

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church
Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett
Organist: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Robin Koozer
Calvin/Westminster Ringers &
Chancel Handbells Director: Byron Jensen
Children's Moment: Stephanie Brader

March 12, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Walther
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT "A Festive March" Michael Bedford

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Together let us show our love and adoration for our LORD who is our keeper and our protector, the source of our light. LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*HYMN "To God Be the Glory" 634

INVOCATION

Loving God,

We are here to learn about you and your love for us.

You have made promises to your people that you have kept, promises that we will flourish and promises of salvation.

Open our ears and hearts so that we can once again hear and believe the promises you have made to us

and go out and live our lives worthy of those promises. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the 1983 Presbyterian "A Brief Statement of Faith")

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

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!

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 PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY	“He Leadeth Me”	Bradbury/arr. Sherman
*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	606
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*HYMN	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	366
*CHARGE and BLESSING		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”	Peter Lutkin
*POSTLUDE	“Psalm 20”	Marcello arr. by Guilmant

Sunday, March 19, 2017
9:15a.m. Sunday School
(All Ages Welcome!)
10:30a.m. Worship
Message by Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given in loving memory of Carl Sanderson by the Sanderson 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.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Jeanne Hastings, Deacon Moderator, at 402-462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Carl Sanderson by his family.

Greeters: Denny & Carole Storer, Dick & Daveta Brader

Ushers: LaVern Franzen, Chuck Hastings-Captain, Jim Hoffman, Roger Sunderman

Acolytes: Erika Nielsen, Nyaguor Duang

Youth Ushers: Joshua Brooks, Michael Boeve

Nursery: Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

Prayers for Lynn Barrows, Roger Bauer, Celia Ganow, Roberta Lloyd, Lavera Meyer (Al Meyer's mother), Larry Nowka and families.

"Thank you for all the cards, prayers and well wishes, it means a lot! I have one more minor procedure to undergo, but the doctors report the cancer is gone and I'm healing." – Darleen Howard

Mission Committee members delivered 274 diapers and wipes to Catholic Social Services on March 1st as part of the Happy Nappy program. Thank you for donating to some of the most vulnerable.

United Harvest volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 25! NEW volunteer schedule: please choose one shift and report to the Annex at the start of your chosen time: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon and 12 noon – 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your service!

Donations for **Miriam's Hope** will be accepted through the month of March.

Suitcase Drive Continues Through March

The Mission Committee is holding a "suitcase drive" and requests your donations of new or used luggage bags (suitcases, duffel bags, gym bags, back packs) to be given to children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care.

Upcoming Special Guest Forum Speaker

A family-law attorney and mother of three, Joni Stacy will join us on March 19 at 9:15 a.m. to tell us about her experience parenting a child through gender transition. We know we are called to love and welcome all of our neighbors, yet we have little experience interacting with and understanding those with transgender identity. Join us on the 19th with curiosity and love.

Quilters meet every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Annex. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bev Stein at 402-463-1410.

Wood Carvers meet each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. If you are interested in joining, please contact Frank Georgiana at 402-460-8096 or Kenton Grams at 402-461-3150.

2017 Directory Correction: 2017 Congregational Nominating Committee (p.11) Moderator: Kim Creech



St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral
5th and Burlington, Hastings

Please join us on the following Wednesdays during Lent from 12:05 pm to 12:30 pm for a Lenten message followed by lunch served in our undercroft.
Lunch \$4.00

**2017 Theme
God's Eternal Truth**

March 8
John 14:6
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life".
The Very Rev. Catherine F. Scott
Saint Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral
Lunch by the Women of Saint Mark's

March 15
John 18:38
"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."
Fr. Michael Houlihan
Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church
Lunch by the St. Michael's Altar Society

sermons
a la carte

March 22
Ephesians 4:15
Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
Pastor John Whitsett
Lakeside Community Church
Lunch by Runcie's Catering and the Women of Lakeside Community Church

March 29
John 1:14
The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
Pastor Steven Peeler
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
Lunch by the Women of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

April 5
1 Corinthians 13:6
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
Pastor Kent Rogers
Grace United Methodist Church
Lunch by the Grace United Methodist Women



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Presbyterian Women – Schedule of Events

- March 15 - Circles – Bible study "Who is Jesus – according to Hebrews"
 - Circle 1, hosted by Mary Jeanne Cooke, will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Community room at the Regency. May Wierenga is the study leader.
 - Circle 2 will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Mary Fisk's home. Flossie Sanderson is the study leader.
 - Circle 3, hosted by Carol Wheeler, will meet at 1:15 p.m. at the church. Jane Marsh is the study leader.

All women of the church are encouraged to join the Presbyterian Women at any time.

Our next **Red Cross blood drive** is Monday, April 10th, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. If you would like to donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or ericalynn128@gmail.com. You can also make an appointment to donate at redcrossblood.org.

Flower Memorial Dates

The following are open dates for flower memorials: 4th Sunday in March; 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in April; 3rd and 4th Sundays in July; 3rd Sunday in August; 4th Sunday in September; 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays in November, and all the Sundays in December. Please contact Mary Olsen if you would like to have one of the Sundays or if you would like to have a specific Sunday that isn't listed above. Some of the filled dates can have more than one memorial listing. Any member of congregation may have a flower memorial. Mary can be reached at 402-462-2811 or molsen@charter.net.

This Week --- March 13 – March 18, 2017

Mon, Mar 13	10:00a.m. 12:00p.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office PEO Ch. GK Meeting in Parlor
Tue, Mar 14	1:00p.m. 4:15p.m. 5:30p.m.	Quilters in the Annex Global Mission Meeting in Kessler Congregational Life Meeting in Parlor
Wed, Mar 15	7:00a.m. 9:30a.m. 9:30a.m. 1:15p.m. 4:00p.m. 5:30p.m. 6:30p.m.	Bible@ Breakfast in the Parlor Circle 1 Meets – Mary Jeanne Cook, Community Room @ the Regency Circle 2 Meets – Mary Fisk Circle 3 Meets – Carol Wheeler, in Fellowship Hall WNL! Trustee Meeting in Anderson Conference Woodcarvers in Basement
Fri, Mar 17	10:00a.m. 6:30p.m.	Mahjong Ladies in the Parlor Jr. High Lock-In in Church

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