

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church
Organist: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Bells and
Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Liturgist: Lorna Zajack

November 13, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach/arr. Bish
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT “O Master Let Me Walk with Thee” arr. Kevin McChesney
Calvin/Westminster Bells

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hope can be like the morning sun, rising out of deep darkness, casting it aside with a dawning light.

Hope can be like a bitter cold wind, penetrating us to the bone, rearranging portions of the world and even moving us by its power.

Hope can be like snow fresh fallen, giving a new look to the scene around us, softening its sharp edges with gentle beauty.

Hope can be like a high-flying bird, seeing far ahead beyond the horizon of creatures earthbound, moving ahead with a purposeful grace.

We gather this morning to worship our God—Creator of light and power, beauty and grace—God of hope. Welcome!

***HYMN** “Give Thanks, O Christian People” 644

INVOCATION

Our loving and caring God, we need this time together to be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith; we need this time of worship to be comforted and strengthened in your presence. We hear of wars and rumors of wars.

We read of persecution and oppression. Remind us again of your vision, that all might live in a world of peace and justice and love. May this time together imprint this vision and promise on our hearts that we may live into this beloved community. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

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”

582

*PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

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

“Mighty Fortress”

arr. Kevin McChesney

Chancel Choir Bells

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING-Isaiah 12:2

SECOND READING- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING- Luke 21:5-19

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ. We trust in God. We trust in God the Holy Spirit.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

"A Brief Statement of Faith"

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

"Tell the Story"
Chancel Choir Bells

arr. Karissa Dennis

*DOXOLOGY

"God, We Honor You"

709

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

"Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune"

Stanley/arr. Wolff

2016 Go & Serve Bid Board
Supporting the Go & Serve Mission Trip

Please help support the Go & Serve mission trip by donating to the Bid Board.
Past donations have included:

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| Baked Goods | Christmas Decorations |
| Quilts/Blankets | Glass work |
| Centerpieces | Art Work |
| Note Cards | Books |
| Candles | Wreaths |
| Gift Certificates | Special Meals |
| Tickets to Events | Homemade Crafts |
| Gift Baskets | Autographed items |

These are just suggestions; anything is welcome.
We would love to see some new items included.

Donated items may be dropped off at the church office by November 23rd. The Bid Board will be open Sunday, November 27th, through December 11th. The Bid Board will be located in the Parlor.

Please complete this form and return it to the church office.
Your donations and support are greatly appreciated!!

Thank you!!

I would like to donate the following items:

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____

Business: _____

Youth Contact: _____

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given in loving memory of John and Dixie Kerr by family.

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 Louise C. Walter and parents, and Rev. and Mrs. C Walter by Ruth Meyer, Eunice Huntress, Gladys McManaman, and Dr. James Walter.

Ushers: Dennis Asmus – Captain, Dave Fisher, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood

Greeters: Jim and Linda Donohue

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Eleanor Oliver

Youth Ushers: Jennifer Boeve, Lily Kingsley

"We want to send a letter to thank you for your generous donation of 8 bags - 103 items - of food given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What a wonderful donation!! So many people will be blessed with this gift! You are so faithful, and we appreciate you so much!"

--Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors

Please pray for Mary Jo Emmons who recently had skin cancer removed from her nose. She says she looks bad but is doing OK.

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

During worship service today, a Buildings and Grounds Improvement Video led by Trustee Mike Hogan will be presented. Mike has served two consecutive terms as one of the Buildings and Grounds Trustees and represents all Trustees who would like the congregation to see the last 6 years' improvements made to the church.

Zach Spurgeon has enrolled as a student at Dubuque Seminary this fall, where he is on track to work toward a Master of Divinity degree. Session approved assistance for tuition, fees, and books at the end of each successfully completed semester, up to \$8,755 per semester. For those who desire to contribute to this assistance, a **special offering** will be taken as part of the Harvest Dinner, which directly follows today's service.

Stewardship letter with 2017 *estimate of giving card* and 'Sharing Time and Talents' sheet will be given after service today. If you are unable to receive yours, it will be mailed. Please contact the office if have questions, a change of address, or do not receive yours.

Volunteers Needed! for the United Harvest mobile food pantry distribution, Saturday, November 19, at the Annex. Volunteers should arrive any time after 8:00; the distribution takes place 9:30-11:30. *Especially needed are STRONG ARMS that can help carry food to recipients' cars and/or WAGONS that can be used to transport food from the Annex to recipients' cars.*

Forum Next Week: *"The Spiritual Practice of Yoga: Using the Body to Know the Soul."* Lanae Hall, certified yoga instructor, will present an introduction to the spiritual tenets of yoga: its history, cross-religious application, and usefulness in facilitating the healthy connection of body and soul.

The class will be primarily lecture-based; no need for yoga mat or yoga clothing.

Sun., Nov. 20, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Parlor



HONEY SUNDAY on November 6 was a great success! Honey is sold out, but it will be made available again next year. Thank you to all those who supported this very good cause!

More than 90% of adults in the United States feel that registering as an organ donor is the right thing to do, yet 52% of adults have yet to register. **November 11-13, 2016, is National Donor Sabbath Weekend** and is the perfect time to take action and sign up on the Nebraska Donor Registry at www.donatelifenebraska.com. It's fast. It's easy. It saves lives!

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.

A reminder to those who use the kitchen: If you use the hand towels, please wash and return them. A basket located on the bottom shelf of the serving cart at the window may be used. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

This Week --- Nov 14 - Nov 19, 2016

Mon, Nov 14	9:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	5:00p.m.	HSO Meeting in Anderson Conference
Tue, Nov 15	1:00p.m.	Quilters in the Annex
	6:45p.m.	Deacon's Meeting in Anderson Conference
	7:00p.m.	Global Mission Meeting in Kessler
Wed, Nov 16	7:00a.m.	Bible@Breakfast in Parlor
	9:30a.m.	Circle 1 - Hostess: Jane Foote; Lesson: Pamela Lay.
		Circle 2 - Hostess: May Wierenga; Lesson: Rogene Wenburg.
	1:15p.m.	Circle 3 - Hostess: Carol Wheeler;
		Lesson: Jane Marsh. In Fellowship Hall.
	4:30p.m.	WNL!
	6:45p.m.	CANCEL CHOIR rehearsal in Choir Room
Sat, Nov 19	9:30-11:30a.m.	United Harvest in the Annex (Volunteers please arrive 8:00-8:30a.m.)

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Next Sunday, November 20, 2016
9:15 Sunday School
(All Ages Welcome!)
10:30 Worship, Pastor Don Canady