

*First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska*

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Pianist: Katherine Welk
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Liturgist: Sarah Fruehling
October 2, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome, both regular attenders and visitors! We are delighted you are here!

Our church is strengthened by your participation, and we hope that you, also, are strengthened by your participation with us!

May this morning's worship service be for you one step of many on your faith journey--leading you into deeper intimacy with God, closer connection with others, more generous service to your neighbor, and fuller knowledge of the faith.

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

PRELUDE

(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The promises of the world turn to ashes and dust,
but the promises of God last forever.

The Holy One calls to us: "Come!"

***We come to rekindle the gift of God
ablaze within us.***

*HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

829

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves, and you see us more clearly. How impossible it seems that we could ever hide anything from you, or even try to hide something - but we do.

Sometimes we pretend to be better than we are. We do things we know will hurt others and act as though we are blameless, but we aren't. We are complicit, and we are guilty, and we are broken. So we ask for your forgiveness, because you love us more than we can imagine, and you can make us whole beyond our wildest dreams. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to show us the way. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

TO GOD'S PEACE

"Glory to God"

582

PEACE OF CHRIST

*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

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.

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.

FIRST READING –Psalm 137

SECOND READING--2 Timothy 1:1-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Crystal River"

Arr. Sorenson

GOSPEL READING- Luke 17:5-10

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“Small = Big”

*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 in You through Jesus Christ as our foundation.

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jeanne Hastings

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

“Though I May Speak” (verse 2)

693

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

494

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Heels

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE – Congregation sings “Jesus Remember Me” #227

Please partake of the bread when you are served.

Please hold the cup until we can all drink together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN “May the God of Hope Go With Us” (Sing Twice) 765

During the singing of this hymn, please bring your communion offering to support our
World Communion Sunday: Peace and Global Mission program.

Place it in the basket on the communion table.

25% will be for our Hearts and Hands Against Hunger.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Next Sunday, October 9, 2016
8:30 Worship, Celebrate Band
9:15 Sunday School (All Ages Welcome!)
10:30 Worship, Pastor Don Canady
Hastings College Sunday

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given by JoAnn and Les Seiler.

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 of Mary Alice Heineman by Joe, Doug, John and Rex Heineman.

Communion Servers, Team 1: Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Matt Fong, Kim Hermann, Jeni Howard, Chris Junker, Al Meyer, Erik Nielsen.

Ushers: Karen Doerr, Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Carolyn McKenzie, Rich McKenzie, Clyde Sachtleben.

Greeters: Denny and Carole Storer, Eleanor Jorgensen.

Acolytes: Keira Erickson, Laura Kate Oliver.

Youth Ushers: Jennifer Boeve, Michael Boeve.

In the Hospital: Please include in your prayers Winifred Barrows, James Hahne, Dwight Marsh, Eldon Mitzelfelt, and their families.

Mission Committee members delivered 62 diapers on September 29 as part of the Happy Nappy program. Thank you for helping those most vulnerable!

Another successful United Harvest distribution...Praise God!

Despite the rain, dedicated volunteers unloaded, organized, distributed and carried food for 225 grateful families on Saturday, September 24. This represents 697 people receiving more than 13,000 lbs. of food, an increase of more than 10% in number of families served compared to the first distribution in August.

More **volunteers are still needed**--especially the strong ones who can carry boxes of food from the Annex to recipients' cars. Mark your calendar now to help out at the next distribution on the morning of **Saturday, October 15.**

New Member and Inquirer Class will be held following worship on Oct 23. Complimentary lunch will be included, so please RSVP to the church office ([402-462-5147](tel:402-462-5147)) if you plan to attend. Also, complimentary childcare is available by request.

First Presbyterian Women of Hastings cordially invite you to be our guests at our annual **Salad Luncheon** on **Wednesday, October 5th** at 11:45 A.M. Area Presbyterian Women have been invited, and we look forward to your joining us for good food, warm fellowship, and an interesting program, please let us know if you will be coming for the lunch. Contact your circle chair person or call Miranda in the Church office **by Monday, October 3rd** at 402-462-5147.

Tarci will be out of the office (to attend APA Conferences in Las Vegas, NV) until Tuesday, Oct 11th. Please allow Miranda to help you in the meantime.

This Week --- Oct 3 - Oct 8, 2016

Mon, Oct 3	11:00a.m.	Funeral for Irene Smidt
Tue, Oct 4	1:00p.m.	Quilters in Annex
	5:00p.m.	WAM Meeting in Anderson Conference
Wed, Oct 5	7:00a.m.	Bible@Breakfast in Parlor
	11:45a.m.	PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
	4:30p.m.	WNL!
	6:45p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsal in Choir Room

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Walk. Give. Change the world.

Hastings Crop Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 9, 2016

1 Mile Walk begins 2:00 pm
Meet at Hazelrigg Student Union
Check in 30 minutes before start time
To register or donate online www.cwsglobal.org
Sponsored by Church Women United

