

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church
Pastor: Don Canady
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Soloist: Tim Canady
Accompanist: Mary Plock
May 29, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Variants on “For the Beauty of the Earth” John Carter
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT “As the Deer” No. 626

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You shall put God’s word in your heart and in your soul.

We have come to learn of God’s word and ways.

God sets before us blessing and curse. Blessing is in God’s word; curse is in disregarding the word.

Let us not follow other gods, bur listen carefully to the word and follow in the way of God.

Let us listen and open our hearts and worship God.

*HYMN “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” No. 299

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear our confession, gracious God. You have set before us your Holy Word. You have sent us Jesus to live your word in our world. We have said words in praise to you. We have professed you to be our God. Yet, we spend little of our time reading and thinking concerning your word. We have mistaken our freedom for the

disregard of your word. Guide us toward the cost of telling truth, the challenge of graciousness, and the joy of discovering that you love us. Make us instruments of your peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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 loved me
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus
Tim Canady, Mary Plock

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. AMEN.

FIRST READING--***Psalm 96:1-9***

SECOND READING--***Galatians 1:1-12***

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING --***Luke 7:1-10***

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You of Christ.

HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

No. 738

MESSAGE

“Not What We Expected”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm together why we worship, for in saying this we will also be affirming our faith.

We worship to reveal ourselves to God and to each other, to look for what we have lost, to glue together broken pieces of life, to refit the scattered jigsaw puzzles of our lives and the world's life, to renew our vision of the life of Jesus Christ, that we might know more sharply and unmistakably what Christ's way really means, to seek to get the point of the greatest drama on earth, to find our own roles, and learn our own lines from the director of all history. 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.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Offertory on Maryton”

Gordon Young

*DOXOLOGY

No. 708

***We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

No. 828

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Oh, Worship the King”

David Cherwien

Next Sunday, June 5, 2016
10:30 Worship with Communion
Pastor Don Canady

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 A.M. and is in memory of Frank Emmons.

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 Jane Kuehn McCollum and Gladys Kuehn by Jerry and Brad Kuehn.

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

Greeters: Dwight and Jane Marsh

Acolytes: Selah Wenburg

In the Hospital: Nancy Grams

"I would like to thank the many members of the church for their cards, phone calls and prayers as I recover from knee surgery. Special **thanks** to Kim Creech for bringing flowers to me in the hospital, and to Pastor Canady for his visit. I am blessed." *-Mary Northrop*

The family of Lulu Buhr has kindly donated a **motorized wheelchair** to FPC. If you have a use for this, or know of someone who does, please contact Deacon Moderator Jan Ham at 402-301-9081.

Jerry and Mary Seiler will be celebrating their **40th wedding anniversary** on June 26, 2016.

Come listen to Hastings Symphony Orchestra and enjoy the **Ice Cream Social today** at 3p.m. in Chautauqua Park Pavilion. This family-friendly Memorial Weekend outing is the last pre-Chautauqua event held in preparation for Chautauqua 2016 in Hastings, NE. Free! Free! Free!

In recognition of Memorial Day, **the office will be closed** Monday, May 30.

Deadline to submit your request for **Spring Semester 2016 Langenberg Scholarship** is May 31, approaching quickly! Applications are available online or on the glass shelves in front of the office. Please return to Tim Canady's or the "Finance" mailbox in the common office area.

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.

FPC will once again be participating in **Relay for Life**, held this year on Friday, June 3, 6:00p.m. – 12:00 Midnight at Hastings High School Track. At sunset everyone is invited to participate in the incredibly moving Luminaria Ceremony and observe a heart-felt-moment of silence as the candles are lit. (Each luminaria is lit in honor of someone who has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has lost his or her battle to cancer.) Donations for luminaria are \$10 each. All money goes to the American Cancer Society mission to help others Stay Well, Get Well, Finding Cures and Fight Back. **Luminaries will be available one more Sunday, May 29 in the Memorial Room. They are also available in the church office until June 2, the day before the Relay for Life walk.** Donations can also be made via the web site: www.RelayForLife.org.

June Communion Offering: Project Homeless Connect

The 5th annual "Project Homeless Connect" will take place at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church on July 21, 2016, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The annual event brings together service agencies, schools, veterans organizations, churches, businesses, community support, and hundreds of volunteers to help homeless and nearly homeless individuals residing in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, and Webster counties. By providing critical care, services, and information, PHC helps recipients toward self-sufficiency. In 2015, 520 participants (315 adults, 205 children) received services. Both financial donations and volunteers are needed. Downloadable volunteer sign-up forms are available at <http://www.phchastings.org/download-forms.html>.

June 2016

Communion Servers (Team 1): Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Matt Fong, Kim Hermann, Jeni Howard, Chris Junker, Al Meyer, Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline

Ushers: Susie Graham, George Howard-Captain, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald

Summer Book Club "Islam without Extremes: A Muslim Case for Liberty." Order your copy now and make plans to join in on Wednesdays at noon, June 8-July13 in Anderson Conference Room.

Worship in the Park. Sunday, June 12, Alexander Park. RSVP to church office by Friday, June 10, to get accurate count for pulled pork sandwiches (\$2.50/sandwich, pay at the door). Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a dish to share.

Chorus of the Plains is hosting the *Hastings Got Talent Show* on Wednesday, June 15 at the Masonic Temple. Tickets are \$10 at the door. A portion of proceeds go to charity.

A **special congregational meeting** will be held on Sunday, June 19 following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) to confirm the action by Session and Trustees to dispose of the temporary housing for the transitional minister, (2) elect Church Nominating Committee (CNC) members, (3) elect Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) members, and (4) elect Mary Olsen to replace Cindy Strasheim (recently resigned) to Session. All members are welcomed.

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.

"When working with your attorney to **update your will and estate plan**, please consider including a gift to the First Presbyterian Church Foundation that will enhance the work of this congregation for many years to come. Our Federal Identification Number is 47-0710307." – *Roger Doerr, Moderator of the Foundation*

This Week --- May 30 – June 4, 2016

Mon, May 30 **Memorial Day – Office Closed**

Tue, May 31 **1:00p.m. Quilters** in Annex

Weds, June 1 **5:30p.m. W.A.M. Meeting** in Anderson Conference

Fri, June 3 **6:00p.m. – Midnight** **Relay for Life**

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MAY 23-27

2015 W 3rd St by the Water Park

11:00am—12:30pm

JUNE 6—JULY 1

Carter Park on S Chicago and E Street

11:00 am—12:00 pm

Harms Park across from Duncan Field

12:30 pm—1:30 pm

AUGUST 1—12

2015 W 3rd St by the Water Park

11:00am—12:30pm



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