

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Don Canady

Organist: Ashley Ehrich

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

April 24, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" Diane Bish
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT "I Love You, Lord" No. 627
*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you, O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus reminded the disciples

Love one another as I have loved you.

Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

Love one another as I have loved you.

Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

Let us love one another as Christ loved us. AMEN.

*HYMN "The Church of Christ in Every Age" No. 320

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love.

MESSAGE

"Statements of Faith"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Tornado Shelter, Head Start
Deb Ross, Executive Director

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Poeme"

Edvard Grieg
arr. By Mark L. Williams

*DOXOLOGY

No. 606

***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

SENDING

*HYMN

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

No. 722

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"All Nature Sings"

Alfred V. Fedak

**Next Sunday, May 1, 2016
10:30 Worship with Communion
Pastor Don Canady**

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 A.M. and is given by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

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 in loving memory of Glen and Olive Rule by family and friends.

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

Greeters: Don and Marie Rasmussen

Youth Ushers: Morgan Karloff, Sam Reimer

Acolytes: Avery Essink, Tristan Propp

Nursery: Maggie, Lucy, and Erika Nielsen

In the Hospital: Carolyn Nowka, Larry Nowka

Prayer Request for Renee Miller (Mary Fisk's daughter) for a full recovery after surgery.

In Loving Memory of Jon Halsey Bohlke, 06/22/1942 – 04/19/2016. Funeral services were held last Friday, April 22. Memorials may be given to CASA, MONA, or the Ardyce Bohlke Scholarship administered by the Hastings Public Schools Foundation. There will be no viewing or visitation.

Next Week's Service (May 1)

Communion Servers (Team 4): Dick Brader, Jan Ham, Jeanne Hastings, Mark Hemje, Kraig Lofquist, Katherine Sachtleben, Ted & Lori Schroeder, Wayne Specht, Alice Throckmorton, and May Wierenga.

Ushers: Dennis Asmus-Captain, Dave Fisher, Neal & Susan Hoff, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, and Rich Portwood

Greeters: Mary Creigh, Kim Creech

Congratulations Darlene Howard, Chuck & Georgie Evans, and Jeff & Vicky Howard on the birth of Kensi Nicole Schroeder, born to Kelsey and Greg of Rapid City, South Dakota. The single red rose is in honor.

Darleen Howard will be celebrating her 90th birthday April 26 (Happy Birthday!) Her family requests a card shower in her honor: 224 W. 9th St. #5 (not "apt"), Hastings, NE 68901.

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.

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, April 29. A warm and welcoming group offering understanding, encouragement, connection (and SOUP). Noon-1p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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!

Do you wish to honor or remember a special woman in your life? This can be accomplished by making a donation in her name to the "**Healthy Woman, Healthy Family**" mission project. PW will be taking donations on April 24 and May 1 in the Memorial Room. Contributions can also be left in the office throughout the week until Wednesday, May 4. Cards will be available. Honorees will be listed on Mother's Day.

Hastings Symphony Orchestra (HSO) Nebraska Soundscapes performs Sunday, April 24, 3:00 pm at the Masonic Center Auditorium. Featuring: A newly commissioned work, "Flyover," created specifically for our 90th season. This piece will be performed while scenic Nebraska photographs taken by Jorn Olsen will be projected in the auditorium. Tickets \$15 adults | \$13 seniors | Students FREE.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Donors Needed

Red Cross Blood Drive will be in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 26 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Donors are needed! Your contribution makes the difference for a person in need! For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or ericalynn128@gmail.com. Thank you for taking the time to give.

First Presbyterian Church is proud to offer two college 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.

This year's **May Friendship Day** celebration, "Finding Grace at the Table", will be held at Grace United Methodist Church (1832 West 9th St.) at noon on Friday, May 6 and is sponsored by Church Women United. Hannah Jensen will be providing music, and the group will be honoring outstanding young woman Kris Horton. Tickets are \$5 each and available for sale in the church office.

Presbyterian Women luncheon in May will not be held. Members are encouraged to attend the **Spring Tea** in Campbell on Thursday, May 5, and/or the Church Women United **May Friendship Salad Luncheon** on Friday, May 6.

Go & Serve Stock Sales--Stock Sale letters and information were mailed last week. Please contact Stephanie if you did not receive one or need more information.

2016 Directory is available, bound or as an insert. Pick up your copy in the Memorial Room or by the mail boxes in the common office area.

This Week --- April 25 – April 30, 2016

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| Mon, Apr 25 | 10:00a.m. | Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office |
| Tue, Apr 26 | Noon-6p.m. | Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall |
| | 1:00p.m. | Quilters in Annex |
| | 6:00p.m. | Financial Peace in Memorial Room |
| Wed, Apr 27 | 7:00a.m. | Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor |
| | 4:00p.m. | WNL in Fellowship Hall |
| | 5:30p.m. | Session Meeting in Basement Youth Room |
| | 6:45p.m. | Book Discussion in Library |
| Fri, Apr 29 | 12:00p.m. | Soup Group in Fellowship Hall |

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