

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Hastings College Bell Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Liturgist: Vera Zabloudil

October 23, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome, both regular attenders and visitors! We are delighted you are here!

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

PRELUDE "Rondeau" Mouret/arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Hastings College Bell Choir

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (verse 1) 804

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN "Here In This Place" 401

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION "Forgive Us" Ann Weems

***O God, you gave us a garden of Eden
and we chose to wander in deserts of our own making.***

***You gave us the Light of the world
and we chose to do our night-crawling.***

***Forgive us our squandering
our wandering***

our lack of commitment.

***Forget not your covenant with us, O God, and
choose us still***

to tell your Good News

to give all that we have

that all might be one in your Shalom.

In Jesus' name we pray. 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

“Shall We Gather at the River”

arr. Jason W. Krug

Hastings College Bell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING-Psalm 65 (paraphrase)

SECOND READING-2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING-Luke 18:9-14

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

*HYMN

“Guide My Feet”

741

MESSAGE

“Mr. Simon”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“This Church”

Ann Weems

***We don't pretend to understand the mystery
of what goes on in God's Church.***

***We just know we feel a pervading spirit of love
that reaches into the niches of all of us
and pulls us out into the open,
free and alive and belonging.***

***We believe this spirit of love exists because
God's spirit lives within this Church,
this unity of persons trying
to be the Good News.***

***We see this Church as a circle of persons
holding hands. . .and dancing. . .
supporting each other, accepting each other,
loving each other.***

***Each person in this dancing circle
is facing outward. . . reaching into God's world
listening for the whimpering,
watching for the hurting,
willing to offer a cup of cold water
in His name.***

***Sometimes they need the water;
sometime you need the water;
sometimes I need the water.***

***Being a part of the church
means knowing that
the cup is always filled
in His name.***

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

“Amazing Grace”
Hastings College Bell Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

“In My Life”

468

*CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Triumphant Spirit”
Hastings College Bell Choir

Nicholas A. Hanson

Next Sunday, October 30, 2016
9:15 Sunday School
(All Ages Welcome!)
10:30 Worship, Pastor Don Canady

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 Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Clarke.

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

Greeters: Steve and Lesa Cropley

Acolytes: Claire Schwarz, Seth Schwarz

Youth Ushers: Arich Fruehling, Lyndie Eddleman

Change in Pastoral Relationship. On October 2nd, the Session met to accept the resignation of Pastor Don Canady as Head of Staff as of October 24th. Pastor Don will continue to serve as Temporary Pulpit Supply, preaching and moderating any Session and congregational meetings until a new pastor arrives. Clerk of Session Karen Doerr will serve as Temporary Head of Staff on a volunteer basis. At the October 20th meeting of Session, Don's employment contract was adjusted accordingly.

We are grateful that Pastor Don has served as Head of Staff (as well as pastor) since January. He has found the administrative burden of the position to be "more than he can handle" (his words) as his service has been extended beyond original expectations. He is, however, leaving the office in great shape, and our new pastor will find our ship in good order. For those in the congregation who deal with the administrative aspects of the church, Pastor Don's leadership as Head of Staff has been far beyond what we could have asked from a "Temporary Supply Pastor." Thank you, Pastor Don, for your service. You have been a great blessing!

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.

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

Pray for "The Chiapas Four"

Four members of our church (Denny Storer, Pam Lay, Jeni Howard, and Jan Ham) will be leaving Hastings early on Wednesday, October 26, traveling to Chiapas, Mexico, where they will tour the Mexico/Guatemala border, spend time with local families, learn about coffee farming, and have conversations with families affected by migration. They are scheduled to return to Hastings on November 8. Please pray for them and for their experience--that they might be blessed with safe travels and expanded hearts and minds, and that they might be a blessing to those with whom they interact.

November 5 is the **Veteran's Parade** at 10:00 a.m. Veterans are invited to gather at the church with family and friends @ 8:45 a.m. for coffee, tea, hot cocoa and donuts, and will be transported to the parade line by 9:30 a.m. Youth are invited to carry flags during the parade with parents/members who wish to join. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our love and support to our veterans.

Do You Know Any Veterans Who Are Associated With Our Church?

The Congregational Life Committee sincerely wants to identify our beloved veterans, that we might personally invite them to participate in the November 5 Veterans Day Parade. Please help us out by calling the church office with names and contact information for veterans you know. Thanks! ~the Congregational Life Committee

New Member and Inquirer Class will be held following worship today.

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.

Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner. Join us on Sunday, November 13, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall for a delicious, traditional turkey dinner during our time for fellowship with the congregation and offering of thanks for the many blessings we enjoy! This meal is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Tickets may be purchased before/after service October 23, October 30, and November 6th, and during the week in the church office until Friday, November 11th. Adults: \$10, Kids 6-12: \$7.

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

Presbyterian Women will meet on Wednesday, November 2, at 11:45 a.m. The Willa Cather Foundation will be presenting the program and Circle 2 is responsible for the meal. Circle 3 will set the tables and provide centerpieces, nametags, and devotions for the day. The coordinating team will meet at 11:00 in the church library. Please RSVP to your circle representative or call Tarci in the office at 402-462-5147 by November 1 if you are able to attend.

Langenberg Legacy Lesson Program Scholarship Application is available online and on a glass shelf in front of the church office. Parent(s) of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Applicable areas of study include: piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument. Grants are limited to one per child. Parent(s) must be members of First Presbyterian Church and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program. Lessons are verified by Worship, Arts and Music committee members. NOTE: Although grants are renewable, parents MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER. Fall 2016 submission deadline is November 1. Please return to Tim Canady's mailbox in the common office area or to Tarci in the office.

This Week --- Oct 24 – Oct 29, 2016

Mon, Oct 24	10:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
Tue, Oct 25	1:00p.m.	Quilters in the Annex
Wed, Oct 26	7:00a.m.	Bible@Breakfast in Parlor
		"The Chiapas Four" depart for Mexico
	4:30p.m.	WNL!
	6:45p.m.	CANCEL CHOIR rehearsal in Choir Room
Thur, Oct 27	5:15p.m.	Happy Hour Book Club at Blue Moon coffee shop

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