

*First Presbyterian Church  
Hastings, Nebraska*

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Ministers: Members of the Church  
Pastor: Don Canady  
Organist: Ashley Ehrich  
Chancel Bells: Dr. Byron Jensen

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

**GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE                      “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”      Gerhard Krapf  
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

INTROIT                              “I Love You Lord”                              No. 627

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

**Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.**

Christ asks us if we love him.

**We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship.**

Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

**Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care  
for others. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN**                              “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”                              No. 248

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Lord is good and forgiving.

**God is love and is gracious to all who call upon him.**

Let us trust in God as we make the confessions of our hearts.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We rejoice in the wonder of your resurrection, O Christ, but then  
tend to sink back into our old ways of thinking, behaving,  
responding to people’s needs. We can dance with the angels and  
all humankind on Easter Sunday, but the days following the Day**

***of Resurrection cause us to slip back into apathy or despair. Forgive us when we so easily become distracted by our own cares and worries that we ignore the needs of others around us. Forgive us when we forget your power and love for us. Charge us up, O Lord! AMEN.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 581

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

*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

“God of Amazing Grace”  
Chancel Bells

arr. Cathy Moglebust

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of Courage, be in our speaking. Be also in our listening, and speak to our souls’ deep understanding. In Christ’s name we pray. AMEN.***

FIRST READING--*Psalm 30*

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL READING--*John 21:1-19*

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to You, O Christ.***

HYMN

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

No. 828

MESSAGE

“Do You Love Me?”

\*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”*

**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

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Chancel Bells

arr. Cathy Moglebust

\*DOXOLOGY

(To the tune of “All Creatures of Our God and King”) No. 609

***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

Lord, accept these offerings,  
given with joy as a token of our praise,  
that they may be used in service to Christ.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SENDING**

\*HYMN

“The Summons”

No. 726

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

“To God Be the Glory”

Douglas E. Wagner

**Next Sunday, April 17, 2016**  
***Women’s Sunday***  
**10:30 Worship**  
**Joy White**

## **Announcements:**

**The radio broadcast** airs on KICS 1550 A.M.

**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.

**Flowers** are provided through a perpetual endowed flower memorial in loving memory of Frank and Henrietta Morhart and Dr. Louis J. Kovar, and Doris Morhart.

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

**Greeters:** Michael & Melissa Karloff, Eleanor Jorgensen

**Youth Ushers:** Emma Redinger, Lily Kingsley

**Acolytes:** Grace Canady, Jayden Propp

**Nursery:** Leah Hoff

**In the Hospital:** Arlene Kort, Carolyn Nowka

A single red rose is to celebrate the birth of **Evelyn Victoria**, born Friday, April 8, 2016, to Courtney (Howard) and Dan Usellis. Congratulations to Jeff and Vicki Howard, grandparents, Darleen Howard, great grandmother, and families!

**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.

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 30 is the deadline to apply. Applications are available on the church website, in the church office or by emailing [tboeve@hastings.edu](mailto:tboeve@hastings.edu).

**Synod School 2016: *Connecting with Jesus in an Over-Connected World.*** July 24-29 @ Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa. **\*\*IT'S LIKE FAMILY CHURCH CAMP!\*\*** Informational booklets available in the church office.

Hastings College **Spring Choir Concert** (The College Choir, HC Singers, Men's Choir, and Spectrum) will be performing at the church on Sunday, April 24 @ 6:00p.m. A bake sale will follow!

**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.

**Soup Group** meets this Friday. A warm and welcoming group offering understanding, encouragement, connection (and SOUP). Noon-1p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**Forum next Sunday.** Jody Lieske, therapist with the Children and Adolescent Clinic, will offer insights and encouragement about parenting as both sacrifice and spiritual journey. April 17, 9:15, Fellowship Hall

**Women's Retreat.** A day of practicing WHOLEHEARTED living. Saturday, April 30, 9-5:30p.m. Contact Kili to register.

**Happy Nappies.** Your Mission Committee is always collecting diapers for our "Happy Nappies" project. Thank you for your help in serving the most vulnerable in our community!  
Place donations in green bin in Memorial Room.

**Taize Worship.** Try it! You'll love it! Thursday, April 14, 7p.m., Chapel. April's theme: HEALING.

Next Sunday, April 17, 10:30a.m. Worship will be **Women's Sunday** with Joy White.

### **This Week --- April 11 - April 16, 2016**

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| <b>Mon, Apr 11</b> | <b>10:00a.m. Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office<br><b>6:30p.m. Troop 200 Spring Court of Honor</b> in Fellowship Hall  |
| <b>Tue, Apr 12</b> | <b>5:30p.m. Congregational Life Meeting</b><br><b>5:30p.m. Global Mission Meeting</b><br><b>5:30p.m. Trustees Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference Room<br><b>7:00p.m. Christian Education Meeting</b> |
| <b>Wed, Apr 13</b> | <b>7:00a.m. Bible @ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor<br><b>4:00p.m. WNL</b> in Fellowship Hall<br><b>6:45p.m. Book Discussion</b> in Library  |
| <b>Thu, Apr 14</b> | <b>7:00p.m. Taize Worship</b> in the Chapel  |
| <b>Fri, Apr 15</b> | <b>12:00p.m. Soup Group</b> in Fellowship Hall<br><b>6:30p.m. Jr. High Lock-In</b>   |

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