

First Presbyterian Church **Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Don Canady

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

February 19, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” Diemer
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT “As the Deer” 626

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

We gather this morning to affirm the truth of the improbable:

We affirm that the God of all time, all life, loves us individually as children and collectively as family.

We gather this morning to proclaim the implausible:

We proclaim that divisions of humanity – by race and clan, by economic status and political system, by physical characteristics – have no meaning within the community of Christ’s disciples.

We gather this morning to commit ourselves to accomplishing that which seems impossible:

We commit ourselves to transforming this world into a place that bears the characteristics of God’s realm that reveals the nature of God’s reign.

For this time together we offer our thanks and praise.

**HYMN* “I Will Call Upon the Lord” 621

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.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

91

*PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Lauren Canady

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

“The Gift of Love”
Calvin/Westminster Choir

by Hal Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING- Psalm 119:33-40

SECOND READING-1 Corinthians 3:10-11

Words of Scripture.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING- Matthew 5:38-48

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You O Christ.

HYMN

“Take My Life”

697

MESSAGE

“Who Is My Neighbor?”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We affirm God, whose word and presence flows through our lives. They give us life, refresh us, and carry us on our journey through life. It is through Jesus Christ that we have been able to perceive God's love overflowing for all humanity. Alone, we cannot overcome the evil that surrounds us. Only through God can we stem the floods of evil that threaten us. Thanks be to God.

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	"Arioso"	J.S. Bach
*DOXOLOGY	"Give Thanks" (1 time straight through)	674

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	306
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*CHARGE and BLESSING

If you belong to Christ, then you belong to God.

We belong to Christ; we are God's.

Go and be Christ in the world.

We will walk in the way of Christ, giving glory to God in all we do.

*POSTLUDE	"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"	Spong
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Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:30a.m. Worship - Jeni Howard, Speaker

9:15a.m. Sunday School (All Ages Welcome!)

10:30a.m. Worship, Message by Guest Speaker

1:00p.m. Child Protection Policy Training in Fellowship Hall

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 402462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in honor today of Pastor Don Canady.

Greeters: Susan and William Oliver

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

Acolytes: Eric Brader, Tanner Bauer

Youth Ushers: Erikka Rhodes, Julie Reimer

Nursery: Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Leah Ratzlaff

Prayers for Lynn Barrows, Al Behl (Sharon Brooks' father), Celia Ganow, Darleen Howard, Roberta Lloyd, Larry Nowka and families.

"We want to send a letter to thank you for your generous donation of 9 bags = 51 items of food given to the Hastings Food Pantry. What a wonderful donation! So many people will be blessed with this gift! This is going to such a wonderful cause as it will be feeding hungry people in our community! God bless in all you do!! –Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors"

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Call Tarci in the office at 402-462-5147 if you'd like a copy to pick up or be mailed.

United Harvest volunteers are needed on Saturday, February 25! We need your help to keep our new ministry going strong! Volunteers should report to the Annex and can help in one or both ways:

- Help unload and organize the food (8:00-9:15 a.m.)
- Help distribute the food (9:15-11:30 a.m.)

*We especially need volunteers who can carry boxes of food from the Annex to recipients' vehicles (9:15-11:30 a.m.).

Thank you for your service!

This Week --- February 20 – February 25, 2017

Mon, Feb 20	11:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
Tues, Feb 21	1:00p.m. 5:00p.m. 6:45p.m.	Quilters in the Annex Christian Ed Meeting in Parlor Deacons Meeting in Anderson Conference
Weds, Feb 22	7:00a.m. 4:00p.m. 5:15p.m.	Bible@ Breakfast in the Parlor WNL! Bible Study Meeting in Kessler
Thurs, Feb 23	5:30p.m. 7:00p.m.	Session Meeting in Anderson Conference Child Protection Policy Training in Fellowship Hall

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