

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Let us go out into the world as people made new by God.

Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

No. 582

*PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

- VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONING

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.

ANTHEM

“Bonita”

Vander Cook

Lily Kingsley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST READING-Psalm 71:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING--Luke 13:10-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

No. 738

MESSAGE

“Regulations and Rituals”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

4. **We believe:**

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology:

- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

5. **We believe:**

- that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence. Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

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

“Be Thou My Vision”
Traditional Irish Melody

Mary McDonald

*DOXOLOGY

(to the tune of All Creatures of Our God and King)

***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

*HYMN

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Lily Kingsley

**Next Sunday, August 28, 2016
10:30 Worship
Pastor Don Canady
Child/Youth Bible Presentation**

CE Child/Youth Volunteer Commissioning
August 21, 2016

Sunday School Teachers and Assistants:

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff, Erika Nielsen

Pre-K/K: Nancy Grams, Lois Hafer, Kris Horton, Alissa Kidd

1st/2nd Grade: Abigail Shetler

3rd/4th Grade: Jill Kramer, Daveta Brader

5th Grade: Traci Boeve

6th/7th Grade: Chad Murrell

8th Grade Confirmation: Dave Cooke

Sr. High: Kraig Lofquist, Laurie Lofquist

WNL Volunteers:

Pre-K/K Bible Study: Jane Marsh, Ricki Frasier, Susie Graham, Cheryl Schukei

1st/2nd Grade Bible Study: Leah Ratzlaff, Kathy Reimer

3rd/4th Grade Bible Study: Steph Brader, Jill Kramer

5th Grade Bible Study: Ann Koozer

Jr. High Bible Study/Fellowship: Erica Brooks, Amy Black

Sr. High Bible Study/Fellowship: Justin Miller, Nikki Miller

K-5th Recreation: Brady Rhodes

Scheduled Cooks once/month: Nancy Grams, Andrew Barrows

Kitchen Server/Clean-Up: Justin Brader

Laundry (napkins): Carol Grummert

Dinner Dean: Chris Schukei

Table Parents: Jim Duval, Kathy Duval, Abigail Shetler, Richard Brader, Daveta

Brader, Tom Ratzlaff, Leah Ratzlaff, Wendy Propp, Mike Meyer, Becky Meyer, Lois

Hafer

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM 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 memory of Alberta Stewart.

Ushers: Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein-Captain, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker

Greeters: Richard and Connie McClenahan, Mary Fisk

"Once again, we were overwhelmed by the generosity, prayers and energy for Open Table last month. Together, we assembled more than 5,000 sacks/sandwiches and prepared almost 800 *special meals. It is a joy to be a part of our church family as we are working together. Not only did we provide needed meals for others, we did it with faith, positive energy, conversation, creativity and humor. As is true with any mission project, participation in the Open Table is a blessing to all of us. **Thank you!**" -- Meg Stewart-Magee, Zo Kreager, Lily Kingsley, Jeni Howard, and the Global Mission and Local Social Witness Committee

***"Special meals" entailed Wednesday afternoon gatherings in the church kitchen, preparing and storing meals, delivering to Catholic Social Services to return a following day to assemble and serve hot lunches or chef salads. This 'above and beyond' effort was opted by the Mission Committee in consideration of those who eat sack lunches regularly.*

"**Calvin/Westminster Ringers, grades 6-12**, is open to students who have some ability to read music. We rehearse on the Sunday mornings at 8:45 when there isn't a Celebrate Service--so about twice a month. Our first rehearsal is September 4th. I know this is Labor Day weekend, but I need to start sometime. Contact me at bjensen@hastings.edu if your child will be participating this year in Calvin/Westminster Bells. Thank you". -- Byron Jensen

Hands Around the World Store is open today until noon. Feel free to browse the fine selection of fair trade coffee, chocolate, textiles and jewelry. Items come from nonprofit, fair trade organizations dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans and farmers and their families out of poverty. Your purchases make a difference!

Hastings Food Pantry donations are accepted throughout each month. A donation cart is in the Memorial Room on the first Sunday of every month and in the kitchen otherwise. Food and non-perishable items may be donated anytime. Needs requested by the Pantry are: paper products, pastas, canned fruit, boxed meals, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, and canned chicken, tuna, turkey. Every donation helps!

Mission Committee team is requesting donations of new or nearly new school clothes: Boys sizes 8-10 slim or adjustable waist and sizes 10- 12 slim or adjustable waist; Girls sizes 10-12 slim and also size 12-14 slim; and girl's teen sizes 3-5 and 7-9 or small and medium. Please call or drop off to Susan Hoff, 402-469-0985, 3611 Wendell Drive (please note: new address) Thank you!

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

Crossroads Center needs help. Record numbers of homeless and hungry people are turning to Crossroads Center from across Central Nebraska. Worse, giving to Crossroads is much slower during summer months. The strain is incredible. Your help is urgently needed to meet the need this month. www.crossroadsmission.com or 462-6460. Thank you.

In coordination with First United Methodist Church and Foodbank For The Heartland, First Presbyterian Church is proud to announce **United Harvest**, the **new mobile pantry food distribution service** scheduled every last Saturday of the month in the Annex building. The first day will be Saturday, August 27, 12:30p.m.-2:30p.m. Please bring boxes or bags to carry food if you are in need, or contact Kili at kili@fpchastings.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Share Your Garden Produce. Bring your extra, take what you need. 'The Sharing Table' is in the Memorial Room. Everyone is welcome to partake!

2016 donation envelopes are on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room. Please take a box if you can use them.

Boy Scouts Troop 200 needs a trailer: an old trailer with a salvageable, heavy-duty axle, or scrap angle iron and shop space to refurbish the one they have. Please contact Tom Kleinjan @ scouting200hastings@gmail.com or 402-405-0553 if you can help!

Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers. Meals are picked up at Good Samaritan Village and distributed to homebound individuals throughout Hastings. We welcome volunteers of any age, but if you are 55 and over, you are covered under our insurance policy while driving on volunteer basis. This is a rewarding and worthwhile opportunity that takes very little time and gives you an opportunity to assist those that are less fortunate and unable to cook for themselves due to age, recent hospitalization or a disability. If interested, please call 402-463-5900. Thank you.

GriefShare Sessions begin Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 1:00p.m. & 6:30p.m. in the Church Conference Room at Trinity Lutheran Church, 212 W. 12th St., Grand Island. Be a part of a 13 week confidential, non-denominational support group, around people who are going through similar situations, find encouragement, comfort, and help, and gain renewed hope for the future. www.trinityluteranangi.org or www.griefshare.org, or call 308-382-0753.

Please pray for members of our PNC: Jim Duval, Chad Murrell, Mike Karloff, Joan Shaw, Chris Junker, Pam Lay and Jeni Howard.

This Week --- Aug 22 – Aug 27, 2016

Mon, Aug 22	11:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
Tue, Aug 23	5:30p.m.	CNC Meeting in Kessler
Wed, Aug 24	4:30p.m.	WNL BEGINS!!
Thu, Aug 25	5:30p.m.	Session Meeting in Anderson Conference
Sat, Aug 27	12:30p.m. - 2:30p.m.	United Harvest Food Distribution at the Annex (Volunteers are asked to arrive at 10:30a.m.)

First Presbyterian Church
621 N. Lincoln Avenue
Hastings, Nebraska 68901
E-mail: fpchastings.org
www.fpchastings.org
p: (402) 462-5147
f: (402) 462-6818