

**First Presbyterian Church  
Hastings, Nebraska  
Women's Sunday**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Ministers: Members of the Church  
Organist, Children's Bells: Ashley Ehrich  
Children's Choir: Teresa & Tim Canady  
Speaker: Joy White  
**April 17, 2016, 10:30 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE "Be Still, My Soul" James Bethel  
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

INTROIT "My Heart Is Ready" Eugene Butler  
Children's Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Medsker-Nedderman  
Remembered for an extravagant act,  
***She is remembered for the beautiful thing she has done—***  
Expensive oil poured upon Jesus' head,  
***Boldly inheriting the act of anointing.***  
Scolded by some, but defended by Jesus:  
***Wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.***

\*HYMN "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" No. 641

CALL TO CONFESSION Sue Medsker-Nedderman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Gracious God, we confess that too often we pass judgment upon others, because their behavior seems excessive and extravagant to us. We neglect to realize that there is no one right way, but there are a diversity of ways to serve you. Forgive us for trying to control the abundant ways that others express their love and service to you. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and sin. Give us the strength, O God, to glorify and enjoy your abundant love.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sue Medsker-Nedderman

Our God forgives us, even when we have been unforgiving of others.

***Our God loves us, even when we are not particularly loving ourselves.***

Our God gives us grace, even though we do not deserve it.

***So let us love one another.***

So let us forgive each other.

***So let us offer grace to one another. AMEN.***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

No. 581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.***

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

Don Canady

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

Don Canady

ANTHEM

“Blessing”

Natalie Sleeth

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

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

***Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.***

***Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.***

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!***

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Avery Ann Piper

Daughter of

Clint and Gina Piper

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jane Marsh

***God of Courage, be in our speaking.***

***Be also in our listening,***

***and speak to our souls' deep understanding.***

***In Christ's name we pray. AMEN.***

FIRST READING – 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Jane Marsh

SECOND READING -- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sarah Wolf

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING -- *Mark 14:3-9*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

Jane Marsh

HYMN "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" No. 23

PSALM 23

MESSAGE "After All, The Lord Is Our Shepherd" Joy White

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Confession of Belhar Sarah Wolf

***We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation to and through Jesus Christ:***

- ***that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;***
- ***that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;***
- ***that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity; and***
- ***that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation; but rather, of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.***

***Therefore, we reject any doctrine which, in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.***

***To the one and only God, be the honor and the glory forever and ever.***

## 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

“Glory to God In the Highest”  
Children’s Bells

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 606

*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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

No. 802

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

May God’s love and grace anoint you.

May God’s blessings be poured upon you.

**Remember God’s beautiful ones,**

Who inherit sacred acts of worship.

**Perform good services, do beautiful things.**

In the name of Christ Jesus. AMEN.

\*POSTLUDE

“In Christ There is No East or West”

Dale Wood

**Next Sunday, April 24, 2016  
8:30 & 10:30 Worship & Confirmation  
Pastor Don Canady**

## **Announcements:**

**The radio broadcast** airs on KICS 1550 A.M. and is given in honor of the Morhart and Kovar children, Judy and Jud (Morhart), Linn and Mary (Kovar).

**Today's service will be broadcast on Channel 181** Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village, today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3** on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**Flowers** are in loving memory of Atha Borley by family and friends.

**Ushers:** Susie Graham, Rogene Wenburg, Lois Hafer, Hannah Hafer, Daveta Brader, Laurie Lofquist, Mary Fisk, Kim Borrell, and Susan Oliver.

**Greeters:** Sally Smith, Erica Brooks, Bonnie Grams

**Youth Ushers:** Erikka Rhodes, Julia Reimer

**Acolytes:** Allie Bauer, Lily Black

**Nursery:** Leah Ratzlaff

**In Loving Memory of Lulu Buhr, 12/05/1928 – 04/12/2016.** Funeral services will be held Monday, April 18 at 10a.m. in the Sanctuary. Lunch in Fellowship Hall will follow the committal service at Parkview Cemetery.

**In Loving Memory of Corrol Roach, 10/10/1945 – 04/13/2016.** Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 20 at 2:30p.m. in the Chapel.

**Condolences to Al and Lee Meyer** for the loss of Lee's brother, Dwight Cude. Prayers for the family.

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

**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.

**2016 Directory** is available, bound or as an insert. Pick up your copy in the Memorial Room or by the mail boxes in the common office area.

First Presbyterian Church is proud to offer two college scholarship opportunities for the **2016-2017** school year! The **Ann Binfield Scholarship and the Chip Essex Memorial Scholarship**. April 30 is the deadline to apply. Applications are available on the church website, in the church office or by emailing [tboeve@hastings.edu](mailto:tboeve@hastings.edu).

**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.

**Soup Group** meets Friday, April 29. A warm and welcoming group offering understanding, encouragement, connection (and SOUP). Noon-1p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Retreat.** A day of practicing WHOLEHEARTED living. Saturday, April 30, 9-5:30p.m. Contact Kili to register by Friday, April 22.

**Presbyterian Women luncheon** in May will not be held. Members are encouraged to attend the **Spring Tea** in Campbell on Thursday, May 5, and/or the Church Women United **May Friendship Salad Luncheon** on Friday, May 6.

Hastings College **Spring Choir Concert** (The College Choir, HC Singers, Men's Choir, and Spectrum) will be performing at the church on Sunday, April 24 @ 6:00p.m. A bake sale will follow!

**Condolences** to Lillian Baumann for the loss of her son, Dr. Walter Baumann.

**Darleen Howard** will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday April 26 (Happy Birthday!) Her family requests a card shower in her honor: 224 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St. #5 (not "apt"), Hastings, NE 68901.

Do you wish to honor or remember a special woman in your life? This can be accomplished by making a donation in her name to the "**Healthy Woman, Healthy Family**" **mission project**. PW will be taking donations on April 24 and May 1 in the Memorial Room. Contributions can also be left in the office throughout the week until Wednesday, May 4. Cards will be available. Honorees will be listed on Mother's Day.

**Hastings Symphony Orchestra (HSO) Nebraska Soundscapes** performs Sunday, April 24, 3:00 pm at the Masonic Center Auditorium. Featuring: A newly commissioned work, "Flyover," created specifically for our 90th season. This piece will be performed while scenic Nebraska photographs taken by Jorn Olsen will be projected in the auditorium. Tickets \$15 adults | \$13 seniors | Students FREE.

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive – Donors Needed**

Red Cross Blood Drive will be in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 26 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Donors are needed! Your contribution makes the difference for a person in need! For more information, or to make an appointment, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or ericalynn128@gmail.com. Thank you for taking the time to give.

This year's **May Friendship Day** celebration, "Finding Grace at the Table", will be held at Grace United Methodist Church (1832 West 9<sup>th</sup> St.) at noon on Friday, May 6 and is sponsored by Church Women United. Hannah Jensen will be providing music, and the group will be honoring outstanding young woman Kris Horton. Tickets are \$5 each and available for sale in the church office.

**Go & Serve Stock Sales**--Stock Sale letters and information were mailed this week. Please contact Stephanie if you did not receive one or need more information.

#### **This Week --- April 18 – April 23, 2016**

<b>Mon, Apr 18</b>	<b>10:00a.m.</b>	<b>Lulu Buhr Funeral</b> , luncheon following burial
<b>Tue, Apr 19</b>	<b>1:00p.m.</b>	<b>Quilters</b> in Annex
	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Congregational Life Meeting</b>
	<b>6:00p.m.</b>	<b>Financial Peace</b> in Memorial Room
	<b>6:45p.m.</b>	<b>Deacons Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference Room
<b>Wed, Apr 20</b>	<b>7:00a.m.</b>	<b>Bible @ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor
	<b>9:30a.m.</b>	<b>Circle 1 Meeting</b> in the Parlor, Hostess Bonnie Grams,
	<b>9:30p.m.</b>	<b>Circle 2 Meeting</b> at 901 North Shore Dr., Hostess Lynette Krieger
	<b>1:15p.m.</b>	<b>Circle 3 Meeting</b> in Fellowship Hall, Hostess Jill Kramer
	<b>2:30p.m.</b>	<b>Corrol Roach Funeral</b> in the Chapel
	<b>4:00p.m.</b>	<b>WNL</b> in Fellowship Hall
	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b> in Basement Youth Room
	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Bible Study</b> in Kessler Room
<b>Thu, Apr 21</b>	<b>6:45p.m.</b>	<b>Book Discussion</b> in Library
	<b>4:00p.m.</b>	<b>Girl Scouts</b> in Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

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