

*First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska*

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Pastor: Don Canady
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Pastoral Candidate: Rev. Nathan Loudon

**April 3, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter**

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE "Toccata" Eugene Gigout
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

INTRODUCTION OF REV. NATHAN LOUDON Dale Behrens

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT "I Love You, Lord" No. 627
Celebrate Band

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We do not gather as though mourning in the shadow of the cross.

We meet as a resurrection people, joyfully convened in the light of the cross.

May that light illuminate our faith.

Enabling us to see the way God's love reveals itself in unlikely places and events,

Allowing us to see how God's power works to reclaim, restore, and renew life.

Permitting us to see hope even in times of dark despair.

Let us worship with bright, uplifted spirits and with glad hearts.

***HYMN** "Thine Is the Glory" No. 238

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you created us to inhabit your world, to dwell together as family, to worship you in word and deed.

We confess to actions that fragment the family or that cause it stress. Sometimes, in our dealings with one another, we let ethnic or racial or religious differences blind us to our essential unity. Often we practice unconcern or coercion more ably than we do caring or acceptance. Forgive us, we pray.

Help us to become better Earth keepers, more compassionate members of the human family, more dedicated people of faith. In the name of Jesus Christ, AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S PEACE "Glory to God"

No. 582

*PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Nathan Loudon

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

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, AMEN.

FIRST READING-Psalm 118:14-29

SECOND READING-Acts 5:27-32

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Celebrate Band

GOSPEL READING-*John 20:19* Rev. Nathan Loudon
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE "Connection and Calling." Rev. Nathan Loudon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Rev. Nathan Loudon
We dwell peacefully in the world knowing that we are in the shelter of God's love. As Jesus embraced a child in his arms, so God welcomes us as cherished children. God's love gives us the peace that sustains us through all life's seasons, from infancy through old age. Through God's Holy Spirit we are embraced and asked to embrace and to be loving. AMEN

COMMUNION

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS Rev. Nathan Loudon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Nathan Loudon

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

OFFERTORY "Consecrated, Lord, to Thee" Douglas E. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Don Canady

*HYMN "You Servants of God" No. 299

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

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.

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	“Amazing Grace”	No. 649
*CHARGE and BLESSING		Rev. Nathan Loudon
*SENDING OUT SONG		
*POSTLUDE	“Praise to the Lord”	David Cherwien

At the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), the Session is calling a **special congregational meeting** following worship today to vote on the candidacy of Rev. Nathan Loudon. After months of work, the PNC is recommending Nathan be the next Pastor at First Presbyterian Church.

**Next Sunday, April 10, 2016
8:30 & 10:30 Worship
Pastor Don Canady**

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given today in memory of O.J. McDougal by family.

Today's service will be broadcast on Channel 181 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village, today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Ushers: Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Clyde Sachtleben, Dwayne Strasheim-Captain.

Greeters: Jim and Carol Harrenstein, Sherry Welton, Alice Throckmorton

Communion Servers: Martha Boyd, Dave Fisher, Kay Georgina, Susan Hoff, Harold Korb, Lynette Krieger, Pau Krieger, Scott Kummer, Kathleen Nelson, Chris Schukei, Doug Soderquist

Youth Ushers: Sophia Pankratz, Sydney Kerr

Acolytes: Jonah Snell, Selah Wenburg

Nursery:

In the Hospital: Arlene Kort, Sandra Wimer (Bryan LGH, Lincoln)

Deepest condolences to Bonnie Grams and family for the loss of her mother, Joan Knowlton.

***Thank you,** Jeanne Hastings, for delivering to me the Easter lily. It has plenty of little buds and is still blooming! It is just gorgeous! -Darlene Howard*

***Sincerest apologies,** Susan **Medsker-Nedderman**, for misspelling your last name in last week's Easter Lilies honorary section of the bulletin! -Tarci Matthews*

Nathan Jensen will present his **junior vocal recital** today at 3:00p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary. Also on the program is **organist, Phillip Clay**, presenting a non-degree recital. Both will greatly appreciate your presence as they share their musical efforts.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling the church office, or during the month of April Deacon Moderator Jan Ham at 402-301-9081.

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

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.

First Presbyterian Church is proud to offer two scholarship opportunities for the 2016-2017 school year! The **Ann Binfield Scholarship and the Chip Essex Memorial Scholarship**. April 30th is the deadline to apply. Applications are available on the church website, in the church office or by emailing tboeve@hastings.edu.

Presbyterian Women luncheon is Wednesday, April 6, **11:45am** 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 4.

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 9, 8:30a.m-3:00p.m in Fellowship Hall. Program includes packing food for “Kids Against Hunger”. Registration is \$10 per person (\$3 to the Presbytery; \$7 to PW). Deadline is listed as April 4 but reservations will be accepted through Friday, April 8. Forms and more information are available in the Memorial Room.

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!!!

This Week --- April 4 – April 9, 2016

Mon, Apr 4	10:00a.m. 12:00p.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor’s Office Memorial Committee Meeting in Kessler
Tues, Apr 5	5:30p.m. 6:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	Worship, Arts & Music (WAM) Meeting Financial Peace in Memorial Room Private Member Gathering in Parlor
Weds, Apr 6	7:00a.m. 11:45a.m. 4:00p.m. 5:30p.m. 6:45p.m.	Bible Study @ Breakfast in the Parlor PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall WNL in Fellowship Hall Bible Study in Kessler Group Book Discussion in Library
Fri, Apr 8	12:00p.m.	Soup Group in Fellowship Hall
Sat. Apr 9	8:30-3:00p.m.	PW Spring Gathering in Fellowship Hall

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