

*First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Guest Speaker: Bryce Wiebe
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Lay Reader: Kili Wenburg

**January 10, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

GATHERING

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

VOLUNTARY

God of Grace

Paul Manz

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arise, O people of God and come!

The goodness of God overwhelms our reluctance.

Walk in the light of the God who provides, who protects and who sustains.

We come together in joy and thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN No. 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sustaining God, you have provided a world where there is enough for everyone. We have taken more than we require, while others have gone without. We have not trusted your abundance and found it difficult to share what we’ve received. We have focused on what we do not have, and forgotten those who have even less. Forgive us, God of Grace, and send to us your Holy Spirit, that we may be inspired, equipped, and connected anew. May we employ our hands, our hearts and our voices in the work of your justice and peace. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

KYRIE - HYMN No. 578

“O Lord, Have Mercy”

RE PORIAJU VEREKO

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Have you heard the Good News? The One who has been given the power to condemn, has chosen, instead, to redeem and forgive! In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that you are forgiven.

You, too, are forgiven.

Praise God for Christ's life-giving Love!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN No. 1, verse 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

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

Oh, come, little children, oh come, one and all

To Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall.

And see with rejoicing this glorious sight,

Our Father in heaven has sent us this night.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING –James 1:17-18

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Becky Slagle May

“Where there is charity, there is God.”

GOSPEL READING –Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“A Gift from Above”

Bryce Wiebe

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

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*HYMN No. 353

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING *(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund.)*
Offertory *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* DAVID CHERWIEN

*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

SENDING

*HYMN No. 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Sent Forth by God's Blessings* DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

**Next Sunday, January 17, 2016
10:30 Traditional Service
Pastor Don Canady**

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is given by the Payne family in loving memory of Rev. Willard Payne.

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 given today in honor of the congregation by the Church.

Greeters: Ira and May Wierenga

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

Youth Ushers: Arich Fruehling, Lauren Canady

Acolytes: Hannah Hafer, Nyaguor Duang

Nursery: Carol Grummert

In the Hospital: Jean Boeve, Gladys Kuehn

Please excuse the typo in last week's bulletin, Mr. Les Seiler.

At 3:00 today, **Bryce Wiebe will facilitate a congregational conversation** focused on healing and moving forward. Childcare and refreshments will be provided. Everyone's voice is needed!

Red Cross Blood Drive will be in Fellowship Hall tomorrow from 12 noon to 6pm. Donors are needed. For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or ericalynn128@gmail.com.

Welcome, Don Canady!

Don has begun his work with us as our temporary supply pastor and will serve until the time our new pastor is called. He will be regularly leading worship beginning next Sunday, January 17, 2016.

Youth Triennium: July 19 - July 23 on the campus of Purdue University. Youth entering high school through graduated seniors are eligible to attend. Deposit and Registration are due in the office by January 20. Contact Stephanie for more information.

This Week --- January 10 – January 16

Mon, Jan 11 11:15 Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
 12-6 Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall – Donors Needed.

Tues, Jan 12 5:30 Trustee Meeting in Anderson Conference
 5:30 Congregational Life Committee Meeting
 5:30 Global Mission Committee Meeting
 7:00 Christian Education Committee Meeting

Weds, Jan 13 7:00 Bible Study in Parlor
 4:00 Wednesday Night Live

Thurs, Jan 14 7:00 Taize Worship Service in the Chapel

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