

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor
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Director of Westminster/Chancel Choirs: Linda Johnson
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Lay Reader: Lily Kingsley

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

“In recent weeks, we have journeyed through Mark and seen the rich young man walk away from Jesus, and Jesus’ disciples bicker about who will sit closest to Jesus in heaven. In today’s gospel reading there is irony as a blind man shows true perception by calling out loudly and casting himself on Jesus’ mercy for healing. The reading from Hebrews also has an emphasis on God’s mercy. In the Hebrews text we are offered encouragement in our struggles with the words that Jesus always lives to make intercession for us.” –C.M.W.

GATHERING

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

VOLUNTARY *Prelude on “Slane”* **Gordon Young**
(The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God: a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 34*

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.

When I sought you, O God, you answered me. You delivered me from all my fears.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in the Lord, our God.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN No. 624 (stanzas 1-4) *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who appointed Christ our high priest, may he intercede for us as we confess our sin. We are lame when we do not walk by faith. We are blind when we do not seek your truth. We crave self-fulfillment, rather than your righteousness. We are in bondage to ourselves. Through Christ, release us from our captivity, and in him forgive us.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – No. 624 (stanza 5)

TOULON

*Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

*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

“What You Have Done for Me”
The Calvin, Westminster, and Chancel Choirs

Tony Alonso

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, our light and our salvation: illuminate these words and illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the
likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING – *Hebrews 7:23-28*

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The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN No. 450 (stanzas 1&2)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*GOSPEL READING – *Mark 10:46-52*

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The Gospel of the Lord
Praise be to you O, Christ.

*HYMN No. 450 (stanzas 3&4)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

SERMON

Time to Shed the Cloak
Rev. Charles M. Webster

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The 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.***

THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

MINUTE FOR MISSION, Worship, Arts, & Music Committee

Mary Olsen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Offertory

“Ein feste Burg ist unser”

BWV 720 J.S. Bach

***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'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. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is our God”

Diane Bish

Next Sunday, November 1st.

All Saints Day

Scripture: *John 11:32-44*

Sermon: All Saints

Holy Communion

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 Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Clarke.

Greeters: Karla and Monte Malouf

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

Youth Ushers: Lily Kingsley, Nyanhial Duang

Acolytes: Hannah Hafer, Tanner Bauer

Nursery: Maggie, Lucy and Erika Nielsen

New members (and inquirers) class will be held Nov 1, 9:15-10:15, and 11:30-3:00. Lunch is included and free childcare is available upon request. Please call the church office to RSVP.

November 1: Special Communion Class for 1st-5th Graders and Parents during Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary with Pastor Charlie.

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 handmade 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.

Join us Sunday, November 15th for our annual Harvest Meal. Daveta's selling tickets: Adults \$10, Kids 6-12 \$7.

Daylight Saving time ends Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 am. Remember to turn your clock(s) back 1 hour.

This Week ----- October 26 – 31

Mon, Oct. 26	11:15	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Foundation Meeting in Kessler
Tues, Oct. 27	9:00	Home Page Assembly
	1:00	Quilters
	7:00	Go & Serve Meeting in Anderson Conference
Wed, Oct. 28	7:00	Breakfast Bible Study in Parlor
	4:00	Wednesday Night Live
Thurs, Oct. 29	7:00	<i>Get the Scoop!</i> Ice cream, movie, & discussion with Kili in Parlor
	7:00	Insurance Meeting in Anderson Conference

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