

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we don't always recognize Christ, even when Jesus' presence is in our midst made manifest through your love. We cling to our assumptions about how life on earth should unfold; forgetting that life in your realm shatters those expectations.

Forgive us when we go through our daily routine, forgetting to look for the Risen One whose presence is all around us.

Forgive us when our worship is about something other than encountering our Resurrected Lord and glorifying you.

Open our eyes and our hearts, O God, to the full awareness of your presence with us and your love for us, in each and every moment of our lives. We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive!

Alleluia and amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

I invite you to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

(Greet others around you this morning with these words.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (As the children come down to hear the children's message, the congregation sings):

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

***Open our ears to hear your Word proclaimed in this place.
Open our hearts to know your Love offered in this congregation.
Open our eyes to see your Presence blessing us in this moment.
Amen.***

1st SCRIPTURE READING – *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

ANTHEM

“Lift High the Cross”

Sydney H. Nicholson/
arr. Jack Schrade

2nd SCRIPTURE READING- *John 20:1-18*

***This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.***

MESSAGE

The Most Hopeful Image In The World!

*HYMN

“Woman, Weeping in the Garden”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes)

***We believe in God, who is love,
Whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives, and in all people.***

***We follow Christ, who embodied God's love.
In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection,
And his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well.***

***We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us.
In that love we participate in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving
God by loving our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our
gifts and our service.***

***Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God.
We thank God, and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the
name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. Amen.***

EASTER LILIES

In Memory Of:

Ardyce Bohlke
Jon Bohlke
Brandon Brader
Dale & Dorothy Brader
Herb & Alice Braum
Walter & Lula Buhr
Maxine & Raymond Champoux
Lyle Davis
Virginia & Roger Davis
Bob Foote
Alfred & Dorothy Friedewald
Charlie Fruehling
Dr. Elmer Glenn
My Mom (Lorna's),
 Hazel Jean Cameron Gordon
Demas & Twilia Griess
Merle & Annabelle Hafer

Nicole Jensen

Hal Lainson
Phyllis & John Lainson
Boyd & MaryLou Leymaster

Rev. Kenneth & Alice Locke
Loved Ones
Our Mothers – Olive Madrid
 & Dixie Tomlin
O.J. McDougal
Walter & Lenora Meyer,
 Jann Meyer, Rich Meyer
Coralee & Jake Moser
Darrell Nelson
David Northrop

Given By:

Anne Bohlke
Anne Bohlke
Dick & Daveta Brader
Family
Will & Ginny Locke
Linda & John Carllson
Jacki & Ed Champoux
Barb Davis & Jennifer
Pamela & Peter Lainson & Family
His Family
Shoemaker/Friedewald Family
Christian, Sarah & Arich Fruehling
Jerry & Mary Seiler

Lorna, Mark & Hazel Zajack
Paul & Belinda Nuss Family
Their children, grandchildren &
 Great-grandchildren
Byron, Deb, Hannah
 & Nathan Jensen
Hermes, Bliss, & Olsen Families
Pamela & Peter Lainson & Family
Their children, grandchildren &
 Great-grandchildren
Will & Ginny Locke
Marilyn Nielsen

Ken & Carla Fike
McDougal Family

Family
Ken & Carla Fike
Kathleen & Sons Andy & Steve
Mary Northrop

In Memory Of:

Frank Northrop
Jeremy William Nottage-Tacey

Gideon & Ralph Nuss
Edna Penny

Walt & MaryAnne Seiler
Dr. Robert Smith
Willard & Della Stein
Liam Green Tacey

Lee Venter
Lee Venter, Brother
Milt & Thelma Venter, Parents
Thelma & Milt Venter

In Honor Of:

Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett,
Jessica, & Esther
Julie & Dennis Asmus
FPC Congregation

("in grateful appreciation for all the years you've provided a place for children")

FPC Family
("into which I was so warmly welcomed 5 years ago!")

FPC & Staff
Hannah Jensen
Nathan Jensen
Our Loved Ones
Robin & Ann Koozer
Gretchen Lainson
Gretchen Lainson
Jimmy McDougal
Lydia & Nina Meyer
Riley, Delaney, & Camden Mullen
Our 3 Children

Given By:

Mary Northrop
Rev. Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey,
& Sarah, Matthew, Nathanel
Paul & Belinda Nuss Family
Shirley Johnston & Denise,
Daphne & Darin
Jerry & Mary Seiler
Sally Smith & Children
Ken & Bev Stein & Family
Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey,
& Nathanael & Janeen Tacey
Jacki & Ed Champoux
Diane Mullen
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Given By:

Rev. Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey
Mary, Jerry, & Brigitte Seiler
Pooh Corner

Jill Kramer

Rev. Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey
Byron & Deb Jensen
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Colleen & George Adams
Will & Ginny Locke
Hermes, Bliss, & Olsen Families
Pamela & Peter Lainson & Family
McDougal Family
Will & Ginny Locke
Diane Mullen
Don & Marie Rasmussen

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given in honor of the Morhart and Kovar children.

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 Deacon Moderator Jeanne Hastings at 402-462-8460, Deacon Lindsey Stout at 402-873-2874, or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Greeters: Kili & Justin Wenburg, Selah & Carter Wenburg

Ushers: Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Al Meyer- Captain, Clyde Sachtleben

Acolytes: Tethloach Duang, Tristan Propp

Youth Ushers: Jayden Propp, Nina Meyer

Nursery: Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Leah Ratzlaff

Prayers for Mark Canady, Celia Ganow, Brian Johnson, Larry Nowka, Don Reynolds and families.

Today's Special Offering recipient: *One Great Hour of Sharing*

The bulk of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes to support water, hunger, disaster relief and empowerment programs. Focusing on these four areas allows One Great Hour of Sharing to address some of the root causes of suffering in our world. Your gifts make hope possible.

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.

"Invite A Friend Sunday" is next Sunday, April 23. Let's keep the joyful momentum of Easter going by inviting friends and neighbors to worship with us next week!

Bring a plate of goodies to share, and we'll enjoy fellowship between services and after 10:30 service.

Join us for "Creation Care" forum next Sunday. On the day after Earth Day, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College religion professor, will join us to share his passion for caring for God's creation. Author of *Learning the Language of the Fields: Tilling and Keeping as Christian Vocation*, Dan is an avid bird watcher, organic gardener, beekeeper, theologian, and bluegrass musician.

Presbyterian Women Circles Meet April 19

The Bible study this month is, "Who is Jesus – according to the non-canonical gospels."

- Circle 1 – 9:30 am in May Wierenga's home; Mary Jeanne Cooke is the lesson leader
- Circle 2 – 9:30 am in Joy White's home; Susie Graham is the lesson leader
- Circle 3 – 1:15 pm in the church parlor; Sue Medsker-Nedderman is the hostess; Jane Pollak is the lesson leader

Hastings College **Spring Choir Concert** (The College Choir, HC Singers, Men's Choir, and Spectrum) will be performing at the church on Sunday, April 23 @ 3:00p.m. A bake sale will follow!

Directory Correction:

FANDRY, Gayle (p.7) Address: 1003 West 13th Street, Hastings



2017 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up

First Presbyterian Church--
Hastings, NE



We are "gearing up" for another great VBS! This year, we are using the Group: Maker Fun Factory VBS. The kids will discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life--something we call God Sightings.

Our VBS will be held May 22-26, 2:00-5:00pm.

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register as a volunteer at <http://fpchastings.org/vbs-2017/>. Or paper sign-up forms are located on the glass shelves near the church office. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions.



HAPPY EASTER



This Week --- April 17 – April 22, 2017

Mon, Apr 17	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7:00p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Apr 18	10:00a.m. 1:00p.m. 6:45p.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office Quilters in the Annex Deacon Meeting in Anderson Conference
Wed, Apr 19	7:00a.m. 1:15p.m. 4:00p.m. 5:15p.m. 6:30p.m. 6:45p.m. 7:00p.m. 7:30p.m.	Bible@ Breakfast in the Parlor Circle 3 PW Meeting in Parlor WNL! Weds Night Bible Study in Kessler Woodcarvers in Basement Chancel Choir Practice Intro to Islam Part 2 in Memorial Room Chancel Bells Practice
Thu, Apr 20	5:30p.m.	Session Meeting in Anderson Conference
Fri, Apr 21	10:00a.m.	Mahjong Ladies in the Parlor

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