

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lee Wigert
Assisting: Chris Schukei
Soloist: Dr. Robin Koozer
Pianist: Hannah Jensen
Lay Reader: Chris Schukei

**January 3, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

GATHERING

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

VOLUNTARY

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

*HYMN No. 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

KYRIE - HYMN No. 578

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN No. 132, verse 3**

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We are hungry, Lord, for truth, for justice, for love. Nourish us this day with better food than we could ever purchase, engineer or manufacture: your Word, your love, your Spirit, your daily bread for our life's journey. In the company of Jesus Christ, our Lord, amen.

FIRST READING - *Psalm 121*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – *Ephesians 4:31-32*

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ANTHEM

“God of Compassion, In This Year Befriend Us”

Paris Antiphoner/Koozer

GOSPEL READING – *Matthew 18:15-20*

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The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Finding Peace in Forgiveness”

Rev. Dr. Lee Wigert

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

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*HYMN No. 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

THE EUCHARIST

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Offertory

*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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them 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 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN No. 516

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Next Sunday, January 10, 2016

8:30 Celebrate Service

10:30 Traditional Service

Bryce Wiebe, Guest Speaker (for both services)

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is given by JoAnn and Less Seiler.

Today's service may be seen on Channel 181 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and 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.

Flowers are in memory of Dr. Robert Butz.

Greeters: Susan and Neal Hoff

Ushers: Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Gaylon Hermann, Jeff Hermann, Jessica Meeske, Al Meyer, captain, Todd Pankratz, Ken Stein

Youth Ushers: Jennifer Boeve, Josh Brooks

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Chase Johnson

Welcome, Don Canady! Don will serve as our temporary supply pastor from Jan 4 until the time our new pastor is called.

Wednesday morning Bible Study resumes this week.

Wednesday Night Live resumes this week. Theme: Birthday Celebration

Welcome back, Bryce Wiebe! Bryce will be speaking at 8:30 and 10:30 services next Sunday, January 10.

Also, on Sunday, January 10th in Fellowship Hall at 9:15 and 3:00, Bryce will lead **important conversations focused on healing and moving forward**. These are "can't miss" events in the life of our church! Please come!

2016 Member Directory: Is your contact information correctly listed in the current directory? If not, call the church office or email Tarci (tarci@fpchastings.org) so that the 2016 directory is correct. Thanks!

Adult Field Trip Fun! Ride in the church van to the Harvard UCC church to hear from Presbyterian missionaries about God's work being done in Moscow! Tuesday, January 5, Harvard UCC Church, Supper provided. Meet in the church parking lot at 4:20. Contact Kili to RSVP

This Week --- January 3 – January 9

Mon, Jan 4	11:15 Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office 12:00 Memorial Committee Meeting in Kessler
Tues, Jan 5	5:30 Worship, Arts & Music Meeting in Anderson Conference
Weds, Jan 6	7:00 Bible Study (resumes) in Parlor 4:00 Wednesday Night Live (resumes)
Thurs, Jan 7	7:00 Special Session Meeting in Anderson Conference
Sat, Jan 9	9:00 Taking Down the Greens

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