

*First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Pastor: Don Canady
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Accompanist: Mary Plock
Organist: Ashley Ehrich

January 24, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE *All Nature Sings* Alfred V. Fedak
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

INTROIT “How Majestic Is Your Name” Michael W. Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The doors of this church are closed to no one for welcome and acceptance and understanding are the ways of our faith community.

We come together as open-hearted worshipers who gather to praise God.

The purpose of our common mission is to heal lives that are broken, for there are many whose sense of peace has been shattered to pieces by oppression or grief.

We come together as whole-hearted disciples who gather to serve in Christ’s name.

The goal of our ministry is to thaw any coldness of spirit, for faith is a fire that kindles us to act with caring conviction.

We come together as warm-hearted people who gather to proclaim and to practice a spirited love

To the God we praise, serve and love, we offer heartfelt thanks.

*HYMN “Gather Us In” No. 401

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating and uniting God, you have drawn us together into this church; you have granted us keen perceptions of needs to address; you have redeemed and renewed us; you have set us apart to do your will in the world. Thank you.

Thank you for transforming strangers into friends, for giving us one another as trusted co-workers within the faith community.

Thank you for teaching us values that seem strange in the context of our culture, for reminding us through scripture and experience of love’s awesome power.

Whenever we gather, we feel gratitude for the opportunity to share ministry and to express our faith through word and deed. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Whenever we are insecure in our faith, whenever we fall into spiritual neglect or disrepair, God reaches out to steady us and to embrace us with sure and complete forgiveness.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

HYMN, verse 1 *Gather Us In* No. 401
Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all creation, send your Holy Spirit among us this day, that the seed of your Word might take root in our hearts, and bear the fruits of peace, love, and justice for all. Amen.

EPISTLE READING-1 *Corinthians 12:12-13,27-31*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise
Calvin/Westminster Choir

Natalie Sleeth

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:14-21

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Good News to the Poor”

*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

“I’m Gonna Sing”

No. 700

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

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Douglas E. Wagner

*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 DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN

“Open My Eyes”

No. 451

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Grant Us Peace

Michael Scott

*POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Diane Bish

**Next Sunday, January 31, 2016
10:30 Traditional Service
Pastor Don Canady**

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is in loving memory of Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson family.

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 Dale Grams by Kenton and Bonnie Grams and family.

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

Greeters: Lynne Friedewald and Chuck Shoemaker

Youth Ushers: Maggie Nielsen, Thomas Kerr

Acolytes: Maddy Johnson, Shannon Canady

Nursery: Maggie, Lucy, Erika Nielsen

In the Hospital: Jean Boeve

In Memory of Dale LaVerne Grams, August 18, 1917 – January 17, 2016. Visitation was Thursday, Jan. 21; Services were Friday, Jan. 22. Burial with military rites by North Platte Honor Guard will be Monday, January 25, 2016 @ 2:00 P.M. in Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, Nebraska. Memorials may be given to the family.

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 Brenne Brown. RSVP to Kili.

Mark your calendars! March 19, **Go & Serve Youth Craft/Vendor Sale** in the church annex gym. Sign-up forms for space rental are available on the glass shelves by the office door, due by Feb. 1. Contact Stephanie Brader with questions.

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.

The Lost and Found Box is full! Located next to the soda machine between Fellowship Hall and the Chapel, please check to retrieve items before they are donated.

If you or someone you know would like **a ride to church on Sunday** from one of our church Deacons, please contact the office during regular hours, or during the month of January Mark Hemje at 402-469-2991.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 31 following 10:30 traditional worship service. Soup lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall.

This Week --- January 25– January 30

Mon, Jan 25 10:00 Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
 5:30 Foundation Meeting

Weds, Jan 27 7:00 Bible Study in Parlor
 4:00 Wednesday Night Live

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