

*First Presbyterian Church  
Hastings, Nebraska*

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Ministers: Members of the Congregation  
Pastor: Don Canady  
Pianist: Mary Plock  
Chancel Handbells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen  
**May 1, 2016 10:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. Bob Burroughs  
Chancel Handbells

WELCOME AND PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**May God's countenance shine upon us and bring us peace!**

Let all people praise you, O Lord.

**Let all people shout their joy to your holy name.**

God blesses us continually throughout all our lives.

**Thanks be to God, for God's eternal love and blessing. AMEN.**

\*HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" No. 804

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. Chains of mistrust bind us up. We are afraid to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S PEACE "Glory to God"

No. 582

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

\*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

No. 658

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

**God is so good; God is so good;  
God is so good; God's so good to me**

**God loves me so; God loves me so;  
God loves me so; God's so good to me.**

### **THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God, move among us, within us, and around us if necessary, that your Kingdom might come and your will be done, according to your living Word this day. AMEN.**

FIRST READING –*Psalm 67*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Matthew Prins

Chancel Handbells

GOSPEL READING-

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

"On the Right Track"

### **THE RESPONSE**

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

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



## Announcements:

**The radio broadcast** airs on KICS 1550 A.M. and is in memory of Edna Perry given by Shirley Johnston and children.

**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 Frank E. Weyer and Mabel C. Weyer by family.

**Ushers:** Dennis Asmus-Captain, Dave Fisher, Neal Hoff, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, and Rich Portwood

**Greeters:** Mary Creigh, Chuck & Jane Bauer

**Communion Servers (Team 4):** Dick Brader, Jan Ham, Jeanne Hastings, Kraig Lofquist, Katherine Sachtleben, Ted & Lori Schroeder, Wayne Specht, Alice Throckmorton, and May Wierenga.

**Youth Ushers:** Courtney Junker, Nyanhial Duang

**Acolytes:** Hannah Hafer, Nyaguor Duang

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

**In the Hospital:** Mary Northrop (Omaha)

This month's **communion offering** goes for the General Assembly Pentecost offering (our local portion of which will go to Head Start's tornado shelter building project). Place your envelopes in the basket on the Communion Table during the last hymn.

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, payable to Presbyterian Women with "Mother's Day" on the memo line. PW will be taking donations on May 1 in the Memorial Room. You may choose a card, and honorees will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day.

**Darleen Howard** received over 100 cards for her birthday! She called to say, "Every name means so much! I don't go to church anymore and I miss it! Please tell everyone: Thank You!"

### **This Week --- May 2 – May 7, 2016**

<b>Mon, May 2</b>	<b>10:00a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
	<b>7:00p.m.</b>	Weekly <b>Scouts</b> Meeting in Basement
<b>Tue, May 3</b>	<b>1:00p.m.</b>	<b>Quilters</b> in Annex
	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Church Nominating Committee Meeting</b> in Kessler
	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>W.A.M. Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference
	<b>6:00p.m.</b>	<b>Financial Peace</b> in Memorial Room
<b>Wed, May 4</b>	<b>7:00a.m.</b>	<b>Bible @ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor
	<b>4:00p.m.</b>	<b>WNL</b> in Fellowship Hall
	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Bible Study</b> in Kessler
	<b>6:45p.m.</b>	<b>Book Discussion</b> in Library
<b>Sat, May 7</b>	<b>1:00-4:00p.m.</b>	<b>Troop 200 Eagle Scout Ceremony</b> in Fellowship Hall

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