

***First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska***

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers

Pastor: Don Canady

Organist: Ashley Ehrich

Chancel Choir Director: Robin Koozer

Chancel Bell Director: Byron Jensen

Lay Reader: Lynne Friedewald

March 13, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING



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

PRELUDE "Healer of Our Every Ill" Jeffrey Honoré
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Spring is about to break forth!

In all the land, new life is happening!

Feel the wonder and power of God's creative energy

Feel the awe and joy of God's love for us.

Let us worship God with a full sense of joy and expectation.

Let us open our hearts, our spirits, our souls, to God's lavish love.

AMEN.

*HYMN "In the Presence of Your People" No. 631

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things, which happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence, which will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Life is. Things happen which we didn't plan for and events swirl around us over which we have no control. But to place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "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

(During the singing of the last hymn, please bring your communion offerings for the Open Table to the basket on the Communion Table)

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

The congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward
Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

THE WORD

ANTHEM

“Cross Cry”

Gilbert Martin

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 126*

SECOND READING—*Philippians 3:4b-14*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

No. 629

GOSPEL READING —*John 12:1-8*

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You O Christ

MESSAGE

“King For a Day”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Lord God blesses us each day with a creative presence, which makes new people of us. Recognizing God’s Spirit within us we are able to live productive and meaningful lives. Our emptiness is filled with God’s Spirit; our despair is soothed; we are challenged to move beyond vain pursuits and to follow in the way of the cross; our demand of exploring our selfish ways is forgiven and we are given hope and promise for a new day. Praise be to God.

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

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

arr. Morris Hart

Chancel Handbell Choir

Sarah Wolf, flute

*DOXOLOGY

No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN

"Guide My Feet"

No. 741

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Let us go now in friendship with one another to sense the Spirit and to worship God in all we do,

May we be inspired to live the way of Christ in a world that is God's good creation. AMEN

*POSTLUDE

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Robert Buckley Farlee

Next Sunday, March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

10:30 Worship;

Pastor Don Canady

2016 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up



We're getting ready for a great VBS! This year, we are using Concordia Publishing House's *Barnyard Roundup*. VBS children will learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too!

Our VBS will be held May 23-27, 2:00pm-5:00pm.

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Sign-up forms are located in the Memorial Room, on the glass shelves near the office door, and online at www.fpchastings.org. Contact Stephanie (stephanie@fpchastings.org/402-462-5147) with any questions.

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.

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

Greeters: Justin and Stephanie Brader, Dick and Daveta Brader

Youth Ushers: Lauren Canady, Sam Reimer

Acolytes: Luke Brooks, Nathan Kerr

Nursery: Carol Grummert

The single red rose is to celebrate the **birth of Avery Ann**, born February 25th, 2016 to Clint and Gina Piper of Ankeny, Iowa, granddaughter of Robert and Nancy Grams. Congratulations!

***Thank you Kenton and Bonnie Grams** for your generous gifts of kitchen and church supplies, and the additional time helping the missions of the church! You are greatly appreciated!*

The **large acrylic drink dispensers** have gone missing from the kitchen. Please return if you've borrowed them. Many thanks from PW.

The **Pastor candidate** will be visiting and giving a sermon on nametag Sunday, April 3rd.

Easter Lilies may now be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$10. All additional proceeds will be remitted to Adams / Clay ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens). Forms are located in the Memorial Room and may be returned to the office.

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.

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.

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

Forum next week: “Jesus’ Sacrifice”. Dan Deffenbaugh will present an overview of the evolution of atonement theology and its relationship to sacrifice.

Indoor walking group meet Mon-Thurs 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.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study EVERY OTHER Wednesday, 5:30-6:45 in the Kessler Room. Includes dinner (\$2 suggested donation). Next session: Mar 23.

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

Soup Group on Friday--All women are welcome to join for lunch and book discussion at noon this Friday.

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.

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.

This Week --- March 14 – March 19, 2016

Mon, Mar 14	10:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor’s Office
	12:15p.m.	P.E.O. Meeting in Parlor
Tues, Mar 15	6:00p.m.	Financial Peace in Memorial Room
	6:45p.m.	Deacons Meeting in Anderson
Weds, Mar 16	7:00a.m.	Bible Study in Parlor
	9:30a.m.	Circle 1 – Mary Fisk
		Circle 2 – Jane Bauer
	1:15p.m.	Circle 3 – Fellowship Hall
	4:00p.m.	Wednesday Night Live
	6:45p.m.	Calvin/Westminster Choir Practice in Parlor
Thurs, Mar 17	5:30p.m.	Session Meeting in Anderson
Fri, Mar 18	12:00p.m.	Soup Group in Fellowship Hall
Sat, Mar 19	9a.m. – 3p.m.	Craft/Vendor Show in Annex Gym

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