

**First Presbyterian Church  
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett

Guest Pastor: Gregg Miller

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Jeni Howard

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Praise & Alleluia Choirs Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady

Calvin & Westminster Choirs Director: Linda Johnson

**Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE                                      “The Church’s One Foundation”                                      arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME

INTROIT    “Walk in the Light”    by Larry Shackley  
Calvin & Westminster Choirs

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Even though Jesus was rejected by some, you are invited to come to him in trust and hope.

***Lord, guide us and give us courageous faith.***

For he is the cornerstone, and this church will stand faithfully as a house of praise and service because of his love.

***We are not afraid. We are given a mandate to serve with joy and peace. In the spirit of joy and peace, let us worship God!***

\*HYMN    “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”    483

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this place so that your love may surround all who enter here. For we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day. We sometimes forget your love and grace for us, and we sometimes forget that call you place on us to be vessels of your love and grace. Remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people. Give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others. Forgive us when we sink into our own selfishness and pettiness. For it is in those times that we turn our back on you. Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love. In Christ's Name, we pray.***

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

ANTHEM

“A Mother’s Love”  
Praise & Alleluia Choirs

Mark Patterson

BAPTISM OF KIPTYN LEE MILLER AND A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

We invite the children to come forward to be “front row witnesses” to the act of baptism this morning. While the children and confirmands are coming forward, we invite the congregation to sing “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Let the one who has ears to hear, listen.***

***The Word of the Lord speaks to the living of our lives today. God's Word is our fortress and strength, providing shelter and foundation for daily living. Let the one who has ears to hear, listen.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 2:1-10

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING- John 14:1-14

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

MESSAGE Cornerstones, Foundations, Dwelling Places and Hard Work

\*HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" 321

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles Creed)

Together, let us confess the faith of our Baptism:

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;***

***And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

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

OFFERTORY "Where Love is Found, God is There" Arnold Sherman

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: To those who gave birth this year to a child,

**All Gathered: *We celebrate with you.***

Leader: To those who lost a child this year,

**All Gathered: *We grieve with you.***

Leader: To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains,

**All Gathered: *We appreciate you.***

Leader: To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away,

**All Gathered: *We mourn with you.***

Leader: To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, disappointment and tears,

**All Gathered: *We walk with you.***

Leader: To those who are foster moms, adoptive moms, mentor moms, teacher moms, caregiving moms, and spiritual moms,

**All Gathered: *We need you and we give thanks for you.***

Leader: To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children,

**All Gathered: *We sit with you and pray for you.***

Leader: To those who have warm and close relationships with your children,

**All Gathered: *We share your joy with you.***

Leader: To those who lost their mothers this year,

**All Gathered: *We grieve with you.***

Leader: To those who step-parent,

**All Gathered: *We celebrate you and walk with you on these complex paths.***

Leader: To those who envisioned lavishing love on children or grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be,

**All Gathered: *We lament with you.***

Leader: To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year,

**All Gathered: *We share in both your angst and your joy.***

Leader: To those who are pregnant with new life,

**All Gathered: *We anticipate with you.***

***This Mother's Day, we walk with all of you. Mothering, in all its forms, is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you, we celebrate you and we give thanks to God for you, on this day and every day.***

Leader: Together, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us saying,  
***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.***

\*HYMN

“Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above”

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\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Grant Us Peace”

Michael Scott

\*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Robert Lau

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
***From Presbyterian Women***

**DONATION IN HONOR OF:**

Stephanie Brader (thank you for supporting the  
Congregation in spiritual growth)

Steph Brader  
Carolyn Branch (#2 sister of mine)  
Gail Dreher  
Kathy Essink  
Mary Fisk, for managing the prayer chain  
Sarah Fruehling  
Evelyn J. Geu  
Rosemary Gfeller  
Dana Kay Ghorashy, my daughter  
Grandma Bonnie Grams

Carol Nedderman Kyle  
Elizabeth J. Lay  
Edna Lewis, my mother  
Angie Locke  
Ginny Locke  
Carol Medsker  
Pauline Moomey  
Madeline Weiland Nedderman  
Robyn Perelman Nedderman  
Kili Wenburg (thank you for supporting the  
Congregation in spiritual growth)  
ReNelda Wenburg  
Pam Witte

**DONATION IN MEMORY OF:**

Alice Braum  
Luella Grams  
Evelyn Greenwood  
Phyllis Hansen  
Julie Hastings  
Myrtle Knigge  
Joan Knowlton  
Alice Locke  
Alice Locke  
Margaret Nedderman  
Mrs. Betty Payne  
Mrs. George Payne  
Beaula Valentine, my grandmother  
Anna Wierenga

**GIVEN BY:**

Sarah, Christian, & Arich Fruehling  
  
Daveta Brader  
Susie Graham  
The Essink family  
The Essink family  
Mary Northrop  
Ginny Locke  
Pamela K. Lay  
Sarah, Christian, & Arich Fruehling  
Flossie Sanderson  
Luella Baumgart-Grams, Toby &  
Anika Carroll  
Bianca Stack, Meghan & Morgan Kyle  
Pamela K. Lay  
May Wierenga  
Ginny Locke  
Sarah, Christian, & Arich Fruehling  
Sue Medsker-Nedderman  
Marilyn Nielsen  
Vera, Fidget, Eve, & Cricket  
Calvin Thanos Nedderman  
Sarah, Christian, & Arich Fruehling  
  
Jim & Rogene Wenburg  
The Essink family

**GIVEN BY:**

Ginny Locke  
Bonnie & Kenton Grams  
Chuck & Jeanne Hastings  
Jim & Rogene Wenburg  
Chuck & Jeanne Hastings  
Katharine Davis  
Bonnie & Kenton Grams  
Sarah, Christian, & Arich Fruehling  
Ginny Locke  
Robert Nedderman  
The Payne family  
The Payne family  
Teri Nguyen  
Ira & May Wierenga

**Come worship with us next week and invite your friends and family!**  
**Sunday, May 21**  
**10:30am Worship**  
**Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Preaching**

## **Announcements:**

**The radio broadcast** airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given by 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 2:00 p.m.

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

**Flowers are given** on this Mother's Day in loving memory of Phyllis Glass and Dorothy Christenson.

**Greeters:** Roger and Karen Doerr, Jan Ham

**Ushers (Team 3):** Andrew Barrows, Dave Fisher-Captain, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

**Acolytes:** Seth Schwarz, Tanner Bauer

**Youth Ushers:** Jennifer Boeve, Lily Black

**Prayers** for Judy Brown, Celia Ganow and families.

**Hands Around the World Store (HAWS) shelves are restocked!** Come on in and pick up a bag (or two) of Cafe Justo coffee. Feel free to also browse the fine selection of chocolate, textiles and jewelry. Items come from nonprofit, fair trade organizations dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans and farmers and their families out of poverty. HAWS donates \$100 each month to the United Harvest Food Distribution. Hours are 9a.m. – 12p.m. every Sunday.

**Donations for FPC's Open Table Sack Lunch Program are accepted throughout May.**

FPC is scheduled to assemble and provide the Open Table lunches throughout the month of July again this year. More than 5,000 sack lunches and almost 800 'special meals' were prepared last year. The cost to fill the total need last year was \$5,318.82.

The Open Table Fund has a 2017 beginning balance of \$3,052.03. \$1,618.00 was raised from communion offerings last week! The fund is still in need approximately \$650.00. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

A **VBS donation board** is displayed in the Memorial Room. If you can help support our VBS by making a donation, please take a card and purchase the item listed. Then attach the card to the item and return it to the church ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie at 402-462-5147 or [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org).

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or [tarci@fpchastings.org](mailto:tarci@fpchastings.org).

### **Presbyterian Women (PW) – May Events**

May 17 – Circle Meetings – Study Lesson "Who is Jesus According to Abrahamic Faiths"

- Circle 1 – 9:30 am – Jean Barber's home – Elaine Specht is the Lesson Leader
- Circle 2 – 9:30 am – Mary Lewis' home – Mary Lewis is the Lesson Leader
- Circle 3 – 1:15 pm – Church Parlor – Nancy Grams is the hostess – Jill Kramer is the Lesson Leader

**PW and Circles do not meet during the summer months of June, July, and August.**



## American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Adams County

Saturday, June 2, 6:00 - 11:00 PM

Hastings High School Track

Relay for Life is the nationwide, signature event of the American Cancer Society. It is a community event in the fight against cancer, and as part of the ceremonies, volunteers and survivors line the track with luminaria (lighted candles in weighted, white bags) inscribed with an individual's name. At sunset, everyone is invited to participate in the incredibly moving Luminaria Ceremony and observe a heart-felt moment of silence as the candles are lit. Each luminaria is lit in honor of someone who has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has lost his or her battle to cancer. Donations for luminaria are \$10 each. All money goes to the American Cancer Society mission to help others Stay Well, Get Well, Finding Cures and Fight Back.

First Presbyterian Church Team again will be participating this year. Luminaries are available each Sunday in May at a table in the Memorial Room or in the church office during the week. Donations can be made via the website: [www.RelayForLife.org](http://www.RelayForLife.org).

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### This Week --- May 15 – May 20, 2017

<b>Mon, May 15</b>	<b>10:00a.m.</b> <b>7:00p.m.</b> <b>7:00p.m.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office <b>Boy Scouts Troop 200</b> in Basement Scout Room <b>Special Needs VBS Teacher Orientation</b> in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tue, May 16</b>	<b>1:00p.m.</b> <b>6:45p.m.</b> <b>7:00p.m.</b>	<b>Quilters</b> in the Annex <b>Deacons Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference <b>VBS Teacher Orientation</b> in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wed, May 17</b>	<b>7:00a.m.</b> <b>9:30a.m.</b> <b>9:30a.m.</b> <b>1:15p.m.</b> <b>6:30p.m.</b> <b>6:45p.m.</b> <b>7:30p.m.</b>	<b>Bible@ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor <b>PW Circle 1 meet</b> Jean Barber's home <b>PW Circle 2 meet</b> Mary Lewis' home <b>PW Circle 3 meet</b> in Parlor <b>Wood Carvers</b> in Basement <b>Chancel Choir Practice</b> <b>Chancel Bells Practice</b>
<b>Thu, May 18</b>	<b>5:30p.m.</b> <b>6:00-8:00p.m.</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference <b>Spanish Class</b> in the NW Classroom, Annex
<b>Fri, May 19</b>	<b>10:00a.m.</b> <b>11:00a.m.-4:00p.m.</b> <b>6:00-8:00p.m.</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in the Choir Room (Basement) <b>HC Education Graduates Reception</b> in Fellowship Hall <b>HC Baccalaureate</b>
<b>Sat, May 20</b>	<b>10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.</b>	<b>United Harvest Food Distribution</b> in the Annex

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# 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**United Harvest volunteers needed on Saturday, May 20!**

We need your help to keep our new ministry going strong! 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!