

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church
Pastors: Polly Deppen-Williams and Greg Allen-Pickett
Organist: Linda Vollweiler
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady
Chancel Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Chancel Bell Choir Director: Nathan Jensen

January 29, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE "The Church's One Foundation" arr. Innes
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT Praise/Alleluia Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My heart sings for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who come to your house, ever singing your praise.

O Lord God of hosts, hear our prayers; give ear, O God of Jacob!

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.

We come here this morning to worship and honor you. Amen.

*HYMN "Come! Live in the Light! (We are Called)" 749

INVOCATION

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. You call your church into your holy work of love and justice. Be with us this morning as we learn what that means. Open our ears, our eyes, our hearts and our minds so that we may hear your call, respond, and praise your holy name today and every day. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the Good News. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“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.

ANTHEM

“Faith to Carry On”

Don Besig

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST READING- Micah 6:1-8

GOSPEL READING-Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

761

MESSAGE

“Our Core Identity as the Church”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the “Brief Statement of Faith” adopted by the Presbyterian Church in 1983 at reunion)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Chancel Bells

*DOXOLOGY

"God We Honor You"

709

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit"

300

*CHARGE and BLESSING

CONGREGATION MEETING

Polly Deppen-Williams, Moderator

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.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Jeanne Hastings, Deacon Moderator, at 402-462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Ollie and George Anderson by the Anderson family.

Greeters: Jane and Chuck Bauer

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

Acolytes: Selah Wenburg, Shannon Canady

Youth Ushers: Josh Brooks, Lily Kingsley

Nursery: Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

February 5 Youth Sunday Communion Servers, Team 2: Kim Creech, Paula Crozier, Mary Fisk, Mike Hogan, Jeff Howard, Mary Kay LaMaster, Pam Lay, Constance Malloy, Chad Murrell, and Rogene Wenburg.

February Ushers: Bill Boyd, Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein-Captain, Paul Nuss, and Chuck Shoemaker.

Please Note: Youth Ushers will usher on Sunday, February 5th.

Condolences to the families for the loss of William Robert "Bob" Dirks.

Condolences to Penny Czarnek for the loss of her husband, Craig John Czarnek. Penny is a foster daughter of Kathy Nelson.

As of February 1, **Annex door codes will be changed.** Renters, Walkers and Quilters will be contacted and given a new code. Anyone needing a new code, please contact Tarci in the office.

Presbyterian Women are gathering this Wednesday, February 1. The Coordinating Team will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the library; luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:45 am. Members of Circle 1 will serve. Circle 2 is responsible for table decorations, registration, nametags, and devotions. The program, "Finding Balance", will be presented by Jen Ramaekers. Jen is a pharmacist at Redline Pharmacy. All women of the church are invited. The cost for the meal is \$5.00. Please RSVP to the church office or your circle chairperson by tomorrow.

This Week --- January 30 – February 4, 2017

Mon, Jan 30	11:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
Tues, Jan 31	1:00p.m.	Quilters in the Annex
Weds, Feb 1	7:00a.m.	Bible@ Breakfast in the Parlor
	11:00a.m.	PW Coordinating Team in Library
	11:45a.m.	PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
	4:00p.m.	WNL!

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Sunday, February 5, 2017
Youth Sunday with Communion: Souper Bowl of Caring
9:15a.m. Sunday School (All Ages Welcome!)
10:30a.m. Worship, Message by Pastor Don Canady