

*First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska*

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Congregation
Guest Pastor: Rev. C. J. Lowe
Organist: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Liturgist: Go & Serve students
November 6, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

PRELUDE "Italian Hymn" arr. Travis
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (Refrain) 240

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord all people; bless God's holy name.

We have come this day to worship and to sit in God's presence.

Jesus teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth, showing deference to no one.

We have come to learn from the eternal Word of God, full of grace and truth, who leads us in the way of peace and love.

*HYMN "Here In This Place" 401

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, sometimes I mess up.

Sometimes I hurt someone else because I am angry or mean.

Dear God, sometimes I'm not sorry about what I did.

But really I am not proud of my actions.

Dear God, sometimes I try hard to be kind and thoughtful.

Help me to live that way.

Dear God, thank you for the gift of forgiveness.

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ, it is my joy to tell you that in Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for this gift! Alleluia. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO GOD'S PEACE

"Glory To God"

583

*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.***

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today – the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE--2 Corinthians 2:6-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Generous Sowing Means a Generous Harvest"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

“Calvin Crest”

Craig Huffman

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Here, O My Lord”

Pethel

*DOXOLOGY

“God, We Honor You”

709

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

519

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

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

*Please partake of the bread when you are served.
Please hold the cup until we can all drink together.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

817

During the singing of this hymn please bring your communion offering to support our program and place it in the basket on the communion table.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Toccata in F Major”

Buxtehude

**Next Sunday, November 13, 2016
8:30 Worship, Celebrate Band
9:15 Sunday School
(All Ages Welcome!)
10:30 Worship, Pastor Don Canady
Trustees’ Bldg. & Grounds Improvement Video
Special Offering, Zach Spurgeon
Stewardship Letter with Estimate of Giving Card to Congregation
Harvest Dinner**

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

**DEATHS November, 2015 to October, 2016
of members of our congregation**

Jean Boeve	August 05, 1929 to January 30, 2016
Jon Bohlke	June 22, 1942 to April 19, 2016
Lula Buhr	December 05, 1928 to April 12, 2016
Dale Grams	August 18, 1917 to January 19, 2016
Gladys Kuehn	October 27, 1920 to January 12, 2016
Beulah Mapes	December 19, 1919 to December 08, 2015
Don McCrady	July 20, 1930 to January 10, 2016
Corrol Roach	October 10, 1945 to April 13, 2016
Guy Stocks	September 09, 1925 to May 18, 2016
Rick Waltemath, Sr.	September 15, 1944 to July 08, 2016

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is in memory of John and Dixie Kerr by family.

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 Donna Jane and Marvin Fink and Marie I. and Milo M. Fink.

Ushers: Dennis Asmus – Captain, Dave Fisher, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood

Greeters: Richard and Carolyn McKenzie

Acolytes: Maddy Johnson, Shannon Canady

Youth Ushers: Chase Johnson, Courtney Junker

Communion Servers, November 6 – Team 2

Kim Creech, Paula Crozier, Mary Fisk, Mike Hogan, Jeff Howard, Mary Kay LaMaster, Constance Malloy, Carolyn McKenzie, Chad Murrell, Kathy Utter, Rogene Wenburg
November Communion Offering is for Camp Calvin Crest. The offering will be received today following a Minute for Mission by Craig Huffman, Calvin Crest Executive Director.

"Thanks to many of you folks, I passed my goal of \$10 for each of my 91 years and had a total of \$1,017.25. Thanks again for your help. Total for the CROP walk was 50% more than last year".

– Rev. Frank Medsker

Please pray for members of our PNC: Jim Duval, Chad Murrell, Mike Karloff, Joan Shaw, Chris Junker, Pam Lay, and Jeni Howard.

Sympathy to Don and Marie Rasmussen for the loss of Don's brother, Ivan Rasmussen.

Christmas Caroling Organizer Needed

Going Christmas caroling is fun for all ages! It combines outreach, bonding, fellowship, playfulness, and service across the generations. Perhaps God is calling you to be the one to ensure that these opportunities are not missed in our church family. To sign up as organizer or to request more information, contact Kili at 462-5147 or kili@fpchastings.org.

Nothing says "thank you" like sweets!

Committee Appreciation Night is Tuesday, November 8. That night, from 5:30-7:00 p.m., the Congregational Life Committee will be distributing trays of "thank you" goodies to church committee meetings. If you serve on a committee that does not meet on the evening of Nov. 8, you are still invited to stop by the Fellowship Hall that evening from 5:30-7 and enjoy a treat with the Congregational Life Committee as we thank you for your service!!

Calvin Crest Camp FEAR NOT Youth Retreat Friday, November 11 at 6:30p.m. thru Saturday, November 12, at 2:00p.m. Come out for an overnight retreat at Calvin Crest with special guest Michelle Phillips. Open to Middle School and High School youth. Start with supper at 6:30 in the Calvin Crest Dining Hall. We'll have worship, sessions, games and more food at this youth retreat. We'll finish the retreat after lunch on Saturday.

For more information and to register go to <http://www.calvincrest.org/1112-111316-fear-not-youth-retreat/> or contact Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center 2870 County Road 13, Fremont, NE 68025 at (402) 628-6455. Retreat fee is \$35.

Welcome back, Dan Deffenbaugh!

The biblical witness of Genesis 12 points to an evolving human consciousness. By grappling with questions such as "What does it mean to be human?" and "What does it mean to be in relationship with God?" the ancient near east descendants of Abraham developed answers that would later become known as the Hebrew tradition.

Join us for this interesting and informative Forum on Sunday, November 13, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Parlor.

"Living Scrapbook Wall" Unveiling Celebration: 10 a.m. Sunday, November 13

PRIOR to worship on November 13, all are invited to gather in the Memorial Room at 10:00 for a special unveiling of a new display celebrating the past, present and future of FPC. This display is being installed in the hallway connecting the Memorial Room and the Fellowship Hall and seeks to glorify God, whose enduring love has strengthened and inspired people of this church since 1873.

During worship service on Sunday, November 13, a Buildings and Grounds

Improvement Video led by Trustee Mike Hogan will be presented. Mike has served two consecutive terms as one of the Buildings and Grounds Trustees, and represents all Trustees who would like congregation to see the last 6 years of improvements made to the church.

Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner. Join us on **Sunday, November 13**, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Fellowship Hall for a delicious, traditional turkey dinner while enjoying fellowship with the congregation and offering of thanks for the many blessings we enjoy! This meal is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Tickets may be purchased before/after service October 23, October 30, and November 6th, and during the week in the church office until Friday, November 11th. Adults: \$10, Kids 6-12: \$7.

Zach Spurgeon has enrolled as a student at Dubuque Seminary this fall, where he is on track to work toward a Master of Divinity degree. Session approved assistance for tuition, fees, and books at the end of each successfully completed semester, up to \$8,755 per semester. For those who desire to contribute to this assistance, a **special offering** will be taken on **Sunday, November 13**, as part of the Harvest Dinner, which directly follows the 10:30a.m. worship service.

Also on Sunday, November 13, Stewardship letters with 2017 suggested donation cards will be distributed to members of congregation. If you are unable to receive yours, it will be mailed bulk mail the following day. Please call the office with any questions.



HONEY SUNDAYS

November 6, 13, 20 & 27

Honey bears are \$5 each and may be purchased thru November in the office during the week (from 8:30-4:30) and before and after worship service each Sunday in the Memorial Room. Proceeds go to assist the Adams-Clay county chapter of ARC, which provides programs and support for families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Every purchase is appreciated!

More than 90% of adults in the United States feel that registering, as an organ donor is the right thing to do, yet 52% of adults have yet to register. **November 11-13, 2016 is National Donor Sabbath Weekend**, and the perfect time to take action and sign up on the Nebraska Donor Registry at www.donatelifenebraska.com. It's fast. It's easy. It saves lives!

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.

This Week --- Nov 7 – Nov 12, 2016

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| Mon, Nov 7 | 10:00a.m. Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
12:00a.m. Memorial Committee Meeting in Kessler |
| Tue, Nov 8 | 1:00p.m. Quilters in the Annex
5:30p.m. Trustee Meeting in Anderson Conference
5:30p.m. Congregational Life Meeting in Parlor
5:30p.m. Global Mission Meeting in Kessler
5:30p.m. – 7:00p.m. Committee Appreciation
7:00p.m. Christian Education Meeting in Anderson Conference |
| Wed, Nov 9 | 7:00a.m. Bible@Breakfast in Parlor
4:30p.m. WNL!
6:45p.m. CANCEL CHOIR rehearsal in Choir Room |

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