

# **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  
Organist: Ashley Ehrich  
Bass Soloist: Nathan Jensen

**February 28, 2016, 10:30 a.m.**  
**GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE   “Jesu, meines Lebens Leben”   Flor Peeters  
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

By the grace of God, there is a variety of things we might do with our day.

***We give thanks to the God who provides us with choices.***

By the grace of God, there are means available to improve our minds, ways to better relationships with others, opportunities to leave the past behind and to live fully in the present.

***We give thanks to the God who opens doors to changes.***

By the grace of God, there are mysteries of struggle that can help us to understand, avenues of service that beckon us to accomplish what is difficult, leaps of faith that need to be made.

***We give thanks to the God who presents us with spiritual challenges.***

***We worship together in a family that welcomes choice, and change and challenge.***

**\*HYMN**   “We Praise You, O God”   No. 612

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We come to You now to open our hearts to You. We are in search of forgiveness, for we have sinned. We have too many times tried to live life by our own rules and not followed You. We have just been plain stubborn and wanted our own way. We have not been generous with our hearts, our money, or our time. We are sorry. Please forgive us. Holy Spirit, change us. Turn us in a new***

***direction. Cause us to share with others what You have so graciously given to us. Fill us with your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN'***

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of God's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

***In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.***

#### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"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. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.***

#### \*PEACE OF CHRIST

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

#### A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

*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

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Anah Bernice Spurgeon  
Daughter of  
Zach and Becky Spurgeon

#### ANTHEM

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. AMEN***

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-13

Eleanor Oliver

#### GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9

Eleanor Oliver

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### HYMN

"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"

No. 418

MESSAGE

“Return to God”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***The Lord God, blesses us each day with a creative presence which makes new people of us. Recognizing God’s Spirit within us we are able to live productive and meaningful lives. Our emptiness is filled with God’s Spirit; our despair is soothed; we are challenged to move beyond vain pursuits and to follow in the way of the cross; our demand of exploring our selfish ways is forgiven and we are given hope and promise for a new day. Praise be to God.***

**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.***

MINUTES FOR MISSION

Jill McMahon/Kili Wenburg

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Softly and Tenderly”

Douglas E. Wagner

\*DOXOLOGY

***Melody to “All Creatures of our God and King”  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING**

\*HYMN

“Remember Not, O God”

No. 430

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

“Be Still, My Soul”

Robert A. Hobby

Next Sunday, March 6, 2016

10:30 Worship

Pastor Don Canady

Announcements:

**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 Mrs. Besse Byrne Foote and Mrs. Gwendolyn Foote Beck given by Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Foote.

**Ushers:** Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein, captain, Chuck Shoemaker

**Greeters:** Paul & Belinda Nuss

**Youth Ushers:** Lucy Nielsen, Nyanhial Duang

**Acolytes:** Alex Ferguson, Tethloach Duang

**Nursery:** Maggie, Lucy, Erika Nielsen

**Congratulations** to grandparents Susan & Neal Hoff, and parents Sarah & Nicholas Hoff of Los Angeles, CA, for the birth of Neal Henry Hoff, born February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Prefer a **printed copy of the Home Page**? Please call the church office if you desire to continue to receive the Home Page by mail or to provide an email address if you do not already receive the Home Page digitally.

**2016 Directory** is now available. Pick up your copy in the Memorial Room today.

The list of **March birthdays and anniversaries** are also available in the Memorial Room today.

**Stamps for Missions** has concluded. No further stamp donations will be collected. Thank you to all who donated in the past.

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> **PW members** will be attending **Sermons a La Carte** at St. Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral. Meet in our church parking lot at 11:45 to walk to St. Mark's, or if you would rather, you can meet the group at St. Mark's for the service at 12:05. Lunch will follow the service. The cost is \$3.00. (Executive team members will meet at 11:00 in the church library before going to the service.)

First Presbyterian Church Hastings will be hosting **World Day of Prayer** this year. Coffee is at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall; WDP event starts at 10:00 in the Sanctuary.

**This Week --- February 29 - March 5, 2016**

<b>Mon, Feb 29</b>	<b>10:00a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
<b>Tues, Mar 1</b>	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>WAM Meeting</b> in Anderson
	<b>6:00p.m.</b>	<b>P.E.O. Meeting</b> (Ch FH)
	<b>6:00p.m.</b>	<b>Financial Peace class</b>
<b>Weds, Mar 2</b>	<b>7:00a.m.</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> in Parlor
	<b>11:45a.m.</b>	<b>PW to Sermons a La carte</b> , meet in FPC parking lot
	<b>4:00p.m.</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Live</b>
<b>Fri, Mar 4</b>	<b>9:30a.m.</b>	<b>Coffee</b> in Fellowship Hall
	<b>10:00a.m.</b>	<b>World Day of Prayer</b> in Sanctuary
	<b>12:00p.m.</b>	<b>Soup Group</b> in Fellowship Hall