carter Wenburg

Nursery:

Thank you Frank and Kay Georgiana for donating the walker! It is located at the south entrance of the church, and available for anyone to use.

Thank you to whomever gifted Slow Dance by Teresa Romain to the front office. It is now framed in the finance office.

Register for Summer Camp--Something for all ages!

Camp brochures and scholarship applications are available on the shelves near the Church Office door. Calvin Crest Early Bird Discount by March 15. Please contact Stephanie with questions.

Craft/Vendor Show--March 19, 9:00-3:00 in the annex gym. Sponsored by Go & Serve.

Quilters need your help! An over-abundance of items (such as quilt frames, curtain stretchers, ironing boards, non-cotton fabrics, tablecloths and more) have accumulated and need removed! All extra will be placed in the hallway outside the Quilters room the day of the Go & Serve Craft/Vendor Show. Free will donation to Go & Serve is appreciated.

Quilters meet every Tuesday at 1:00p.m. in the Annex. If you are interested in joining, or have questions, please do not contact Zelma - instead contact Bev Stein at 402-463-1410.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00a.m. Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to move your clocks an hour ahead.

Hands Around the World Store is open every Sunday from 9am – 12 noon. With Spring on the way, several items are discounted to make room for the new.

2016 VBS. May 23-27; 2:00pm-5:00pm. Registration opening soon!

Forum next week: “Sacrifice as Blessing”. Hannah Jensen shares her experience as a missionary music teacher in the Dominican Republic last fall.

Indoor walking group meet Mon-Thur at 8:15 in the Annex gym. Exercise followed by coffee and conversation. Everyone is welcome. Contact Jan Ham with questions.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling the church office or, during the month of March, Deacon Mark Hemje at 402-469-2991.

NEW--Wednesday Evening Bible Study 5:30-6:45, EVERY OTHER Wednesday, 5:30-6:45 in the Kessler Room. Includes dinner (\$2 suggested donation). Next session: Mar 9.

NEW--Wednesday Evening Informal Book Discussion. Come share what you’re reading, and learn about what others are finding interesting as well! Church library, 6:45 p.m., every Wednesday

2016 Directory is available, bound or as an insert. Pick up your copy in the Memorial Room today.

Prefer a **printed copy of the Home Page?** Please call the church office if you desire to continue to receive the Home Page by mail, or to provide an email address if you do not already receive the Home Page digitally.

Fish banks for kids AND ADULTS! Both children and adults are encouraged to pick up a fish bank and giving calendar in the Memorial Room.

March birthday and anniversary list is available in the Memorial Room.

Easter Prayer Vigil - Participants sign up for one-hour shifts so that prayers are continuously offered in the chapel from 8 p.m. on Good Friday until 8 a.m. Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Memorial Room.

Taize Worship - March theme: SACRIFICE. Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Hastings College Spring Vespers (College choir, HC singers, and men’s choir) will be performing TONIGHT in the Sanctuary at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome!

This Week --- March 7 – March 12, 2016

Mon, Mar 7	10:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor’s Office
Tues, Mar 8	5:00p.m.	Private Annual Banquet Event in Fellowship Hall
	5:30p.m.	Congregational Life Meeting
	5:30p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
	5:30p.m.	Trustee Meeting in Anderson
	7:00p.m.	Christian Education Meeting
Weds, Mar 9	7:00a.m.	Bible Study in Parlor
	4:00p.m.	Wednesday Night Live
	7:00p.m.	Evening Bible Study in Kessler
Thurs, Mar 10	7:00p.m.	Taize Worship in the Chapel

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