

# *First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church  
Members of the Congregation, Ministers  
Pastor: Don Canady  
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer  
Chancel Bells Choir Director: Dr. Byron Jensen  
Pianist: Mary Plock

**January 17, 2016, 10:30 a.m.**

## **GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE *The Storm is Passing Over* arr. Barbara W. Baker

The rhythm and harmony of this morning's prelude uplifts my heart and the lyrics inspire courage. As Kili Wenburg reminded us in Thursday night's Taize service, it takes courage to hope. Hum the tune if you know it or sing the words, but please accept this prayer for faith to heal and courage to hope.

*Have courage my soul and let us journey on, though the night is dark, and I am far from home. Thanks be to God the morning light appears. The storm is passing over. The storm is passing over. The storm is passing over.*

*Hallelujah!*

(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

***your steadfast love finds us.***

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

***your steadfast righteousness sustains us.***

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

***your steadfast presence gives us hope.***

No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

***you hear our cries and answer our prayers.***

***Thanks be to God!***

\*HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

No. 612

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Lord, we need a miracle today. We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference. We need a miracle today, Lord. Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain, will not be moved. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out. Lord, crown us with your love. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Lord, we need a miracle today. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**God has heard our confessions and by God's grace we are forgiven to honor and glorify God.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

HYMN, verse 1

*Glory to God*

No. 582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

\*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

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

***Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.***

## **THE WORD**

ANTHEM

*The Lord is My Shepherd*  
Chancel Choir

Thomas Matthews

## **RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEES**

Dianne Christensen  
Paula Crozier  
Kathy Utter

## **ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS**

### **Elders**

Sharon Brooks  
Karen Doerr  
Kay Georgiana  
Harold Korb  
Kraig Lofquist

### **Deacons**

Kim Creech  
Jeanne Hastings  
Jeff Howard  
Scott Kummer  
Katherine Sachtleben

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, you have so made us that we cannot live by bread alone,  
***but by every word that proceeds from your mouth.***

Give us a hunger for your Word,

***and in that food, satisfy our daily need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Gallons of Grace”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We affirm God whose word and presence flows through our lives. They give us life, refresh us, and carry us on our journey through life. It is through Jesus Christ that we have been able to perceive God’s love overflowing for all humanity. We thank God that during troubled times God’s Holy Spirit has carried us over and through. We are able to endure through a loving mercy that always helps us move forward.**

\*HYMN

“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

No. 395

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 Shall We Gather at the River arr. Jason Krug

\*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

“Amazing Grace”

No. 649

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

**Next Sunday, January 24, 2016  
10:30 Traditional Service  
Pastor Don Canady**

## Announcements:

**The radio broadcast** is given by family and friends in loving memory of Atha Borley.

**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 Mr. and Mrs. George Payne.

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

**Youth Ushers:** Noble Henderson, Sydney Kerr

**Acolytes:** Claire Schwarz, Tanner Bauer

**Nursery:** Leah Ratzlaff

**In the Hospital:** Jean Boeve, Roderick Waltemath

**In Memory of Gladys Kuehn, 10/27/1920 – 01/12/2016.** Pastor Don Canady and Reverend Bill Nottage-Tacey will officiate the funeral held Tuesday, January 19 at 11:00 in Fellowship Hall. A luncheon will follow.

**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 January 20. Contact Stephanie Brader for more information.

**Financial Peace University** to begin February 23. Tuesday nights (except committee meeting nights), 6:00-7:30 p.m. \$110/Family covers classes, materials, lifetime membership, and childcare. Class preview available Sunday mornings: Feb 7 and 14.

**New Friday Noon Women's Group: "Soup Group"** begins February 12. Every other Friday, noon - 1:00, includes soup lunch. Discussing the book "The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brene Brown. RSVP to Kili.

Stay up to date! Join our **"Learn, Grow, Serve" email list** to receive weekly reminders about church and community opportunities and events. Contact Kili to sign up.

**Looking for a microwave.** Church staff would welcome a donation of a gently used microwave for use in the common office area.

### **This Week --- January 18- January 23**

**Mon, Jan 18** 10:00 Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office

**Tues, Jan 19** 11:00 Gladys Kuehn's Funeral, luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall  
6:45 Deacons Meeting in Anderson Conference

**Weds, Jan 20** 7:00 Bible Study in Parlor  
9:30 Circle I Meeting in the Parlor  
9:30 Circle II Meeting in Rogene Wenburg's home  
1:15 Circle III Meeting in Fellowship Hall  
4:00 Wednesday Night Live

**Thurs, Jan 21** 7:00 Session Meeting in Anderson Conference

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