

**First Presbyterian Church  
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Don Canady

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

**January 8, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE "Three Kings" arr. Harris  
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT Chancel Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to worship this day!

***We have come seeking God's blessings and love.***

They shall be given to you.

***We have come seeking forgiveness and healing.***

These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God's Good News.

***We open our hearts to all of God's words and ways for us. Amen.***

\*HYMN "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" 152

INVOCATION

***God, we have received the Christmas gift of your presence. Help us through the turning of time to proclaim that presence with our deeds. May this coming year truly be for us a year of our Lord. Grant us the resolve to be faithful.***

***May we give voice and visibility to the good news. Enable us to be makers of peace, comforters of those in trouble, interpreters of the Word, bearers of joy to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.***

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to the Father”

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## \*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

“Many and Great, O God”

Dakota Hymn/  
Arr. Eugene Butler

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## FIRST READING- Isaiah 42:1-9

## SECOND READING-Acts 10:34-43

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## GOSPEL READING-Matthew 3:15-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to You, O Christ.***

## HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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## MESSAGE

“May the Force Be With You”

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***We can dwell peacefully in the world, for we believe that God shelters us in love. As Jesus embraced a child in his arms, so God welcomes us as cherished sons and daughters. God's love gives us the peace that shall sustain us through all life's seasons, from infancy through old age. God came into the world through the Christ child. God's Holy Spirit embraces all the earth's children with a ready embrace, loving all as members of a common family.***

**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	"Largo"	Vivaldi/arr. Wolff
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*DOXOLOGY	"God We Honor You"	709
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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN	"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"	280
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**\*CHARGE and BLESSING**

*POSTLUDE	"Recessional in C"	Hall Hopson
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**Sunday, January 15, 2016  
9:15a.m. Sunday School  
(All Ages Welcome!)  
10:30a.m. Worship Service  
Message by Pastor Don Canady**

# Glory to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

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John Weaver, 1978

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is

now, and will be for ev-er. A-men. A - men. A - men.

\*May be sung as a canon.

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## **Announcements:**

**The radio broadcast** airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given by the Payne family in loving memory of Rev. Willard Payne.

**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 given in honor of the congregation by the Church.

**Greeters:** Chuck Shoemaker and Lynne Friedewald

**Ushers:** Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Gaylon Hermann, Jeff Hermann, Jessica Meeske, Al Meyer-Captain, Todd Pankratz, Ken Stein.

**Please pray** for Art Langvardt and Teresa Luther as Art battles cancer.

**Taize Worship Tonight at 7p.m.** \*Bring a friend and join us *in the Parlor!*

Starting January 11, **Wednesday Night Live (WNL)** will begin at 4:00 p.m. for all Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **Specialized United Harvest Volunteers Needed Saturday, January 14**

In addition to the regular volunteers, 10-15 extras will be needed for the January 14 mobile food pantry distribution at the Annex. These volunteers will be asked to collect (by walking through the line) and deliver a box of food on behalf of a disabled or elderly individual unable to physically attend.

**Please call the office to sign up.**

*"Thanks for your continuing support of our family in attending school and a special thanks for the folks who sent us the special Christmas presents. The kids were bouncing around the house Christmas day because of your generosity. Your ongoing work on us even at this distance is humbling. In Christ's love and gratitude,*

*--Zach Spurgeon (and Becky, Andrew, Anah and soon to be BrieElla Katherine)"*

### **This Week --- January 9 – January 14, 2017**

<b>Mon, Jan 9</b>	<b>11:00a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
<b>Tues, Jan 10</b>	<b>1:00p.m.</b>	<b>Quilters</b> in the Annex
	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Congregational Life Meeting</b> in Parlor
	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Global Mission Meeting</b> in Kessler
	<b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Trustees Meeting</b> in Anderson
	<b>7:00p.m.</b>	<b>CE Meeting</b> in Anderson
<b>Weds, Jan 11</b>	<b>7:00a.m.</b>	<b>Bible@ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor
	<b>4:00p.m.</b>	<b>WNL!</b>
<b>Thurs, Jan 12</b>	<b>5:00p.m.</b>	<b>Personnel Meeting</b> in Kessler

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