

**First Presbyterian Church
621 North Lincoln Avenue
Hastings, Nebraska**

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor
Rev. Dr. Berke Landrum, Interim Associate Pastor
Lay Reader: Katie Kingsley
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Chancel Choir: Michael Hull
May 3, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Voluntary *Be Thou My Vision* GORDON YOUNG
(The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

*Call to Worship – *John 15:1, 4-5, 7* Rev. Charles M. Webster
Jesus said, “I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower.”
“**Abide in me as I abide in you. I am the vine, you are the branches.**”
“Those who abide in me shall bear much fruit.”
“**If you abide in me, ask for whatever you wish and it will be done for you.**”
“These things I have spoken to you, that your joy may be full.”
**Trusting the promises of our Lord, we rejoice in his presence and we
worship with joy!**
Let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you love us with an everlasting love. We profess our love to
you, and yet we fail to love one another. You show us compassion, but we
persist in judging others. Forgive us, and help us to love each other, in the
name of Christ, who is perfect love.**

(Silence for personal confession)

Kyrie No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORE PROIAJU VEREKO

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;

O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ have mercy;

O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response of Praise – No. 298, stanza 5

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,

And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;

With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

*Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

Prayer for Illumination

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: as we hear your word today, give us compassion and courage to risk our lives for others, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading – *John 4:7-21*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

MARK HAYES

Gospel Reading – *John 15:1-8*

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The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

A Call to Love

Rev. Charles M. Webster

*Hymn No. 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

Concerns and Celebrations

Recognition of Senior High Graduates:

*Dylan Croon
Jordan Graviette
Tyler Musgrave*

*Nyabong Duang
Katie Kingsley
Neely Nuss*

*Ricki Frasier
Laura McCarthy
Hermann Walker*

Prayers of the People

Offering *(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund)*

Offertory Anthem

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

DALE WOOD

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who are 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 No. 767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

*Charge – *Luke 4:18-19*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

*Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude

Toccata in G Major

THEODORE DUBOIS

Announcements

The radio broadcast is in memory of Edna Perry given by Shirley Johnston and children.

Today's service may be seen on Channel 181 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., or Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

The flowers today are in memory of Frank E. Weyer and Mabel C. Weyer by their family.

Ushers: Dennis Asmus, Dave Fisher, Neal Hoff, Susan Hoff, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood

Greeters: Lynette and Paul Krieger, Vera and Dan Zabloudil

Recently hospitalized: Mary Olsen (now home), Jeff Howard (Omaha), Bernie Tushaus (Omaha), Shannon Welton (Lincoln), Mary Northrup (Omaha)

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT:

While Mary is out for surgery, Margaret Koontz will be stepping in as the church's contact for our prayer chain. Margaret can be reached at (402) 463-2518.

Presbyterian Women are again offering the opportunity to the members in making donations to the *Health Women Healthy Families*. It is a year-round support ministry of the poverty alleviation program of PC(USA) World Mission. You can make a donation in honor or in memory of a woman of your choosing in the Memorial Room or the church office through this Thursday May 7th. Names will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day.

This Week - May 4-10

Monday, May 4	6:30	Stephen's Ministry
	7:00	Celebrate Band rehearsal
		Boy Scouts
Tuesday, May 5	1:00	Quilters
		Stephen Minister Support Group
	3:00	Communion – Homestead and College View
Wednesday, May 6	7:00 a.m.	Bible@Breakfast
	11:15	PW Coor. Team Mtg.
	11:45	PW Luncheon
	4:00	Wednesday Night Live program
	5:30	Worship and Music
Thursday, May 6	3:00	Communion – Kensington and Perkins