

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

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

Members of the Congregation, Ministers


Pastor: Don Canady

Children's Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Organist: Ashley Ehrich

March 20, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY



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CELEBRATE THE KING

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE “All Glory Laud and Honor” David Paxton
(*The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.*)

*PROCESSION-591 Children’s Choir & Congregation
“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

WELCOME AND PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The journey has been long and sometimes very difficult.

During this Lenten journey we have seen miracles and mysteries.

Now the Lord comes to us in victory.

Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.

Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord’s Name!

Hosanna in the highest! AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” No. 197

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we strive to be people who live faithfully, who serve gladly, and who love others unconditionally. Yet we recognize that our faithfulness is sometimes impaired by conflicts, our spiritual effectiveness is limited by our stubborn selfishness. Forgive us. Help us to live in your mercy. Help us to be faithful and grant us depth in our belief. In the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is our strength and might.

Jesus is our salvation.

In Jesus our sins are forgiven.

In Jesus our cries are answered,

our salvation is at hand.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*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**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

May the peace of Christ fill you this day.

Christ is the source of our joy and gladness.

Please share a joyful sign of Christ's peace with those near you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

ANTHEM

“Sing Hosanna in the Highest”
Lily Kingsley, trumpet

Children's Choir

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Teresa Canady

God of all, send your Holy Spirit among us this day that the seed of your Word might take root and bear the fruits of peace, love, and justice. AMEN

FIRST READING—*Philippians 2:5-11*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be To God.

***HYMN**

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

No. 196

GOSPEL READING—*Luke 19:28-42*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“You Call This Success?”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In a broken and fearful world, God gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

“A Brief Statement of Faith”

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

“Andante Con Moto”

Josef Rheinberger

*DOXOLOGY

(To the tune of “All Creatures of Our God and King”)

No. 15

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

No. 203

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Ride On, O King, Ride On!”

Gilbert M. Martin

This Thursday, March 24, 2016

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion Service

7:30p.m. Worship

Pastor Don Canady

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is given in loving memory of Isabelle and Chester Gates by their daughter Ann, and their son, Jerry.

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.

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

Greeters: Jeff and Vicki Howard, Marilyn Nielsen

Youth Ushers: Joshua Brooks, Thomas Kerr

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Tristan Propp

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff

The **large acrylic drink dispensers** have been found. Many thanks from PW.

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

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

Quilters meet every Tuesday at 1:00p.m. in the Annex. If you are interested in joining, or have questions, please contact Bev Stein at 402-463-1410.

Indoor walking group meets 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.

Adult mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico, in October is now filled.

No Wednesday Night Live this week.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study WILL still meet, however. EVERY OTHER Wednesday, 5:30-6:45 in the Kessler Room. Please bring a sack lunch to the study this week, 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

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. Our time slots are not yet filled, we need more pray-ers! If you can help, please email or call Kili. (402-462-5147 or kili@fpchastings.org)

No Sunday School this Sunday, March 27th

Classes for all ages are cancelled for Easter Sunday so that teachers and students can attend the Easter brunch. The brunch is an "open house"-style event. Come anytime between 9:15 and 10:15. Bring a breakfast item to share, and enjoy fellowship with your church family!

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service--Thursday, March 24th, 7:30 p.m.

Next Sunday--**Easter Brunch**. Open House breakfast in Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15. Bring something to share (but come even if you can't bring something!). Enjoy fellowship with your church family!

Church office will be **closed Monday, March 28th**.

It's time to reel in the fish (banks)!

Bring your fish banks (and other offerings) to church on March 27th or April 3rd, as the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on those Sundays. *Non-fish bank offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing can be given using the communion offering envelopes in the pews.*

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

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.

Presbyterian Women luncheon is Wednesday, April 6th, 11:15am in Fellowship Hall. Joyce Dean, a certified lay pastor from Beaver City, presents "Good Samaritan", a dramatic program. Circle 1 is scheduled to host; Circle 3 set-up, devotion, etc. Everyone is invited. \$5 donation is requested. Please reserve your spot by calling the office no later than Monday, April 4th.

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 9th, 8:30am-3:00pm. Registration is \$10 per person (\$3 will be sent to the Presbytery, \$7 will go to PW). Deadline is listed as April 4th, but reservations will be accepted through Friday, April 8th. Forms and more information are available in the Memorial Room.

Synod School 2016—*Connecting with Jesus in an Over-Connected World*. July 24-29 @ Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.

Looking for a video-recording volunteer...

Kili has received multiple requests that the Forum classes be regularly videotaped. We need a few individuals to take turns making sure the equipment is set up and going during each Forum class (9:15 – 10:15, Sunday mornings). Contact Kili if you can help. Thank you for your consideration!!!

FPC Hastings collected \$1,280.66 this year for **Food 4 Thought** mission! Glory be to God!

This Week --- March 21 – March 26, 2016

Mon, Mar 21	10:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
Tues, Mar 22	4:30p.m. 6:00p.m.	Pooh Corner Meeting in Anderson Financial Peace in Memorial Room
Weds, Mar 23	7:00a.m. 5:30p.m. 6:45p.m. 6:45p.m.	Bible Study in Parlor Evening Bible Study in Kessler Calvin/Westminster Choir Practice in Parlor Group Book Discussion in Library
Thurs, Mar 24	7:30p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship
Fri, Mar 25	8:00p.m. – 8:00a.m	Sunday Easter Prayer Vigil

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