

***First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska***

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Jan Ham

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise & Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady

Palm Sunday – April 9, 2017, 10:30 a.m.



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

PRELUDE Prelude on “All Glory, Laud and Honor” arr. Matthew H. Corl
 Royal Procession on “All Glory, Laud and Honor” arr. Dan Miller
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The way has been prepared.

For the crowds it is the way of celebration.

For Jesus it is the way of completion.

Amid shouts and waving palm branches, he comes into the Holy City.

Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus the Christ. In the waving of palms and the waters of baptism we prepare to meet Christ once again. Let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God, on this Sunday of loud hosannas, as we sing your praises, may we be ever mindful of why we are here and who we are called to be. You have adopted us as your children, and invited us to be family with one another. May our worship this morning be a reflection of the call that you place on our lives to see each other as precious children of God and to love one another as you love us. May we be reminded of our own baptisms as we baptize a new member of our family of faith. May our worship prepare us to go out in the world to work with you for justice, reconciliation, and peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the help we need to be your people— the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Greet others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

BAPTISM

We invite the children forward to sit on the floor around the baptismal font so they can welcome their newest sister into the family of faith.

While the children and family are coming forward, we invite the congregation to sing:

Jesus loves me, this I know.

This morning we joyfully celebrate the baptism of Briella Irene Borrell.
Daughter of Jeremy Borrell and Kimberly Stein Borrell.

BAPTISM HYMN

“Lord of Life”

Bulletin Insert

(Lyrics written by former FPC member Doris Morhart)

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.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – *Deuteronomy 11:13-15, 18-21*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING- *Mark 9:30-37, Mark 10:13-16*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Lenten sermon series on our identity in Christ: “Be Family”

*HYMN

“These Treasured Children”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by The Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr)

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake, and for the sake of all the world.

Lord of Life

Trans. Louie Eckhardt

TUNE: All Through the Night
(Old Welsh Air)

Words by Doris Morhart

1. Lord of life, let this bap-tism Fill us with grace;

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one flat) and common time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "1. Lord of life, let this bap-tism Fill us with grace;"

5 For - ti - fy the lof - ty vi - sion We now em-brace

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "5 For - ti - fy the lof - ty vi - sion We now em-brace"

9 Let your bid - ding, "Come to Me," en - due us with e - ter - ni - ty, as

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "9 Let your bid - ding, 'Come to Me,' en - due us with e - ter - ni - ty, as"

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2. Tender Shepherd, pour Your Spirit On us, we pray;
Grant to these, your dearest children, blessings today;
Let the water's cleansing power
Kindle hope and joy this hour,
Find fruition in Love's flower: Will to obey.

3. Holy Spirit, come upon us, Heavenly dove;
Stamp us as a new creation in faith and love;
As we bow in supplication
Tune our Hearts for Consecration
Fill our minds with dedication to God above.

UNITED HARVEST



MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, April 15**
Saturday, May 20
Saturday, June 17

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: **Annex Building**

Between the First United Methodist Church and First
Presbyterian Church

Hastings Ave and 7th Street in Hastings, NE

Contact: (402)-463-6733

Instructions: Please bring boxes or bags to carry
food. No need to pre-qualify.

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution.

Brought to you by First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

The mobile pantry is available to you free of charge!



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Self-Development of People (SDOP)

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People continues to work with low-income communities across the United States to overcome oppression and injustice, including the focus areas of New Orleans, Detroit, Baltimore, and Los Angeles. In 2016, National SDOP entered into partnerships with the projects below. Projects focused on literacy, worker-owned cooperatives, capacity building, prisoner reentry, farming, advocacy, tenant rights, skills development, and youth-led initiatives. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, over 5,000 projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges.

National SDOP Projects:

- Somali Bantu Community Mutual Assistance Association of Lewiston/Auburn, ME
- Damayan Cleaning Cooperative, New York, NY
- Wayside Outreach and Development Inc., Brooklyn, NY
- Equipping, Encouraging & Empowering Workers in Vredenbug, AL
- VEGGI Farmer's Cooperative, New Orleans, LA
- Families & Criminal Justice, Los Angeles, CA
- Radio Indigena (Indigenous Radio Station), Oxnard, CA
- Stitching up Detroit, Detroit, MI
- Community Tenants Association, San Francisco, CA
- Street Vendor Project, New York, NY
- Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, NY
- New York State Youth Leadership Council, New York, NY
- Bolitas Harvesters Association, Immokalee, FL
- Flint Democracy Defense League, Flint, MI
- We the People of Detroit, Detroit, MI

International Partners Awarded Grants:

- Belize: SDOP continues to work with economically poor communities in Belize. In 2016, SDOP partnered with Maskall Agriculture Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited, Belize District and Los Pequeños Agricultores y Ganaderos de Nago Bank Cooperative Society Ltd, also in Belize District. (In 2014 and 2015, SDOP funded Sandy Beach Women's Cooperative, Stann Creek District; Trio Farmers in Development Cooperative, Toledo District; and Seine Bight Village Council, Seine Bight Village).
- West Africa Initiative (a collaborative initiative with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and various ecumenical partners)
- The Presbyterian Church of Rwanda
- SDOP's intermediary partner CE-Mujer in the Dominican Republic

Highlighted Projects:

- » **Jobs Not Jails, Holyoke, MA:** The project is a campaign led by community members to have investment in jobs, education, and mental health reform instead of development of more prisons. The community is organizing to identify policies that need to be changed and working with pro bono legal assistance to introduce new legislation.
- » **Capital Park Women's Empowerment Project, Columbus, OH:** The project is to create a cooperative sewing program to create designer bags, with training in marketing of these products for a community of refugee Somali women.
- » **We the People of Detroit (Detroit Water Crisis Hotline), Detroit, MI:** An advocacy project to provide short-term water supplies for members to avert a public health crisis, restore water to affected and high-risk members, and implement policy to ensure fresh clean water is delivered to low-income residents at an affordable cost.
- » **Providence Student Union (PSU), Providence, RI:** The project is to build the participant base for Providence Student Union, an organization of high school students who recognize, investigate, and formulate ways of bettering their schools.
- » **Mid Council Self-Development of People Funded Projects:** 16 Mid Council Committees partnered with 28 local projects totaling \$158,744 in grants.

Find out more about the ongoing work of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) at presbyterianmission.org/sdop

Please bring your offering Easter Sunday.

EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$10. Twenty Easter lilies will be purchased. All additional proceeds will go to Adams/ Clay County ARC (Advocate for the Rights of Citizens).

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Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Lois and Lester Beahm by Cindy and Terry Beahm and 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 2:00 p.m.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Jeanne Hastings at 402-462-8460, Deacon Lindsey Stout at 402-873-2874, or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Henrietta Morhart, Frank Morhart, Doris Morhart and Dr. Louis J. Kovar.

Greeters: Melissa and Michael Karloff, Eleanor Jorgensen

Ushers: Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer- Captain, Clyde Sachtleben

Acolytes: Moses Rhodes, Seth Schwarz

Youth Ushers: Lily Kingsley, Sydney Kerr

Nursery: Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

Prayers for Mark Canady, Celia Ganow, Larry Nowka, Don Reynolds and families.

April 13 (Maundy Thursday) Communion Servers: Erica Brooks, Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Katharine Davis, Bonnie Grams, Byron Jensen, Deb Jensen, Chris Junker, Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

April 16 (Easter) Special Offering recipient: *One Great Hour of Sharing*

April Ushers: Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer – Captain

*Please note, April ushers are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services.

As a reminder, **no Sunday School (all ages) Easter Sunday**, April 16.

Today's single red rose is to **honor the birth of Brooks Hudson Johnson**, born 3/29/2017 to Allison and Nate Johnson. Congratulations to grandparents LaVern and Connie Franzen, Aunt Andrea Franzen, and families.

Flower Memorial Dates

The following are open dates for flower memorials: 3rd Sunday in April; 3rd Sunday in July; 3rd Sunday in August; 2nd Sunday in November. 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.) **Flower memorials are available to all members of congregation and are free of charge.** Mary can be reached at 402-462-2811 or molsen@charter.net.

Deacons delivered 2 bags with 14 items to Hastings Food Pantry on April 3.

Global Mission committee delivered 143 diapers and wipes to Catholic Social Services as part of the Happy Nappy Program, and 100 long sleeve shirts to Proteus for migrant farm workers.

Second Annual Long-Sleeve Shirt Drive Bring your donations of new or gently used long-sleeved shirts to the basket in the Memorial Room. Mission Committee thanks you for your help in protecting farmworkers against pesticides and heat stress.

Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, April 10, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. To donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285. Your donation is needed & makes a difference!

Volunteers for United Harvest are needed on Saturday, April 15!

We need your help to keep our new ministry going strong! NEW volunteer schedule: please choose one shift and report to the Annex at the start of your chosen time: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon and 12 noon – 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your service!

Sign Up for the Easter Prayer Vigil

Once again, members and friends of FPC will be offering a continuous stream of prayer from 8 p.m. on Good Friday until 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Memorial Room for one (or more!) one-hour slots. All are welcome to submit prayer requests to be held in prayer during the vigil.

Presbyterian Women Circles Meet April 19

The Bible study this month is, "Who is Jesus – according to the non-canonical gospels."

- o Circle 1 – 9:30 am in May Wierenga’s home; Mary Jeanne Cooke is the lesson leader
- o Circle 2 – 9:30 am in Joy White’s home; Susie Graham is the lesson leader
- o Circle 3 – 1:15 pm in the church parlor; Sue Medsker-Nedderman is the hostess; Jane Pollak is the lesson leader

This Week --- April 10 – April 15, 2017

Mon, Apr 10	10:00a.m. 12:00 – 6:00p.m. 5:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor’s Office Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall Hastings Symphony Orchestra (HSO) Meeting in Anderson Conference Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Apr 11	1:00p.m. 4:15p.m. 5:30p.m. 5:30p.m.	Quilters in the Annex Global Mission Committee Meeting in Kessler Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference Congregational Life Meeting in the Parlor
Wed, Apr 12	7:00a.m. 4:00p.m. 5:15p.m. 6:30p.m. 6:45p.m. 7:30p.m.	Bible@ Breakfast in the Parlor WNL! Wednesday Night Bible Study in Kessler Woodcarvers in Basement Chancel Choir Practice Chancel Bells Practice
Thu, Apr 13	5:00p.m. 5:30p.m. 7:00p.m.	Personnel Board Meeting in Kessler Happy Hour Book Club (Perkins Restaurant) Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion in Sanctuary
Fri, Apr 14	10:00a.m. 12:00 & 7:00p.m. 8:00p.m.	Mahjong Ladies in the Parlor Good Friday Worship in the Chapel Easter Prayer Vigil in the Chapel, thru 8:00a.m. Sunday, April 16

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