

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church
Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett
Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Andy Barrows
Organist: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Robin Koozer
Children's Moment: Stephanie Brader

April 2, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Gayden Sikes
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

INTROIT "I Was Glad" Koozer
Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come here today with much on our hearts and minds,
God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.
Some of us come with our breath taken away by grief or fear of the unknown,
**May the Holy Spirit breathe new life within us, and may our
worship renew our connection with God and with one another.**
We come to worship seeking comfort and a hope that will endure,
**Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, speaking in word
and sacrament, and building community for holy service. Let us
worship God!**

***HYMN** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" 610

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call:
For you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts,
bringing us new life with your grace and love and power.
Lead us in our time of worship that we may be prepared to follow
your lead into the unknown, places where hope may seem far away.
Let us listen with our ears and our hearts, grant us patience and
comfort;
So that when we leave these walls, we are prepared to live the words
we proclaim. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, when we are impatient and refuse to wait for you. Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith, calling us to be agents of change in our world, for the bland conviction that all will be well. Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love, comfort and peace, a peace which passes all understanding. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Greet others around you this morning by exchanging the 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

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” (from Requiem)

Rutter

Sarah Wolfe, Flute

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – *Psalm 130*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING- *John 11:1-45*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Lenten sermon series on our identity in Christ: “Be Comforted”

*HYMN

“In Deepest Night”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From “A Brief Statement of Faith”)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

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!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Pie Jesu” (from Requiem)
Lydia and Nina Meyer, Soloists

Andrew Lloyd Webber

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Take and eat the bread when it is passed to you.

Take the cup and hold it until the entire congregation has been served. We drink the cup together as a sign of unity in the Body of Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. As the church, may we rise from the Communion Table and be sent by the power of the Holy Spirit to participate in God's mission to the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

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During this hymn, please bring your communion offering forward and place it in the basket on the communion table. The communion offering this month is donated to United Harvest Food Pantry.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

"Processional in C Major"

Handel/arr. Wolff

**Come worship with us next Sunday, April 9, 2017: Palm Sunday
8:30am Contemporary Worship, Celebrate Band
9:15am Sunday School: All Ages Welcome!
10:30am Traditional Worship, Baptism of Briella Irene Borrell
Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett preaching both services**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN
EASTER EGG HUNT

Hosted By: First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, April 8 at 11:00am

Located at Alexander Park

(Just north of First Presbyterian Church)

Alternate location in case of rain: First Presbyterian Church Annex Gym

Age Divisions: • Age 0-2 years • Age 3-5 years • Kindergarten-3rd Grade

**Please bring your own basket for collecting eggs.



For more information contact Stephanie at
402-462-5147 or stephanie@fpchastings.org

Donations of individually wrapped candies and/or toys would be greatly appreciated, but we don't have much time....Drop off your donation in the common office area tomorrow if possible. Thank you!

EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10. Twenty Easter lilies will be purchased. All additional proceeds will go to Adams/ Clay County ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens).

Lily in memory of: _____

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Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

- » **International development:** More than 308,000 people who were living in extreme poverty in more than 30 countries now have increased food security and livelihoods, and stronger leadership and organization through international development work. [Take a Reflection-Action Trip.](#)¹
- » **National development:** 65 grant partners in the United States have impacted local and national change in maintaining effective safety nets, addressing worker and immigration issues for the working poor, and developing robust and healthy alternative food systems that address rural and urban poverty in sustainable ways. [Do a mission trip or volunteer with a US partner.](#)²
- » **Policy and law:** Millions of people are directly impacted by programs that drive changes to laws and corporate practices that affect hunger and poverty. Activities include successful congressional petitions to maintain funding to safety net programs like SNAP and WIC, as well as campaigns with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and other farm and food workers to encourage companies to pay a better living wage and monitor working conditions. [Join a campaign action.](#)³
- » **Environmental action:** 190 Earth Care Congregations are leading the way in Biblical reflection and action to lessen carbon footprints and create more sustainable ways to live as a community. [Become an Earth Care Congregation.](#)⁴
- » **Fair trade:** 1,088 congregations participate in Eco-Palms; 1,619 congregations purchased over \$1 million worth of fair trade products—predominantly coffee—to increase farmers’ income in 40 cooperatives. [Switch to Fair Trade for Coffee, Palms, and Clothes.](#)⁵
- » **Hunger action programs:** Partnered with hunger action enablers in 29 presbyteries to leverage \$1.6 million for local, national, and international hunger work.

Find out more about the ongoing work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program at presbyterianmission.org/hunger

¹<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/trips/>

²<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/meet-our-partners/>

³<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/national-development/fair-food/>

⁴<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment/earth-care-congregations/>

⁵<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/enough/fair-trade/>

Please bring your offering Easter Sunday.

UNITED HARVEST



MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, April 15**
Saturday, May 20
Saturday, June 17

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: **Annex Building**
Between the First United Methodist Church and First
Presbyterian Church
Hastings Ave and 7th Street in Hastings, NE
Contact: (402)-463-6733
Instructions: Please bring boxes or bags to carry
food. No need to pre-qualify.

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution.

Brought to you by First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

The mobile pantry is available to you free of charge!



FOODBANK
FOR THE HEARTLAND

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of O.J. McDougal 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 2:00 p.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 Kevin Charles Heineman, and Mary Alice and Joe Heineman.

Greeters: Chuck & Jane Bauer, Pam Lay

Ushers: Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer- Captain

Acolytes: Eleanor Oliver, Laura Kate Oliver

Youth Ushers: Chase Johnson, Courtney Junker

Nursery: Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

Prayers for Celia Ganow, Larry Nowka, Don Reynolds and families.

Condolences to Richard & Linda Johnson for the loss of Richard's mother Wilma (Billie) Johnson, who died March 28. Services were Saturday at FPC in Bridgeport, NE.

April 2 Communion Offering recipient: *United Harvest Food Pantry*

Communion Servers: Martha Boyd, Dick Brader, Bonnie Grams, Jan Ham, Jeanne Hastings, Mark Hemje, Charles Hermes, Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Mary Olsen, Doug Soderquist, May Wierenga

April 13 (Maundy Thursday) Communion Servers: Erica Brooks, Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Katharine Davis, Bonnie Grams, Byron Jensen, Deb Jensen, Chris Junker, Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

April 16 (Easter) Special Offering recipient: *One Great Hour of Sharing*

April Ushers: Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer – Captain

*Please note, April ushers are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services.

Flower Memorial Dates

The following are open dates for flower memorials: 3rd and 5th Sundays in April; 3rd and 4th Sundays in July; 3rd Sunday in August; 4th Sunday in September; 1st and 2nd 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.) **Flower memorials are available to all members of congregation and are free of charge.** Mary can be reached at 402-462-2811 or molsen@charter.net.

Second Annual Long-Sleeve Shirt Drive Bring your donations of new or gently used long-sleeved shirts to the basket in the Memorial Room. Mission Committee thanks you for your help in protecting farmworkers against pesticides and heat stress.

“On behalf of the Hastings Public Schools Foundation Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your donation to the newly initiated HHS Pantry Program. The HPS Foundation is pleased to assist in the development and maintenance of this program. Your trust in the future of this program is, in a way, a guarantee that there will be an effective program at the high school. In addition, we understand that these funds were raised by the youth group! Please express our sincere thanks to them for this generous contribution!” –Betty Kort, Executive Director, Hastings Public Schools Foundation

Thank You, Don Rasmussen, for the beautiful wooden custom candle lighter holder! This contribution will be appreciated for many years to come!

Presbyterian Women (PW) Meet April 5

11:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting in church library

11:45 a.m. PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

12:30 p.m. Program given by Jeff McCoy “Recycling in Hastings”

RSVP by April 3 to your circle representative or church office.

If you’re not able to make lunch, you may join us for the program.

Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, April 10, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. To donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285. Your donation is needed & makes a difference!

Sign Up for the Easter Prayer Vigil

Once again, members and friends of FPC will be offering a continuous stream of prayer from 8 p.m. on Good Friday until 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Memorial Room for one (or more!) one-hour slots. All are welcome to submit prayer requests to be held in prayer during the vigil.

2017 Directory Update:

BARROWS, Andrew, p.1: Add email address: barrowsal@inebraska.com

This Week --- April 3 – April 8, 2017

Mon, Apr 3	10:00a.m. 12:00noon 7:00p.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor’s Office Memorial Committee Meeting in Anderson Conference Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Apr 4	1:00p.m. 5:30p.m.	Quilters in the Annex W.A.M. Meeting in Anderson Conference
Wed, Apr 5	7:00a.m. 11:00a.m. 11:45a.m. 4:00p.m. 5:15p.m. 6:30p.m. 6:45p.m. 7:30p.m.	Bible@ Breakfast in the Parlor PW Coordinating Team Meeting in Library PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall WNL! Wednesday Night Bible Study in Kessler Woodcarvers in Basement Chancel Choir Practice Chancel Bells Practice
Thu, Apr 6	5:00p.m.	Christian Education Meeting in the Parlor
Fri, Apr 7	10:00a.m. 12:00p.m.	Mahjong Ladies in the Parlor Soup Group in Fellowship Hall
Sat, Apr 8	11:00a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt in Alexander Park

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