

*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
Interim Chancel Bell Choir Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Lay Reader: Mary Olsen

**September 20, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God’s claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God’s service in the world.”– from *The Dynamics of Christian Worship, Directory for Worship*, W-1.001
- C.M.W.

GATHERING

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

VOLUNTARY

“Consecration”

Larry Dalton

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 47:1-2; 92:1-4; 33:1; 34:3

Clap your hands, all you people; raise a joyful shout to God.

For the Most High is awesome and king over all the earth.

How good it is to give thanks, to sing in honor of the most high God;

to proclaim his constant love every morning and his

faithfulness every night;

to make music with stringed instruments and melodies on the organ;

for the mighty deeds of the Lord make us glad; because of what

God has done we sing with joy.

Sing out your joy to your Creator, O people of God!

Praise is fitting, for our lives have been blessed by grace!

Magnify the Lord with me;

Let us exalt God’s name together.

*HYMN No. 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT’S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

BCW

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(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.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

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

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

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

Lord God, as your word shapes and forms us today, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING – *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN No. 689

When the Morning Stars Together

WEISSE FLAGGEN

GOSPEL READING – *Mark 14:22-25*

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The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you O Christ.

SERMON

The Dynamics of Christian Worship

Rev. Charles M. Webster

THE RESPONSE

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH MUSICIANS

(please see bulletin insert)

ANTHEM

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

SINE NOMINE

Chancel Choir

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Offertory

“Grazioso”

Arnold B. Sherman

Chancel Bell Choir

*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.

SENDING

*HYMN No. 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Great is the Lord”

Phillip Keveren

Next Sunday, September 27th
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: 2 Corinthians: 8-9
Sermon: Thanks be to God!

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by Clyde and Katherine Sachtleben, Tom and Camille Sachtleben and family, and Kay and Kevin Chang and family. The service is broadcast over KICS 1550 AM.

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 Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Geyerman.

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

Greeters: Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz

Acolytes: Grace Canady, Lyndie Eddleman

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff

In the Hospital: Bernie Tushaus, Renee Thomsen (Houston, TX)

A single red rose is to welcome James Owen, son of Kevin Ellerbee and Myste Shryack, born September 11, 2015. Proud grandparents are Linda and Richard Johnson.

This Week ----- September 21 – 26

Monday, Sept. 21 11:15 Staff Meeting
 5:30 CNC Meeting Kessler Room

Tuesday, Sept. 22 1:00 Quilters
 7:00 Communications & Technology Committee Meeting Kessler Room

Wednesday, Sept. 23 7:00 Breakfast Bible Study in the Parlor
 4:00 Wednesday Night Live

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