

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Cal/West Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Accompanist: Mary Plock

Liturgist: Roger Doerr

October 16, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome, both regular attenders and visitors! We are delighted you are here! Our church is strengthened by your participation, and we hope that you, also, are strengthened by your participation with us!

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

PRELUDE "Fantasy in A Minor" J.S. Bach
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

How wise are God's commandments!

Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.

Through God's wisdom, we find truth.

The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

God's word lives within us,

for it is written on our hearts.

Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!

Amen!

*HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord, we want to know you; we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance. But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our

attention with teachings that suit our desires. Our thoughts drift so far from your truth that fables and fancies begin to seem real. Open our hearts and minds. By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only you can; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

583

*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.

ANTHEM

“Shine on Us”
Calvin/Westminster Choir

Michael W. Smith

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 119:97-104

SECOND READING—2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING -- Luke 18:1-8

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

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MESSAGE

“Bugging & Bothersome”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Through God's Holy Spirit true love is revealed to the world. God is revealed to us as a friend worthy of our ultimate trust. God's Spirit is always available: there are no times when we cannot approach the Holiness of our God. We trust completely in God's care and provision, knowing God is the source of all joy, all blessing and life; that God wants to crown our lives with health and goodness; that God wants to give blessings richer than the finest gold. We rejoice in the access we have with our Creator through prayer and the Holy Spirit.

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

HYMN "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" 469

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--(inspired by Psalm 65)

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

OFFERTORY "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Bish

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "Kum ba Yah" 472

*CHARGE and BLESSING

May the living word of the Lord dwell with you.
May it live through you.
May it fill your thoughts and deeds.
May it fill your mouth with God's message of love.
May it sustain you in good times and bad.
May it equip you for a ministry of peace and hope!

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune in D Major" Johnson

Next Sunday, October 23, 2016
8:30 Worship, Celebrate Band
9:15 Sunday School (All Ages Welcome!)
Report from Triennium Kids
10:30 Worship, Pastor Don Canady
Hastings College Bells
11:45 – 2:00 New Members Class

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM.

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 Ruth and Hayes M. Fuhr.

Ushers: Karen Doerr, Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Clyde Sachtleben.

Greeters: Gary and Carol Grummert.

Acolytes: Selah Wenburg, Tethloach Duang

Youth Ushers: Lauren Canady, Nyanhial Duang

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!

October is traditionally a time we say thanks. When was the last time you told your pastor you were praying for him/her? When was the last time you expressed thanks for your pastor? Please show your appreciation as you can.

Hastings Food Pantry Donations may be placed in the blue totes in the Memorial Room. Your donation helps those in need.

New Member and Inquirer Class will be held following worship on Oct 23. Complimentary lunch will be included, so please RSVP to the church office ([402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147)) if you plan to attend. Also, complimentary childcare is available by request.

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

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.

This Week --- Oct 17 – Oct 23, 2016

Mon, Oct 17	10:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
Tue, Oct 18	1:00p.m.	Quilters in the Annex
	6:45p.m.	Deacon's Meeting in Anderson Conference
Wed, Oct 19	7:00a.m.	Bible@Breakfast in Parlor
	9:30a.m.	Circle 1 Meeting , Hostess: Eleanor Jorgenson
	9:30a.m.	Circle 2 Meeting , Hostess: Shirley Gass Bible Study: Betty Kooy
	1:15p.m.	Circle 3 Meeting in Fellowship Hall Hostess: Mary Northrup
	4:30p.m.	WNL!
	6:45p.m.	CANCEL CHOIR rehearsal in Choir Room
Thu, Oct 20	5:30p.m.	Session Meeting in Anderson Conference

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