

**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
Rev. Gregg W. Miller, Guest Minister
Music: Celebrate Band
June 14, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Sometimes the workings of God remain unseen before they bear fruit - similar to a seed growing and taking root in the soil. In the Old Testament reading, Samuel trusts God’s choice of the young shepherd David as king, because he discerned that God would use David to sow the seed for Israel’s future. In Mark, Jesus uses the image of seeds to describe the mysterious and hidden nature of God’s kingdom.”

- C.M.W.

The Order of Service for Worship in Alexander Park

Voluntary

Ask, Seek, Knock

(The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

*Welcome with Christ’s Peace

*Hymn No. 616

Our God is an Awesome God

AWESOME GOD

***Our God is an awesome God who reigns from above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!***

*Hymn No. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

***Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.***

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Children's Moment

Chris Schukei

Prayer for Illumination

**God of truth, as we hear your word in our midst,
inspire us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your son. Amen.**

First Reading – 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *How Can I Keep from Singing* Robert Lowry
 Celebrate Band

Meditation *The Lord Looks on the Heart* Rev. Charles M. Webster

Baptism

Presentation

Receiving the sacrament of baptism is Greyson Lloyd Miller, born February 5th, 2015, and son of Justin and Nikki Miller.

*Profession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

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 on 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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

*Hymn No. 701 *Lord, Prepare Me* SANCTUARY
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Prayers of the People

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

*Hymn No. 647 *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Charge and Blessing

*Hymn No. 542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again GOD BE WITH YOU
***God be with you till we meet again; loving
counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care
enfold you: God be with you
till we meet again***

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is given in memory of Frank W. Northrop by the Northrop family.

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 loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. Christian Walter.

Ushers: Susie Graham, George Howard, captain, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald

The Presbyterian Women will be attending the Churchwide Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota from the 18th to the 21st this week. This event is held once every three years and is an opportunity for Presbyterian women from around the world 'to gather for worship, education, community-building, fun and renewal'¹. This year's theme is "One Body, One Spirit" with all exploring 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. Let's wish them a joyous experience and safe travels!

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pwgathering/about-gathering/>

This Week ----- June 15-20

Monday, June 15	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Church Nominating Committee – Kessler Room
Tuesday, June 16	1:00	Quilters
	6:45	Deacon's Meeting – Anderson Conference Room
Wednesday, June 17	12:00	Summer Book Club – Parlor
Thursday, June 18	7:00	Session Meeting – Anderson Conference Room
Friday, June 19		