First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ Ministers: Members of the Church Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Karen Doerr Organist: Linda Vollweiler Chancel Choir Director: Robin Koozer Chancel Handbells Director: Byron Jensen Children's Moment: Nancy Grams

Easter Sunday – April 16, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

*Indicates those who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" arr. Innes (The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! God's steadfast love endures forever. Death never gets the final word. God's steadfast love endures forever. Rejoice in this day of salvation. God's steadfast love endures forever. We have come to worship the risen Christ. And to delight in God's steadfast love. Let us worship God. Alleluia!

INTROIT	"Rejoice, This Easter Day"	Darwell/	
	Chancel Choir	arr. Jeremy J. Bankson	

*HYMN

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, We have come to celebrate the strength of your love— A love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your love made flesh in Jesus, And made complete in Christ's death and resurrection, We thank you for the opportunity To encounter the Risen Christ here in our midst. Amen.

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"	581
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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.

1 st	SCRIPTURE READING – <i>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</i>				
AN	THEM	"Lift High the Cross"	Sydney H. Nicholson/ arr. Jack Schrade		
2^{nd}	SCRIPTURE READING	G- John 20:1-18			
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.					
ME	SSAGE The	Most Hopeful Image In The World!			
*H	YMN "1	Woman, Weeping in the Garden"	241		
*Al	FIRMATION OF FAITH	(Written by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Ho	lmes)		

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you, God, for the gift of this amazing day of resurrection! Our hearts are overflowing with the joy and excitement of Easter. We pray that you will take our exuberance and use it to bring light and hope to those trapped in darkness and despair. Use these gifts and offerings to empower this church's work with those who have not yet seen the risen Lord in their midst. Use the gift of our very lives to empower our calling to carry your love into the world. We pray this with the boldness of those who have encountered the living Christ. Amen.

(Our offering this morning goes to the One Great Hour of Sharing to fund projects in the United States and around the world to address root causes of hunger and poverty and work towards justice and peace.)

OFFERTORY "Fanfare on ENGELBERG (We Know that Christ Is Raised)" Chancel Handbells Arr. Michael J. Glasgow

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

8:30am Contemporary Worship 9:15 Sunday School for all ages							
Come worship with us next week, Sunday, April 23							
*POSTLUDE	"Toccata"	Widor					
*BENEDICTION REPON	ISE "Hallelujah Chorus"	Handel's Messiah					
*CHARGE and BENEDI	CTION						
*HYMN	"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"	, 248					

9:15 Sunday School for all ages 10:30am Worship Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Preaching

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:

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 Jacki & Ed Champoux

Given By:

Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett,
Jessica, & EstherRev. Bill & Janey Nottage-TaceyJulie & Dennis AsmusMary, Jerry, & Brigitte SeilerFPC CongregationPooh Corner("in grateful appreciation for all the years you've provided a place for children")

FPC Family Jill Kramer ("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 years ago!") Rev. Bill & Janey Nottage-Tacey Byron & Deb Jensen Byron & Deb Jensen 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

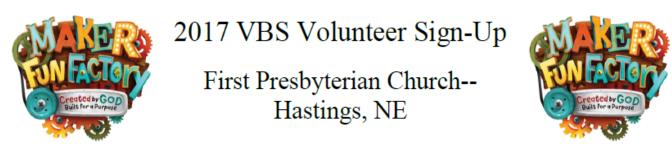
The Bible study this month is, "Who is Jesus – according to the non-canonical gospels."

- 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



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 7:00p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Baser	nent 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	First Presbyterian Ch 621 N. Lincoln Aven

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