

# *First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska*

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ  
Ministers: Members of the Congregation  
Pastor: Don Canady  
Organist: Linda Vollweiler  
Choir: Sigma Alpha Iota (Eta Nu Chapter)  
Readers: Mary Fisk, Mary Lewis, Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Joy White

**March 5, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE "Toccata" Dubois  
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT *I love you Lord, and I lift my voice* 627  
*To worship You O my soul, rejoice!*  
*Take joy, my king, in what you hear—*  
*May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grateful to God, we worship.  
We worship the God of Grace.  
***In God, we are ever thankful;***  
***in God I will rejoice.***  
Look to God. Do not be afraid.  
***Lift up your voices. God is near.***  
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Grateful to God, we worship.  
***We worship the gifts***  
***of God this day.***

\*HYMN "Give Thanks" 647

CALL TO CONFESSION

God calls us, feeds us and sends us forth. God provides for us and loves us still.  
Out of our profound gratitude, and in faithful witness of God's grace, we confess  
our sins to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O God, we confess that we have not always spoken up for justice. We have not stood with the oppressed. We have walked the other way, sometimes immobilized by fear and sometimes not knowing what else to do. Rekindle the gift of God within us and remind us of our faith, a faith that first lived in our grandmothers and our mothers, in our Sunday school teachers and our choir directors, in our elders and our ministers. God of grace, forgive us and transform us into whom you would have us to be, so that we delight in your will and walk in your way.***

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God acts with justice and mercy. In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

***God forgives us, frees us and gives us peace. To God, we are ever thankful. Amen.***

## \*RESPONSE TO GOD'S PEACE

"Glory to God"

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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.***

## A LITANY FOR WOMEN WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

God of grace, thank you for tranquil, reflective moments when we are able to recognize you in the world. For all your beauty and your wonder, we give you thanks.

***For the breath in our bodies, for our hearts and souls, for our connections with one another, we give you thanks and praise.***

God of reconciliation, be present with us when conflicts arise. Remind us that we have a higher calling: to forgive those who wrong us, to pray for those who persecute us, and to seek peace in the midst of strife.

***For women with grateful hearts, who have shared their faith with us and responded in kindness and service, we give you thanks and praise.***

God of love, we offer our gratitude to you for those women and men who have comforted us and carried us in their hearts in prayer. For the grace that they have given us day after day, thank you for guiding the way for lives filled with gratitude.

***For women, young and old, who do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you, O God, we give you thanks and praise.***

Creator God, be present with us as we sing and serve, remember and celebrate, your daughters who, with your help, have lived lives of gratitude, reflecting your love and grace.

***Give us your peace, which surpasses our understanding and watch over our hearts and our minds, as we rest in Christ Jesus. Amen.***

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### SCRIPTURE-1 Corinthians 12:12

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Words of Scripture.

***Thanks be to God.***

#### ANTHEM

“Sing Alleluia”  
S.A.I.

Julie Knowles

#### MESSAGE

“If This Is Not the Place”

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.***

***Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church for the glory of God.***

-From a morning prayer liturgy at Eastern Mennonite Seminary

## CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

Honorary Life Memberships, given by Nancy Grams

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, we offer our prayer in unity of spirit.

Grant us in days to come a full understanding of what it means to belong to you; help us to see that being your children sets us free to love, to practice compassion, to work for justice.

Build in us humble spirits that enable us to look upon all persons as equals. Generate in us the energy and courage that will make us peacemakers and healers in ways that you will call blessed.

As we reflect upon and pray for the church, increase our appreciation for the diversity that makes it whole, the variety of traditions that provide it wisdom, the power of the Spirit that gives it unity.

We are united through the witness of Jesus Christ, which calls each of us to the task. The promise of hope and justice is given to this world. And we have become bearers of that promise. Now is the time for work and witness. Now is the time for hope and peace. Now is the time for each one of us to do our part in establishing God's kingdom. Lord, get us ready for service. Pick us up; dust us off, and put us on the pathways of justice.

Draw us together, we pray, to serve better and to worship with greater devotion. Amen.

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Luke Kliever

## OFFERING

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

As those united in your love, we ask you to empower us in Christ to share your good news in meaningful ways. As people of faith we come before you in great joy and we bring our offerings to you with words of praise and thanks.

## OFFERTORY

“Blessed Be The Name”

Hudson/Innes

## \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, through the power of your spirit, you have inscribed the law of love upon our hearts. As the meaning of your love grows within us, may our gifts and our giving serve to proclaim your Word in the world. We bring these offerings with heartfelt thanks, showing our gratitude, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*ANTHEM                      “Lord At All Times”                      Felix Mendelssohn, Arr. Walter Ehret

## INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF 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                      “His Eye is on the Sparrow”                      661  
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 BENEDICTION

Go from here with grateful hearts.

***Go with love and compassion.***

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

***Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.***

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

***May the peace of God be with you always.***

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE                      “Allegro Maestoso” (from ‘Water Music’)                      Handel



Give to One Great Hour of Sharing, and  
join in the fast God calls us to.

*"Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?"*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?"*

—Isaiah 58:6–7



To learn more about the community transformation  
God is doing through One Great Hour of Sharing

Text SHARING to 56512

12138-17-103

DAVID BARNHART

God has called  
us to a **new kind**  
of fast—



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

—Not to give up our  
bread, but to share it

In Isaiah 58, God issues a call  
and a challenge—to love one  
another more deeply by sharing  
what we have with those in  
need. **One Great Hour of  
Sharing** is our direct response  
to the ways in which God has  
called us to share.

With your gift, you...

**LOOSE THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE**  
SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

You partner in projects like Jobs Not Jails, which has already assisted  
over 7,000 people with access to jobs and education as they establish  
new lives after prison, thus reducing the probability of repeat offenses.



SDOP works with grassroots groups to change structures that keep people  
living in poverty, oppression, and injustice.

**SHARE YOUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY**  
PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

You engage in sustainable agriculture and water projects as well as  
initiate and support programs like Joining Hands, Peru, and Earth Care  
Congregations that creatively work to address long-term care of the  
earth to end hunger and poverty for the most vulnerable.



PHP is committed to alleviating hunger and eliminating its causes with long-term  
solutions including environmental stewardship, education, and outreach.

**BRING THE HOMELESS POOR INTO YOUR HOUSE**  
PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

You provide food, shelter, and education to refugees fleeing the civil  
war in Syria and helped the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and  
Lebanon rebuild 40 homes in Homs, Syria, for those who wish to  
restore the Syria they love.



PDA responds to disasters around the world by providing immediate relief like  
food, water, and shelter, while helping to rebuild and address long-term recovery.

This Lenten season, **please give generously** to One Great Hour of Sharing, through your congregation or online.

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be collected on Easter.**

## **Announcements:**

**The radio broadcast** airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Geyerman.

**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 Rose and Robert Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Geyerman.

**Greeters:** Jean Barber, Pat Kleiber

**Ushers:** Linda Donohue, Chanda Essink, Carla Fike, Hannah Hafer, Lois Hafer, Flossie Sanderson, Carol Wheeler, May Wierenga

**Communion Servers:** Erica Brooks, Katharine Davis, Bonnie Grams, Jeni Howard, Chris Junker, Lynette Krieger, Carolyn McKenzie, Kym Warner, Kili Wenburg.

**Acolytes:** Chudier Duang, Nathan Kerr

**Youth Ushers:** Jennifer Boeve, Lily Black

**Nursery:** Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

**Prayers for:** Lynn Barrows, Roger Bauer (Chuck Bauer's father), Celia Ganow, Darleen Howard, Roberta Lloyd, Lavera Meyer (Al Meyer's mother), Larry Nowka and families.

### **Flower Memorial Dates**

The following are open dates for flower memorials: 4th Sunday in March; 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in April; 3rd Sunday in May; 3rd and 4th Sundays in July; 3rd Sunday in August; **4th** Sunday in September; 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays in November and all the Sundays in December. Please contact Mary Olsen if you would like to have one of the Sundays or if you would like to have a specific Sunday that isn't listed above. Some of the filled dates can have more than one memorial listing. Any member of congregation may have a flower memorial. Mary can be reached at 402-462-2811 or molsen@charter.net.

**Communion offering** this month is for **Miriam's Hope**.

### **Suitcase Drive Continues Through March**

The Mission Committee is holding a "suitcase drive" and requests your donations of new or used luggage bags (suitcases, duffle bags, gym bags, back packs). Items may be deposited on the table in the Memorial Room. The bags will be given to children being removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Often lacking proper bags, children's things are thrown into a garbage bag as they are taken from their homes. Sharing your extra suitcases, etc., will provide a measure of dignity for children going through a very tough transition.

**Join us** this evening for "**Spring Vespers**" **choral concert** at 5:00 p.m. and **Taize Prayer Service**, led by Kili Wenburg, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.



## Presbyterian Women – Schedule of Events

- March 8 - PW changed its March meeting to March 8 so that members may attend *Sermons a la carte* Lenten Services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Members wanting to walk to St. Mark's should meet in FPC parking lot at 11:50 a.m. If you would rather meet us at St. Mark's, the service begins at 12:05 p.m. Following the service, a light lunch will be served, \$4 a plate.

**Join PW March 8<sup>th</sup>** in FPC parking lot at 11:50 a.m. to walk to St. Mark's for *Sermons a La carte*.



### 2017 Theme God's Eternal Truth

**March 8**  
John 14:6  
*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life".*  
The Very Rev. Catherine F. Scott  
Saint Mark's Episcopal Pro-Cathedral  
**Lunch by the Women of Saint Mark's**

**March 15**  
John 18:38  
*"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."*  
Fr. Michael Houlihan  
Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church  
**Lunch by the St. Michael's Altar Society**

sermons  
a la carte

**March 22**  
Ephesians 4:15  
*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*  
Pastor John Whitsett  
Lakeside Community Church  
**Lunch by Runcle's Catering and the Women of Lakeside Community Church**

**March 29**  
John 1:14  
*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*  
Pastor Steven Peeler  
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
**Lunch by the Women of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**

**April 5**  
1 Corinthians 13:6  
*Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.*  
Pastor Kent Rogers  
Grace United Methodist Church  
**Lunch by the Grace United Methodist Women**



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At its meeting on February 23, 2017, the **Session approved the baptism of Clarence Mads Anderson III**, son of Mads and Sarah Anderson to be held on March 11, 2017. The Rev. Bill Nottage-Tacey will officiate. Grandparents are Gary and Mari Anderson. In keeping with the Book of Order, Mary Olsen will represent the congregation. Prayers of thanksgiving from other members are also welcomed.

**Daylight Saving Time begins March 12.** Please remember to move your clocks ahead 1 hour.

### Come Meet and Welcome Pastor Greg!

All are invited for a festive open house as we celebrate the arrival of our new pastor! Enjoy refreshments and fellowship while welcoming and getting to know Pastor Greg, his wife Jessica, and their daughter Esther.  
*March 12, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

**This Week --- March 6 – March 11, 2017**

<b>Mon, Mar 6</b>	<b>11:00a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
<b>Tues, Mar 7</b>	<b>1:00p.m.</b> <b>5:30p.m.</b>	<b>Quilters</b> in the Annex <b>W.A.M. Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference
<b>Weds, Mar 8</b>	<b>7:00a.m.</b> <b>11:50a.m.</b> <b>4:00p.m.</b> <b>5:15p.m.</b>	<b>Bible@ Breakfast</b> in the Parlor <b>Lunch at St. Mark's</b> , PW meet in parking lot <b>WNL!</b> <b>Bible Study</b> in Kessler
<b>Fri, Mar 10</b>	<b>12:00p.m.</b>	<b>Soup Group</b> in Fellowship Hall

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**Sunday, March 12, 2017**  
**9:15 a.m. Sunday School**  
**(No Forum)**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship,**  
**Message by Pastor Greg Allen-Pickett**