

*First Presbyterian Church  
Hastings, Nebraska*

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Ministers: Members of the Congregation  
Organist: Linda Vollweiler  
Soloist: Sarah Wolf  
Pianist: Mary Plock

**January 1, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE "Once in Royal David's City" arr. Lani Smith  
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT "To God Be the Glory" (Refrain) 634

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout to the Lord your praises!

***Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!***

For God's might and power are established in the universe!

***God's transforming love beckons us.***

Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts forth into our darkness!

***Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home. Amen.***

\*HYMN "We Praise You, O God" 612

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S PEACE "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.***

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.***

## FIRST READING--Numbers 6:22-27

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## ANTHEM

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (arranged by Mike Garson)  
Sarah Wolf—Flute; Mary Plock--Piano

## GOSPEL READING-- Luke 2:15-21

## MESSAGE

“In The Name Of Jesus”

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!***

## CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Healthy Beginnings

## OFFERING

*(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)*

OFFERTORY “I Wonder as I Wander” arr. John Jacob Niles

\*DOXOLOGY “Though I May Speak” 693

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN “In Remembrance of Me” 521

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.***

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please partake of the bread when you are served.  
Please hold the cup until we can all drink together.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” 129

During the singing of this hymn, please bring your communion offering to support Healthy Beginnings, and place it in the basket on the communion table.

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE “Fanfare in D” Joseph C. Bridge

Communion offering for this month will be for Healthy Beginnings.

**Sunday, January 8, 2016**  
**8:30a.m. Worship Service with Celebrate Band**  
**9:15a.m. Sunday School (All Ages - Welcome Back!)**  
**10:30a.m. Worship Service - Message by Pastor Don Canady**  
**7:00p.m. Taize Worship - Led by Kili Wenburg in the Parlor**

## January Forums

# Faith Through Understanding: Seeing Through Another's Eyes



### Contemplative Prayer: A Practitioner's Silent Discipline

*"Be still and know that I am God." -Psalm 46:10*

**January 8:** Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College religion professor, will offer an introduction to contemplative prayer, an ancient, silent form of prayer described as "the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions."

### Border to Border Trip: A Mission Team's New Understanding

*"Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me." -Mt. 25:40*

**January 15:** The "Chiapas Four" (Denny Storer, Pam Lay, Jeni Howard, and Jan Ham) will share the life-changing experiences they encountered on their journey to Mexico/Guatemala to learn more about coffee, migration, and faith.



### Polarization in America: An Historian's Perspective

*"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun." -Ecclesiastes 1:9*

**January 22:** Comparing current American polarization to that of previous generations, Michella Marino, Hastings College Assistant Professor of History, will assist us in understanding today's concerns in light of historical patterns.

### The Chief Standing Bear Trail: A Cyclist's Experience

*"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you." -Job 12:7-8*

**January 29:** Having biked the 600-mile Chief Standing Bear Trail, Will Locke will describe his insights into the unique sufferings of native peoples and the amazing story of Chief Standing Bear, the first Native American to be recognized as a person in federal court.



## **Announcements:**

**The radio broadcast** airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given JoAnn and Les 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 loving memory of Dr. Robert Butz.

**Greeters:** Ira and May Wierenga

**Ushers:** Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Gaylon Hermann, Jeff Hermann, Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz, Ken Stein.

**Communion Servers, Team 1:** Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Matt Fong, Jeni Howard, Chris Junker, Erik Nielsen

**January Communion offering is for Healthy Beginnings.** Healthy Beginnings is a program that offers help and encouragement (including classes, assessments and referrals) for parents and families.

**Please pray** for Art Langvardt and his family as Art battles cancer.

A single red rose today is to honor the birth of **Briella Irene Borrell**, born 12/23/2016 to Kimberly Stein Borrell and Jeremy Borrell. Congratulations to the families including grandparents Diane and Daniel Borrell of Grand Island, and Bev and Ken Stein of Hastings.

A second single red rose is present today to honor the birth of **Halligan (Hallie) Noelle Little**, born 12/27/2016 to Laura (Hoff) and Andy Little of Atlanta, GA. Congratulations to the families, including grandparents Jane and Durand Little of Biglerville, PA, and Susan and Neal Hoff of Hastings.

The **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> in Fellowship Hall from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or [ericalynn128@gmail.com](mailto:ericalynn128@gmail.com). Thank you for taking the time to give. Your donation makes a difference!

**Wednesday Morning Bible@Breakfast** resumes this week. Study of *Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity* will resume on Wednesday, January 4, at 7:00 a.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome to join in this lively group for interesting discussion over a shared meal.

**Taking Down the Greens** will be on Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m.. Volunteers are always appreciated! Everyone is welcome to help.

**Taize Worship Returns January 8**

\*Bring a friend and join us *at 7 p.m. in the Parlor!*

Starting January 11, **Wednesday Night Live (WNL)** will begin at 4:00 p.m. for all Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Specialized United Harvest Volunteers Needed Saturday, January 14

In addition to the regular volunteers, 10-15 extras will be needed for the January 14 mobile food pantry distribution at the Annex. These volunteers will be asked to collect (by walking through the line) and deliver a box of food on behalf of a disabled or elderly individual unable to physically attend.

**Please call the office to sign up.**

**Presbyterian Women** will meet again February 1<sup>st</sup> (they will not meet in January).

**Reminder to Committee Members:** Year-end reports will be due January 8<sup>th</sup> for January 15<sup>th</sup> distribution of the Annual Report.

**2017 Directory** is re-scheduled to be published the **third** week in January. Please email or call the office with any corrections to your listing that have not already been noted.

**2017 Budget** will be reviewed **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 2017 following worship service. All members of congregation are encouraged to attend.

**2017 “Box Sets” of Giving Envelopes** are available at the welcome table in the Memorial Room. Please take one if you’d like.

**FPC’s Annual Congregational Meeting** will be **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** following worship service. All members of congregation are encouraged to attend.

**The office will be closed** Monday, January 2.

### This Week --- January 2 – January 7, 2017

<b>Mon, Jan 2</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>Tue, Jan 3</b>	<b>11:00a.m.</b> <b>12 noon – 6:00p.m.</b> <b>1:00p.m.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor’s Office <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> in Fellowship Hall <b>Quilters</b> in the Annex
<b>Weds, Jan 4</b>	<b>7:00a.m.</b> <b>No WNL!</b>	<b>Bible@ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor
<b>Sat, Jan 7</b>	<b>9:00a.m.</b>	<b>Taking Down the Greens</b>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Neil & Stacy Kerr	01/02/1999
Gaylon & Kim Hermann	01/17/1986
John & Barb Harrington	01/23/1993
Dean & Verna Meyer	01/30/1954

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<b>01/01</b>	Nyareak Deng Wiyual Dieth Jim Duval Georgie Evans	<b>01/16</b>	Mike Karloff Ann Koozer Adalynn Miller Teri Nguyen
<b>01/02</b>	Gary Allison George Anderson	<b>01/17</b>	Rich McKenzie
<b>01/03</b>	Starla Rethorst	<b>01/18</b>	Suellen Bruguera Brysen Grams
<b>01/04</b>	Audrey Watson Dan Zabloudil	<b>01/20</b>	Kathy Reimer Lance Anderson Muoch Dieth
<b>01/05</b>	Carla Fike Hayley Kidd		Joni McCoy
<b>01/06</b>	Paul Krieger	<b>01/21</b>	Tuesday Frasier
<b>01/07</b>	Robert Nedderman Susan Tournor	<b>01/22</b>	Nancy Grams Jerry Norberg
<b>01/08</b>	Stacey Burling Jeremy Heneger	<b>01/23</b>	Jayne Ellenwood Shanda Spurgeon Kym Warner
<b>01/09</b>	Harper Launchbaugh		Melissa Davis
<b>01/10</b>	Tatum Kidd	<b>01/24</b>	Art Langvardt
<b>01/11</b>	Larry Butler Robin Koozer Doug Throckmorton Rebeca Tut	<b>01/25</b>	Morgan Karloff Gretchen Lainson
<b>01/13</b>	Norris Swan Carlee Wissing	<b>01/27</b>	Leslie Christensen Madeleine Johnson Lulu Schmidt
<b>01/14</b>	Dale Behrens Bob Johnson Marie Rasmussen Rachel Thomsen	<b>01/28</b>	Erica Brooks Jim Freeburger Jessica Meeske
<b>01/15</b>	Ariah Robbins Caleb Schukei	<b>01/29</b>	Sue Armstrong
		<b>01/30</b>	Gaylon Hermann Javae Redinger

Dear Santa

Thank you for <sup>the</sup> bag, ball  
the basketball ~~to~~ ball  
and jacket

thank~~ed~~ you for  
coming over  
and giving me  
a bed set.

Chudier

Thank you

Jethroach

Dear santa, thank you for  
~~everything~~ every toy & <sup>other</sup> things  
you gave to the Duang <sup>you</sup> have  
Qwei Children  
Duang

Thank you  
Santa for  
the gift card  
Nyanhial

We love  
our  
new  
pillows