

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Praise and Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady

Liturgist: Lauren Canady

November 20, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE “The Church’s One Foundation” Wesley/ arr. Innes
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT “This Is the Day” Praise/Alleluia Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Good morning! May God’s blessings be with you this day!

Thank you, and may God’s blessings be with you, also!

May the light of Christ’s love shine on you today.

May the peace of Christ be in your heart.

Open your hearts to celebrate the reign of our Savior Jesus Christ.

With joy, we open our hearts and spirits to the Lord. Amen.

*HYMN “How Lovely, Lord” 402

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, how many times we have spoken words of commitment and faith and then turned our backs on these commitments to follow the temptations of the world. We wander after the false prophets of greed, selfishness, arrogance, ignorance, hatred, stubbornness, and then shout our displeasure at how we are being treated. We want you to come in and clean up all our messes, excusing us from any responsibility for them. Forgive us for such foolishness. Help us remember the power of your healing love, which has been given for us. Forgive us when we think we know everything and then discover that we have behaved and thought in ignorant ways. Teach us to listen and to place our trust in your abiding power. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God"

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*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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cade Vaughn and Cora Katherine Hemje

Children of Mark and Kate Hemje

ANTHEM

Praise/Alleluia Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Un-stop our ears, O God,

that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day.

Open our minds and hearts to be changed.

Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride.

Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully.

FIRST READING-Psalm 46

SECOND READING- Colossians 1:11-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING-Luke 23:33-43

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

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MESSAGE

"Gracious Icon"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, Creator of all that is.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who lived and taught a way of love and justice.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, touching life with grace.

I believe in the Eternal God; in the sacred that infuses all of life, drawing us to newness, requiring justice, and giving hope. Amen.

--W. Leslie Pugh

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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Cruger/ arr. Travis

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

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show" (verse 3)

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN**

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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***CHARGE and BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"March in D Major"

Handel/arr. Blake

**Next Sunday, November 27, 2016
8:30 Worship with Celebrate Band
No Sunday School
10:30 Worship with Celebrate Band
Pastor Don Canady**

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:

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 memory of Willard and Della Stein by the Stein 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 Libby and Elmer Glenn by their family.

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

Greeters: Pamela and Peter Lainson

Acolytes: Claire Schwarz, Tanner Bauer

Youth Ushers: Jayden Propp, Nina Meyer

In the Hospital: Lynn Barrows

Sympathy to Marie Rasmussen in the loss of her brother.

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

The single red rose is to honor the arrival of **Kiptyn Lee Miller** born 11/18/2016 to Nikki and Justin Miller. Congratulations to the family, including siblings Adalynn and Greyson!

*"We would like to express our **heartfelt thanks** to everyone who has remembered us and reached out to us over these past months. We especially enjoyed the beautiful sanctuary flowers that were brought to us by Chris, and the delicious loaf of Amish bread and visit from Marie. We feel truly blessed by all of your caring acts and thoughtfulness. In Christ's love, Elmer and Irmise Heeren"*

Correction/Addition for Veterans Parade Acknowledgments

Last week's Home Page mistakenly listed Al Meyer as the driver for the church van in the Veterans Day Parade. Mark Hemje was actually the driver. Thank you, Mark!

All Hands on Deck for Hanging of the Greens!

Come one, come all for a festive morning of decking the church halls in preparation for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Work will commence at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 26. Please bring finger foods to share.

2017 Go & Serve is just around the corner. Have you considered going? Are you wondering about the details? High Schooler and Parent Meeting!! Parents, we really need you to be there. Tuesday, November 22nd, at 6:30pm in the Annex. If you are not able to attend, please contact Kim Hermann [402-461-1957](tel:402-461-1957).

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.

15 Additional Volunteers will be needed for the United Harvest mobile food pantry distribution on Saturday, December 17, at the Annex. These volunteers will be asked to walk through the line and fill a box, which FPC Deacons will deliver to a disabled or elderly individual physically unable to attend. Please call the office to sign-up.

A reminder to those who have extra food after an event: If you are unable to give it away, use it for something else, or take it to Crossroads to donate, please contact Tarci in the office. Spoiled food in the refrigerator is not only a mess, but a waste. There are plenty of people who would be most appreciative to receive it.

Stewardship letter with 2017 *estimate of giving card* and 'Sharing Time and Talents in 2017' sheet has been distributed and mailed. If you have not received yours, please call the office.

Hands Around the World Store will have a Fair Trade Sale in the Memorial Room on Saturday, December 10, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. More information to come.

Troop 200 Boy Scouts will be available the four Sundays through November to rake leaves at your place of business or residence. Free will donations are accepted. All proceeds will go to Healthy Beginnings to help a couple of young, struggling mothers through the holidays with care packages for mother & child(ren). If you are interested in helping the Scouts with this charitable service project, please contact Tom Kleinjan @ 402-705-0553 or email him at scouting200hastings@gmail.com.

Let's help them spread some cheer this season - your contribution makes the difference!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

This Week --- Nov 21 – Nov 26, 2016

Mon, Nov 21	10:00a.m. 5:00p.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office Foundation Meeting in Anderson Conference
Tue, Nov 22	1:00p.m.	Quilters in the Annex
Wed, Nov 23	No Bible@Breakfast, WNL, or Choir Practices.	
Thu, Nov 24	Church Office Closed	
Fri, Nov 25	Church Office Closed	
Sat, Nov 26	9:00a.m.	Hanging of the Greens

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