

*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  
Lay Reader: Jim Boeve  
Organist: Ashley Ehrich  
August 2, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

**The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Today’s Old Testament reading continues the story of David and Bathsheba. We move on to the scene where the prophet Nathan exposes David’s guilt in the affair. This is the second time Nathan comes to David (see *2 Samuel 7: 1-14a*). Nathan will appear again after the death of David taking the side of Solomon against Adonijah (*1 Kings 1:8-38*). - C.M.W.

**GATHERING**

*\*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 from *Psalms 51 (NRSV)*

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness.

**Wash away our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sin.**

Let me hear of joy and gladness, that my shattered being may rejoice.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Spirit from me.

**Give me, O Lord, the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN No. 22 *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *B.C.W.*

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.**

**Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from sin.**

**Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us.**

**Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant a willing spirit to sustain us.**

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

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

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – No. 447

AS-SALAAMU LAKUM

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

\*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of mercy you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

FIRST READING – *2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a*

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – *Ephesians 4:1-16*

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*You Are the Man!*

Rev. Charles M. Webster

## THE EUCHARIST

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

Offertory

*“Softly and Tenderly”*

Douglas E. Wagner

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

\*HYMN No. 530

*One Bread, One Body*

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

## 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please partake of the bread and cup when you are served.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## SENDING

\*HYMN No. 435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

BABILONE

## \*A FRANCISCAN BLESSING

May God bless us with *discomfort* at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

**May God bless us with *anger* at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.**

May God bless us with *tears* to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

**May God bless us with enough *foolishness* to believe that we can make a difference  
in this world; so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.**

And the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and all you love and pray for this day, and forever more. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

*"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*

Emma Lou Diemer

## Announcements:

**The radio broadcast** is provided by JoAnn and Les Seiler.

**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** are in memory of Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

**Ushers:** Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein, captain, Chuck Shoemaker, Paul Nuss

**Greeters:** Nancy Grams

**Acolytes:** Campbell Schukei

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan

**In the Hospital:** Del Swingle, Peter Lainson, Diana Traphagan

Today's single red rose is for the birth of a daughter, Anah, to Zach and Becky Spurgeon, born July 29th.

### **THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION'S EARLY-STAGE SUPPORT GROUPS**

If you or a loved one have been recently diagnosed with a form of dementia, please participate in these free sessions led by local professionals. This is the first support group of its kind in Central Nebraska.

**LOCATION:** May Lanning Hospital in Hastings, NE

**DATES:** Bi-monthly from August 11, 2015 thru November 17, 2015

**TIME:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** For more information and/or to register, please contact Diane at 402.502.4301 or [dhendricks@alz.org](mailto:dhendricks@alz.org). Additional information may also be found on the bulletin board by the church office.

### **This Week ----- August 3 – August 8**

Monday, August 3	11:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Memorial Committee Meeting in Kessler 5:30 Foundation Meeting in Kessler
Tuesday, August 4	1:00 Quilters
Wednesday, August 5	5:30 Worship, Arts & Music Committee Meeting in Anderson Conference

**Next Sunday, August 9<sup>nd</sup>,**  
***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
**Scripture:** *2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33*  
**Sermon:** *O Absalom, My Son, My Son!*