

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Don Canady

Organist: Ashley Ehrich

Children's Choir Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady

Children's Handbell Director: Ashley Ehrich

Liturgist: Eleanor Oliver

May 8, 2016, 10:30 a.m.



GATHERING

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

PRELUDE Andante in d minor William Walond
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

INTROIT "This Is The Day" Mark Burrows

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to affirm the warmth of our faith, giving thanks. . .

For the connectedness that forms whenever Christ convenes us, for the caring that marks us as a church community.

We gather to receive the nourishment of our faith, giving thanks. . .

For the prayers that strengthen our spirits, for the energizing power that Word and sacrament release within us.

We gather to celebrate the texture of our faith, giving thanks. . .

For the human diversity that characterizes us as a family, for the multiple ministries that call us into God's service.

We give heartfelt thanks for a faith to savor and to share.

*HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

No. 363

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we give you thanks for drawing us together as the church. Open us to the power released when your people are united in praise and service. When we are bound together we sense true freedom. When we join our hands, we reach out to others with amplified strength. When we encourage others we avoid acting alone. Forgive us when we fail to live life together in your love. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

No. 583

*PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

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

ANTHEM

"In the Morning"

Ellen Woods Bryce

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. AMEN.

FIRST READING

Psalm 97

SECOND READING

Acts 16:16-34

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Glory to God in the Highest”
3rd through 5th grade bells

GOSPEL READING

John 17:20-26

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

No. 394

MESSAGE

“Unity”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We come to you, God, as those who search for ways to love more wisely, more genuinely, more steadily. We seek to base our lives on the love of Christ, that from day to day we may be passionate and patient, faithful and forgiving, in loving one another and this world of many peoples. Through God’s Spirit, we build our church into a living temple, a sign of Christ’s presence on earth. We affirm in our faith Jesus Christ as our foundation. AMEN.

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

Darwall's 148th

Barbara Harbach

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” No. 775

*CHARGE and BLESSING

BELL RESPONSE “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”
Children’s Handbell Choir

*POSTLUDE “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” David Cherwien

Next Sunday, May 15, 2016
Pentecost Sunday
(Everyone wear red to worship)
10:30 Worship
Pastor Don Canady

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
From Presbyterian Women

In Honor Of

Circle One

Tammy Corwin

Gail Dreher

Kathy Essink

JoAnn Fruehling

Sandra Fruehling

Sarah Fruehling

Evelyn J. Geu

Rosemary Gfeller

Dana Kay Ghorashy

Gretchen Lainsen

Angie Locke

Virginia Locke

Jane Marsh

Julia McDougal

Carol Medsker

Dana Odom

Wanda Rikli

Vandee Samelson

#1 Sister - Mary Janet Watts

Rogene Wenburg

ReNelda Wenburg

Emily Wesley

May Wierenga

Pam Witte

In Memory Of

Jeannine Bauer

Dorothy Brader

Alice Braum

Louise Coburn

Dorothy Etmund

Our Mother - Luella Grams

Phyllis Hansen

Our Mother - Joan Knowlton

Frances Koozer

Alice Locke

Bonnie McCaskey

Leonora Meyer

Margaret Nedderman

Mary Odom

Robyn (Pitkeathly) Smart

Given By

Circle Friend

Dana & Phil Odom

The Essinks

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Christian, Sarah & Arich Fruehling

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Ginny Locke

Pamela K. Lay

Sarah, Christian & Arich Fruehling

Flossie Sanderson

Mary & Jorn Olsen & Family

Ginny Locke

Sarah, Christian & Arich Fruehling

*Ginny Locke (on behalf of the children
she has taught)*

Ann & Robin Koozer

Susan Medsker-Nedderman

Phil Odom

Justin & Kili Wenburg

Phil & Dana Odom

Susie & Kenny Graham

Justin & Kili Wenburg

Jim & Rogene Wenburg

John & Jane Pollak

Ginny Locke

The Essinks

Given By

Jane & Chuck Bauer

Daveta Brader

Sarah, Christian & Arich Fruehling

Dana & Phil Odom

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Kenton & Bonnie Grams

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Robert Nedderman

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Jan Ham

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 A.M. and is in memory of Dorothea and R.D. Geyerman.

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 Phyllis Glass and Dorothy Christenson by Nytha and Dave Glass.

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

Greeters: Roger and Karen Doerr, Jan Ham

Youth Ushers: Lydia Meyer

Acolytes: Eric Brader, Tanner Bauer

Nursery: Carol Grummert

Happy Nappies. Your Mission Committee is always collecting diapers for our "Happy Nappies" project. Thank you for your help in serving the most vulnerable in our community! Place your donations in green bin in Memorial Room.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is May 23-27, 2:00pm - 5:00pm. Pre-K thru 5th Grade welcome! Register online at www.fpchastings.org

NEW this year at VBS!! Transportation to and from the church will be available. Pre-arrangements are required. Please contact Stephanie in the office or at stephanie@fpchastings.org.

Volunteers are needed for VBS! Register to volunteer online at www.fpchastings.org.

Forum Next Week "Seeing God through Our Community." We'll go outside for a "prayer walk," stopping and praying at various nearby locations. Wear your walking shoes! An alternative indoor activity will be available for those unable to walk with the group.

Summer Book Club "Islam without Extremes: A Muslim Case for Liberty." Order your copy now and make plans to join in on Wednesdays at noon, June 8-July13.

Time and Talent Inventory. Please watch for this mailing and return your family's responses as soon as possible. THANK YOU!!

Taize Worship Cancelled. The Taize service originally scheduled for Thursday, May 12, will NOT take place. Taize worship will resume in the fall.

A **summer series of GriefShare** will begin Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m., First St Paul's Lutheran Church. Look for the GriefShare sandwich sign on the west side of the Church for directions. Anyone who has lost a loved one to death, recently or years ago, is invited. Those who are not sure about such a group are welcome to "try" one or two sessions. Each evening features a video with grief "experts" talking about their personal losses. Learn more at www.griefshare.org.

This Week --- May 9 - May 14, 2016

Mon, May 9	10:00a.m. Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office 5:30p.m. Foundation Meeting in Kessler
Tue, May 10	1:00p.m. Quilters in Annex 5:30p.m. Congregational Life Meeting in Parlor 5:30p.m. Global Mission Meeting in Kessler 5:30p.m. Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference 7:00p.m. Christian Education Meeting in Anderson Conference
Weds, May 11	7:00a.m. Bible @ Breakfast in Parlor 5:00p.m. WNL Fellowship Time at Libs Park (Picnic at 6:00p.m.)
Thurs, May 12	5:00p.m. Personnel Meeting in Kessler
Fri, May 13	2:00p.m. Reception before HC Baccalaureate in Fellowship Hall
Sat, May 14	12:00p.m. Private Graduation Celebration in Fellowship Hall

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