

*First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor
Interim Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin R. Koozer
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Soloist: Linda Johnson
Lay Reader: Karen Doerr

September 13, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The gospel for the day offers two stories of what it means to be lost and what it means to find. It is a gospel of profound love and unbridled celebration.” – C.M.W.

GATHERING

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

VOLUNTARY *“I Was There to Hear Your Boming Cry”* Robert A. Hobby
(The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of angels.

Let us worship God.

***HYMN No. 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Searching God, You come for us like a shepherd searching for lost sheep. We hide and we run, sometimes knowing we have strayed, other times unaware. Regardless, with love and compassion and mercy you come after us. We confess our sin with hope that you might find us again, wipe away our sin, and return us to your fold. We pray in the name of the Good Shepherd, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(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. 482 (stanza 3)

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

*The congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward
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.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon
your Church: as we hear your word today, grant that we may be
fervent in the fellowship of the gospel, and we may be found
steadfast in faith and active in your service. Amen.**

FIRST READING – *Psalm 19*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN No. 802 (stanzas 1-3) “*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*”

ST. COLUMBA

*GOSPEL READING – *Luke 15:1-10*

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The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you O Christ.

*HYMN No. 802 (stanzas 4-6) “*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*”

ST. COLUMBA

SERMON

The Hound of Heaven....
Rev. Charles M. Webster

SOLO

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
(text found in *Glory to God*, No. 833)

Albert Peace

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Receiving the sacrament of baptism is Charlie Sue Stout, born July 20, 2015, and daughter of Lindsey (Griepenstroh) and Ethan Stout.

***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. 488**

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

WATERLIFE

THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS – Pastor Nominating Committee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Offertory *“Brother James Air” (23rd Psalm)* JLM Bain/arr. James Gibson

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***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 sins, as we forgive

those who sin against us; 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. 649

SENDING
Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Luke 4:18-19

*IROQUOIS CHANT

*When you were born you cried and the world rejoiced
Live your life so when you die the world cries and you rejoice*

*POSTLUDE

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Diane Bish

Next Sunday, September 20th
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: Mark 14:22-25
Sermon: The Dynamics of Christian Worship

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is given today by Mrs. Marilyn McIntire in loving memory of her husband, Bob.

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 given in loving memory of Grandpa Doc McIntire by his grandchildren.

Ushers: LaVern Franzen, Chuck Hastings, captain, Jim Hoffman, Mike Hogan, Monte Malouf, Doug Soderquist, Roger Sunderman, Steve Wolford

Greeters: Connie Hansen, Anne Halbert

Acolytes: Michael Boeve, Eric Brader

Nursery: Carol Grummert

In the Hospital: Dale Grams, Renee Thomsen (Houston, TX)

This Week ----- September 14 – 19

Monday, Sept. 14 11:15 Staff Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 15 1:00 Quilters
 6:45 Deacons Meeting in Anderson Conference Room

Wednesday, Sept. 16 7:00 Breakfast Bible Study in the Parlor
 9:30 PW Circle 1 & 2 meetings
 1:15 PW Circle 3 meeting
 4:00 Wednesday Night Live

Thursday, Sept. 17 7:00 Session Meeting in Anderson Conference Room

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