

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor
Interim Director of Chancel/Calvin/Westminster Bells: Dr. Byron Jensen
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Lay Reader: David Fisher

October 18, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Each of today’s scripture lessons emphasizes the desire to encounter God. The passage in *Hebrews* identifies Jesus as the great high priest who sympathizes with humanity and encourages us to approach God’s throne of grace with boldness. In *Mark*, a rich young man seeks out Jesus to learn how to inherit eternal life. And yet, when Jesus encourages him to **go, sell, give, come, and follow**, the man goes away bereft, unwilling to part with his riches.” -- CMW

GATHERING

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

VOLUNTARY

“Bwana Awabariki”
Calvin/Westminster Bells

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:1, 7

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Our ancestors trusted you, and you delivered them;

They cried to you and were saved; they trusted in you, and were not put to shame.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN No. 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! (stanzas 1-4)

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance, through your grace, we are blessed. We try to live in obedience to your commandments, but cling to our goods, and want even more. When called upon to give sacrificially, we go away grieving, for we have many possessions. We are afraid to give them up. O God, forgive our selfish fears. Nothing is impossible with you! Turn our stinginess into generosity, for the sake of our Lord 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. 41 (stanza 5)

LYONS

***Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.***

*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.***

ANTHEM

“Fantasia on Forest Green”

Chancel Bells

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: as we are inspired by your word, grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING – *Hebrews 4:12-16*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING – *Mark 10:17-31*

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The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you O, Christ.

SERMON

Not a Stewardship Sermon
Rev. Charles M. Webster

*HYMN No. 728

The Summons

KELVIN GROVE

THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) update

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

Offertory

“Ach, was soil ich Sunder machen”
BWV 770 Partita VI & VII

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

*RESPONSE No. 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own (stanzas 1,2)

SCHUMANN

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first-fruits give.*

*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. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“O Worship the King “Hanover”

David Cherwien

Next Sunday, October 25th.
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: Mark 10:46-52
Sermon: Time to Shed the Cloak

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is provided by an anonymous donor.

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 Ruth and Hayes M. Fuhr.

Ushers: Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Clyde Sachtleben, Dwayne Strasheim

Greeters: Susie and Kenny Graham

Youth Ushers: Morgan Karloff, Sam Reimer

Acolytes: Hannah Hafer, Justin Musgrave

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff

Help us celebrate Fair Trade month – October. **Hands Around the World** store is open every Sunday 9 a.m. – 12 noon. A new shipment of fresh coffee, cocoa, and spices, has just arrived. Get started on your Christmas shopping with hand made unique gifts from around the world. Your third world purchase dollars are the perfect way to participate in the mission work of First Presbyterian Church.

This Week ----- October 19 - 24

Mon, Oct. 19	11:15	Staff Meeting
Tues, Oct. 20	9:00	Home Page Assembly
	1:00	Quilters
	6:45	Deacon's Meeting in Anderson
Wed, Oct. 21	7:00	Breakfast Bible Study
	9:00	Circle 1 in Parlor
	9:00	Circle 2 at May Wierenga's
	1:15	Circle 3 in Fellowship Hall
	4:00	Wednesday Night Live
Thurs, Oct. 22	7:00	Session Meeting in Anderson
Sat, Oct. 24	9:00	Presbytery Meeting FPC Kearney

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