

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Congregation

Pastor: Don Canady

Organist: Ashley Ehrich

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

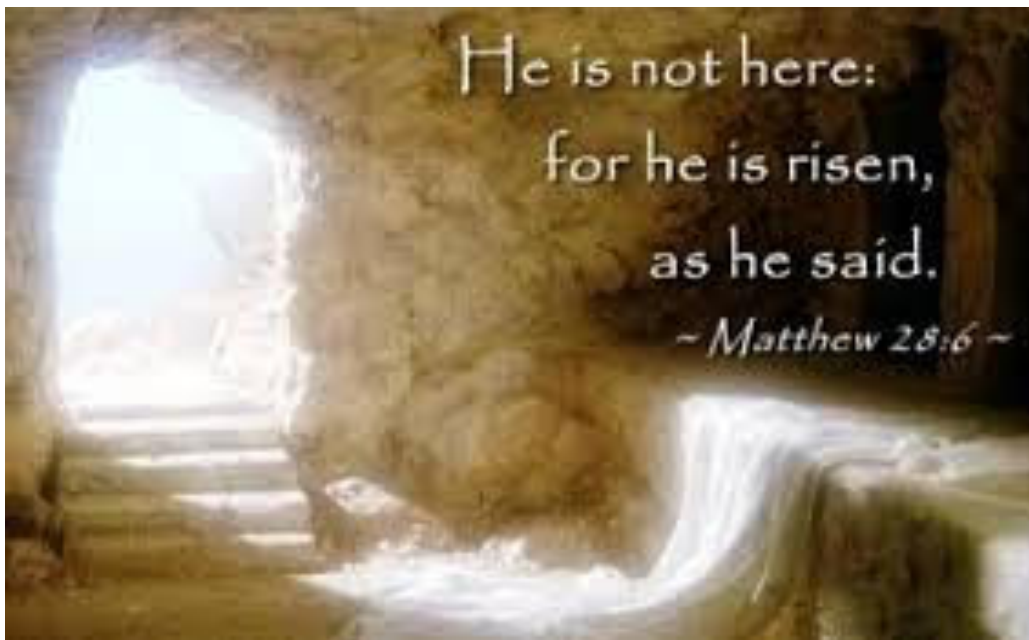
Piano: Mary Plock

Trumpet: Josh Brooks, Lilly Kingsley, & Michael Hull

Liturgist: Andy Barrows

March 27, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY



GATHERING

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

PRELUDE "Hail Thee, Festival Day" Michael Burkhardt
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This day we look upon the cross that held no hope and heralded no future, and we see it as the sign of power and promise.

Christ is risen! Our Savior lives!

This day cannot contain our joy, for the tomb could not contain the One who is our Savior.

Christ is risen! Our Savior lives!

This day the loud hosannas of welcome become alleluias of praise to a living Savior.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

INTROIT

“This Is a Time To Sing”
Chancel Choir/Piano

Mary McDonald

*HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

No. 232

*PRAYER

We give thanks, O God, for this day of resurrection, this time of joy, this celebration of your loving power. Christ is risen! The tomb of death could not contain the Redeemer of life. We sense with our spirits that Easter is an opening day for faith. The burdens that seemed immovable are pushed aside. The anxieties and animosities sealed within us are released. The impossibilities that constrain our imaginations and actions are transformed. With the resurrection of Jesus, faith becomes the way of life. AMEN

*SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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.***

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. AMEN.

World without end, without end. AMEN.

World without end, without end. AMEN.

World without end, without end. AMEN.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. AMEN.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

The congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward

***Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee,
saying, “Let them come to me.”***

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

THE WORD

ANTHEM

“Easter Alleluia” Chancel Choir/Trumpets
Mary Kay Beal & Benjamin Harlan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

FIRST READING-Acts 10:34-43

SECOND READING-1 Corinthians 15:19-28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING-John 20:1-18

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

“Christ Is Alive!”

No. 246

MESSAGE

“While It Was Still Dark”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus to reconcile and to make all things new. We trust God, who calls us to be the church; to love and serve others, to seek justice and to resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified, dead and risen; our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us; we are not alone. Thanks 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.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

Wilbur Held

*DOXOLOGY

(To the tune of “All Creatures of Our God and King”) No. 15

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

Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

No. 240

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Postlude on “Lancashire”

Jason D. Payne

At the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), the Session is calling a **special congregational meeting for April 3** following worship to vote on the candidacy of Rev. Nathan Loudon. After months of work, the PNC is recommending Nathan to be the next Pastor at First Presbyterian Church.

Next Sunday, April 3, 2016

10:30 Worship

Rev. Nathan Loudon

EASTER LILIES

In Memory Of:

Gene and Shirley Aabel
Marvin and Marie Bartling
Liz Behrens and Ardyce Bohlke
Jean Boeve
Ardyce Bohlke
Brandon Brader
Dale and Dorothy Brader
Clyde and Grace Canady
Bill and Ilene Carter
B.T. and Fredsica Christensen
Lyle Davis

Rev. Edwin and Ruth Eiben
Bob Foote
Alfred and Dorothy Friedewald
My Father, Earl H. Geli
Dale and Luella Grams
Nicole Jensen

Bob Kingsley
Hal Lainson
Loved Ones
Walter and Lee Meyer
Darrell Nelson
David E. Northrop
Frank W. Northrop

Given By:

Neal and Susan Hoff Family
Richard and Dianne Christensen
Members of the Stephen Ministers
Boeve Family
Jon and Anne Bohlke
Dick and Daveta Brader
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Don and Pam Canady
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Richard and Dianne Christensen
Ken and Bev Stein, Kim and
 Jeremy Borrell, and Justin Stein
Wayne and Elaine Specht
His Family
Shoemaker- Friedewald Family
Pamela Lay
Kenton Grams Family
Byron, Deb, Hannah, and
 Nathan Jensen
Jon and Anne Bohlke
Olsen, Hermes, and Bliss Families
Marilyn Nielsen
Dick and Daveta Brader
Kathleen Nelson and Children
The Northrop Family
The Northrop Family

Jeremy W. Nottage-Tacey

Hubert Payne

Ira and Edna Penny

Clarine Rosberg

Dr. Bob Smith

Ralph and Alma Specht

Willard and Della Stein

Liam Green Tacey

In Honor Of:

First Presbyterian Church Minister
and Staff

Nancy Grams

Gretchen Lainson

Tim Johnson, Rebecca Plambeck and
Sue Nedderman

Shirley Johnston

Sarah, Matthew (Nicole), Nathaniel
and Janeen Nottage-Tacey

William and Janey Nottage-Tacey

Darlene Payne and Family

Shirley Johnston and Family

Boeve Family

Sally Smith and Children

Wayne and Elaine Specht

Ken and Bev Stein, Kim and

Jeremy Borrell, Justin Stein

William and Janey Nottage-Tacey

Given By:

William and Janey Nottage-Tacey

Friends

Olsen, Hermes, and Bliss Families

Anonymous

PW Friend

William and Janey Nottage-Tacey

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is given today by Les and JoAnn 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.

Ushers: LaVern Franzen, Chuck Hastings-Captain, Mike Hogan, Monte Malouf, Doug Soderquist, Roger Sunderman, Steve Wolford

Greeters: (early) Margaret Koontz, Carol Wheeler; (late) Neal & Susan Hoff, Kevin & Chris Junker

Youth Ushers: Maggie Nielsen, Noble Henderson

Acolytes: Chudier Duang, Erika Nielsen

Nursery: Maggie, Lucy, and Erika Nielsen

In the Hospital: Winifred Barrows

Nathan Jensen will present his **junior vocal recital** on Sunday, April 3 at 3:00p.m. in the FPC Sanctuary. Also on the program is **organist, Phillip Clay**, presenting a non-degree recital. Both will greatly appreciate your presence as they share their musical efforts. Thank you.

Quilters meet every Tuesday at 1:00p.m. in the Annex. If you are interested in joining, or have questions, please contact Bev Stein at 402-463-1410.

Indoor walking group meets Mon-Thurs at 8:15a.m. in the Annex gym. Exercise followed by coffee and conversation. Everyone is welcome. Contact Jan Ham with questions.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling the church office or, during the month of March, Deacon Mark Hemje at 402-469-2991.

Wednesday Evening Informal Book Discussion. Come share what you're reading, and learn about what others are finding interesting as well! Church library, 6:45p.m. every Wednesday.

It's time to reel in the fish (banks)!

Bring your fish banks (and other offerings) to church April 3, as the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on that Sunday. *Non-fish bank offerings for the One Great Hour of Sharing can be given using the communion offering envelopes in the pews.*

2016 Directory is available, bound or as an insert. Pick up your copy in the Memorial Room.

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.

Presbyterian Women luncheon is Wednesday, April 6, **11:45am** in Fellowship Hall. Joyce Dean, a certified lay pastor from Beaver City, presents "Good Samaritan", a dramatic program. Circle 1 is scheduled to host; Circle 3 set-up, devotion, etc. Everyone is invited. \$5 donation is requested. Please reserve your spot by calling the office no later than Monday, April 4.

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 9, 8:30a.m-3:00p.m. Registration is \$10 per person (\$3 will be sent to the Presbytery, \$7 will go to PW). Deadline is listed as April 4 but reservations will be accepted through Friday, April 8. Forms and more information are available in the Memorial Room.

Synod School 2016—*Connecting with Jesus in an Over-Connected World.* July 24-29 @ Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.

Looking for a video-recording volunteer...

Kili has received multiple requests that the Forum classes be regularly videotaped. We need a few individuals to take turns making sure the equipment is set up and going during each Forum class (9:15 – 10:15, Sunday mornings). Contact Kili if you can help. Thank you for your consideration!!!

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**2016 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up**



We're getting ready for a great VBS! This year, we are using Concordia Publishing House's *Barnyard Roundup*. VBS children will learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too!

**Our VBS will be held May 23-27, 2:00pm-5:00pm.**

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Sign-up forms are located in the Memorial Room, on the glass shelves near the office door, and online at [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org). Contact Stephanie ([stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org)/402-462-5147) with any questions.

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This Week --- March 28 – April 2, 2016

Mon, Mar 28	Office Closed	
	6:30p.m.	Spring Court of Honor Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Tues, Mar 29	10:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	6:00p.m.	Financial Peace in Memorial Room
Weds, Mar 30	7:00a.m.	Bible Study in Parlor
	4:00p.m.	WNL in Fellowship Hall
	6:45p.m.	Group Book Discussion in Library
Fri, Apr 1	12:00p.m.	Soup Group in Fellowship Hall
Sat. Apr 2	1:30-3:00p.m.	Meet and Greet with Pastor Nathan Loudon in Memorial Room

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