

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son our Savior. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now, you come to us on the road, walking with us and sharing your love and grace, and sometimes we don't even recognize you. You come to us in our everyday lives, our workplaces, our classrooms, and our neighborhoods. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions limit our awareness of your presence. Forgive our blindness and our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' name. 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

RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

The vision of the Christian Education Committee of FPC is to "provide to children, youth, and adults opportunities for spiritual formation through continuous learning and practice."

Our volunteers make this possible, and this morning we give thanks for their service!

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 – *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*

ANTHEM

“A Little Love”
Praise and Alleluia Choir

Natalie Sleeth

2nd SCRIPTURE READING- *Luke 24:13-35*

*This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE

“What is your Road to Emmaus?”

*HYMN

“Day of Arising”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Iona Community)

***We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
In the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms.***

***We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our
humanity.***

***We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action,
into vulnerability and into the streets.***

***We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the
line;***

***to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face
humiliation;***

to stand with those on the edge;

***to choose abundant life for all and be used by the Spirit for God's
new community of hope. Amen.***

OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY

“Angelic Chorus”
Alleluia Handbells

John C. Dare

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.***

*HYMN	“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”	546
*CHARGE and BLESSING		
*BENEDICTION	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Praise and Alleluia Handbells	Johann G. Nageli
*POSTLUDE	“Prelude and Fugue in G Major”	J.S. Bach

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**The Presbytery of Central Nebraska invites you to share in the Installation of Reverend Greg Allen-Pickett as Teaching Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.**

At this event, Pastor Greg will be formally installed as our new pastor. It will be a joyful service including communion and music from our chancel choir, our celebrate band, and Greg and Bryce Wiebe leading the congregation in a song. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian, author, pastor, and head of staff of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, IL.

**Sunday, May 7, 2017, 4:00 p.m.**

A potluck supper will be held at the church immediately following the service. Please bring a dish to share, with consideration given to the following suggestions: main dish (last name beginning with A-I); side dish (last name beginning with J-S); dessert (last name beginning with T-Z).

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Come worship with us next week and invite your friends and family!
Sunday, May 7
Confirmation Sunday
9:15am Sunday School for all ages
10:30am Worship: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett and the Confirmands Preaching

4:00pm Installation Service for Rev. Greg. Allen-Pickett
Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian Preaching
Bryce Wiebe giving the charge to the congregation

7:00pm Taize Service, “Overcoming Fear”

“Thank you!!”

...to all who helped make Christian education events possible!
...from the CE Committee,
...Director of Child and Youth Education,
...Director of Adult Education,
...and all the participants who benefitted!

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." -II Corinthians 9:10-12

Children's/Youth Ministry Volunteers

Sunday School Teachers

PreK/Kindergarten: Nancy Grams, Kris Horton, Lois Hafer, Alissa Kidd

1st/2nd Grade: Irina Belikova-Erickson, Abigail Shetler, Justin Brader, Tom Ratzlaff

3rd/4th Grade: Jill Kramer & Daveta Brader

5th Grade: Traci Boeve

6th/7th Grade: Chad Murrell

8th Grade Confirmation: Dave Cooke & Frank Georgiana

Sr. High: Kraig & Laurie Lofquist

Other Sunday Volunteers

Children's Moment Leaders: Nancy Grams & Lauren Canady

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff & Erika Nielsen

WNL Bible Study & Youth Group Teachers

PreK/Kindergarten: Jane Marsh, Susie Graham, Cheryl Schukei

1st/2nd Grade: Leah Ratzlaff & Kathy Reimer

3rd/4th Grade: Jill Kramer

5th Grade: Ann Koozer

6th/7th/8th Graders: Erica Brooks

Sr. High: Justin Miller

Other WNL Volunteers

Table Setter/Decorator/Cooks: Nancy Grams, Bonnie Grams, Lois Hahne

Recreation: Brady Rhodes, Eric Brader, Eleanor Oliver

Napkin Launderer: Carol Grummert

Dinner Dean: Chris Schukei

Table Parents: Abigail Shetler, Richard Brader, Daveta Brader, Tom Ratzlaff, Leah Ratzlaff, Wendy Propp,

Lois Hafer, Mike Meyer, Becky Meyer

Attendance Recorder: Lynne Friedewald

Adult Ministry Volunteers

Heirs Apparent

Curtis Reimer, weekly facilitator

Tony and Stacey Eddleman, substitute leaders

Don Canady, presentation on the Gospel of John

Forums Led by Volunteers

“Summer Book Club Review” John Harrington

“Hunger in Hastings” Jean Heriot* and Brian Winfield*

“Protest and Resistance” Mark Zajack and Gary Johnson

“Human Trafficking” Sue Medsker-Nedderman and Melissa Kometscher*

“How do Christians Engage the Concept of White Privilege?” Bob Nedderman

“How do Christians Respond to the Concept of White Privilege?”

Elona Street-Stewart*

“The Gifts of Abraham”; “Contemplative Prayer”; and “Creation Care”

Dan Deffenbaugh*

“The Spiritual Practice of Yoga” Lanae Hall

“Sustainable Living” Damen Heitmann*

“Meditative Christmas Readings” Darrel Lloyd

“Border to Border Trip: A Mission Team’s New Understanding”

Jan Ham, Denny Storer, Pam Lay, and Jeni Howard

“Polarization in America: An Historian’s Perspective” Michella Marino*

“The Chief Standing Bear Trail: A Cyclist’s Experience” Will Locke

“Shakespeare: The Holy Sonnets” Dwight Marsh

“(Un)Wanted: Foster Care—Before, During After” Luke Kliewer* and Kathleen Stolz*

“Our Father, Which Art in Heaven...” Joe Black

“Meet Your State Senator” Steve Halloran*

“Can Two Nebraskans Build a Village in Uganda?” Ryan and Jen Ramaekers*

“Appalachian Trail: Journey of Body and Soul” Jayson Stoddard*

“Report from Hastings College Mission Trip” HC students

Soup Group Leaders

Laurie Lofquist, Stephanie Adam, Stephanie Ourada*

PW Bible Study Leaders

Alice Throckmorton, Gayle Fandry, Pamela Lay, Flossie Sanderson, Rogene Wenburg, Kathy Duval, Jo Seiler, Jane Pollak, May Wierenga, Mary Jeanne Cooke, Elaine Specht, Joy White, Eleanor Jorgenson, Susie Graham, Mary Lewis, Sue Medsker-Nedderman, Jill Kramer, Jane Marsh

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Joe Black

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: John Harrington

Summer Book Club: John Harrington

“Understanding Islam” Series: Dan Deffenbaugh,* Damen Heitmann,* Jessica Palys*

Happy Hour Book Club: Bob Nedderman, Denny Storer

“The Big Questions” College Discernment Group: Damen Heitmann,* leader;
Harvey Freetley, Sharon Brooks, and Pamela Lay, mentors

Special thanks also goes to...

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(CE Committee members include(d): Kim Hermann, Matt Fong, Kenton Grams, Nancy Grams, Stacey Eddleman, Irina Erickson, Kris Horton, Chris Junker, Laurie Lofquist, Jill Kramer, Pam Canady, Kathy Reimer, Harold Korb, Jessica Meeske.)

*This individual is not a member of our church but is a community member who has freely given of him/herself in service to us and to God. Please thank him/her if you have the opportunity!

**Thank you also (and sincere apologies) to anyone who was inadvertently left off this list!

***Be sure to offer a word of thanks to
these generous and faithful individuals!***

This Week --- May 1 – May 6, 2017

Mon, May 1	10:00a.m. 7:00p.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Basement Scout Room
Tue, May 2	1:00p.m. 5:30p.m.	Quilters in the Annex W.A.M. Meeting in Anderson Conference
Wed, May 3	7:00a.m. 11:00a.m. 4:00p.m. 6:00p.m. 6:30p.m. 6:45p.m. 7:30p.m.	Bible@ Breakfast in the Parlor PW Coordinating Team in Library WNL! Confirmation Youth Meet with Session Wood Carvers in Basement Chancel Choir Practice Chancel Bells Practice
Thu, May 4	5:30p.m. 6:00p.m.	Christian Education Meeting in Kessler Spanish Class in the Parlor
Fri, May 5	10:00a.m. 12:00p.m.	Mahjong Ladies in the Parlor Soup Group in Fellowship Hall
Sat, May 6	5:00-9:00p.m.	Hastings College Music Dept. Dinner Social in Fellowship Hall

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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 2:00 p.m.

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

Flowers are given in honor of Zach and Becky Spurgeon.

Greeters: Connie & LaVern Franzen

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

Acolytes: Madeleine Johnson, Shannon Canady

Youth Ushers: Erikka Rhodes, Lyndie Eddleman

Nursery: Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

May Servers

Communion, May 7 (Team 2): Paula Crozier, Mary Fisk, Matt Fong, Jeff Howard, Brian Johnson, Mary Kay LaMaster, Kathy Nelson, Constance Malloy, Al Meyer, Chad Murrell, Kathy Utter, Rogene Wenburg

Ushers (Team 3): Andrew Barrows, Dave Fisher-Captain, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

Prayers for Celia Ganow and family.

Condolences to Kenny and Susie Graham for the loss of Kenny's brother, Larry A. Graham from Cresson, PA. Services will be May 5th in Pawnee City, NE.

*"Dear Family & Friends of FPC, **Thank you so much** for your thoughts, prayers, calls, visits and the beautiful flowers, and our God who makes everything possible! Blessings be on all of you!" –Larry & Carolyn Nowka*

The single red rose is in honor of the birth of **BrieElla Laurie Spurgeon** born April 24th (7lbs., 11oz; 19-1/2") to Becky and Zach Spurgeon. Congratulations to the families!



May Anniversary Correction:

Chuck & Jeanne Hastings were married May 18, 1974 (not 1981.)

Check out the Cross Wall!

In the hallway connecting the Memorial Room to the Fellowship Hall, one wall is now adorned with crosses donated by members of our congregation. Each cross is personal and has its own special story. The display will continue to grow as others donate their crosses, so please consider contributing yours as the assortment evolves and grows.

Special thanks to Paula Crozier and Susie Graham for bringing the Cross Wall to life!

Open discussion on Islam and "Understanding Islam" series will be this afternoon at 3:00 p.m., at the Blue Moon coffee shop. Discussion will be moderated by Rev. Jessica Palys, pastor of the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ.

Show your support for Hastings College students who served in Nashville, TN, for their Spring Break Mission Trip. Financially supported in part by FPC, they will be leading next week's Forum class by sharing their experiences, challenges, and joys from the trip.

Sunday, May 7, 9:15-10:15 a.m., Parlor

Music in the Community

***Hastings Symphony Orchestra**, today at 3:00p.m., Masonic Auditorium. Featuring Linda Johnson and Robin Koozer. Tickets \$15 & \$13 for adults, all students admitted free.

***Nathan Jensen's Senior Voice Recital** this evening at 7:30p.m., Perkins Auditorium, Hayes M. Fuhr Hall of Music, Hastings College.

***Hastings College Handbell Choir** on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30p.m., Perkins Auditorium, Hayes M. Fuhr Hall of Music, Hastings College. Free to everyone.

April is National Donate Life Month. As of today 118,000 people are waiting for a donor, a person is added to the waiting list every 10 minutes, 22 people die each day waiting for an organ, and one organ, eye and tissue donor can save and heal more than 75 lives. 95% of Americans are in favor of being a donor but only 54% are registered. You may register or learn how to give otherwise at <https://www.donatelife.net/>.

If you are interested in owning a gently-used **electric wheelchair**, please contact the church office.

FPC is proud to offer two scholarship opportunities for 2017/2018 school year:

Ann Binfield Scholarship - This scholarship is for students attending a Presbyterian college or university. Amounts awarded are based primarily on need.

Chip Essex Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship is for any student attending a 2-year or 4-year college. \$500 each semester to one individual.

Applications are available in the church office or by emailing Traci Boeve tboeve@hastings.edu

Two small recycling bins are available at the back of the sanctuary for **bulletin disposal**. Thank you.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WNL YEAR-END
PICNIC

Children of all ages, families, and congregation are welcome to attend!

Wednesday, May 10
Libs Park—16th St. & Baltimore Ave
5:00-6:00pm fellowship & free-play
6:00-7:00pm meal*

*Hot dogs, drinks, condiments, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Presbyterian Women (PW) – April Events

Mother's Day Cards

Healthy Women Healthy Families is a year-round ministry of PC (USA) and Presbyterian Women. Mother's Day cards will be offered in the Memorial Room on two Sunday's prior to Mother's Day (April 30 and May 7). All proceeds from the cards will support programs of Presbyterian partner churches overseas that directly impact the health and well-being of women and children. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please list the name of a special woman/women you would like to honor on the form that will be provided. Please return the form immediately or to the church office by May 11. All women remembered will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 14, 2017.

Other activities:

May 3 – 11:00 am – PW Coordinating Team will meet in the church library.

There will be no regular PW meeting this month.

May 4 – 2:00 pm – Campbell Spring Tea – Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Campbell, NE – Program; "I am just a Quilter" presented by Betty Mlejnek. Contact May Wierenga if you plan to attend. She is organizing a car pool.

May 4 – 1:00 pm – Fall Presbytery Meeting in Edgar, NE. Sue Medsker-Nedderman will be the speaker. Call Nancy Grams if you plan to attend. A carpool will be available there, too.

May 5 – 12:00 pm – Church Women United May Friendship Day – First United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$5 and are available in the church office or at the door.

May 17 – Circle Meetings – Study Lesson "Who is Jesus According to Abrahamic Faiths"

- Circle 1 – 9:30 am – Jean Barber's home – Elaine Specht is the Lesson Leader
- Circle 2 – 9:30 am – Mary Lewis' home – Mary Lewis is the Lesson Leader
- Circle 3 – 1:15 pm – Church Parlor – Nancy Grams is the hostess – Jill Kramer is the Lesson Leader

PW and Circles do not meet during the summer months of June, July, and August.

HEALTHY WOMEN HEALTHY FAMILIES MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT

(a year-round ministry of PC (USA) and Presbyterian Women)

Mother's Day cards will be offered in the Memorial Room this Sunday, April 30, and next Sunday, May 7, and in the library throughout the weeks. The suggested donation is \$10 with the proceeds going to support programs of Presbyterian partner churches overseas that directly impact the health and well-being of women and children. Donations of any amount are welcome. Please make checks payable to "Presbyterian Women", fill in the form below, and return both to PW or the church office.

All women will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day, May 14.

Card in honor of _____

Donation in memory of _____

Given by _____

Kindling New Fires

Church Women United is an ecumenical movement that brings together Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women in the United States and Puerto Rico to:

- Work for a just, caring, and peaceful society.
- Develop a visible, ecumenical community.
- Use responsibly and creatively the resources God has entrusted to us: our intelligence, time, energy and money.
- Deepen our understanding of what it means to be Christian women of faith in today's world.



Church Women United in the USA
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 243, New York, NY 10115
1-800-CWU-5551
www.churchwomen.org

May Friendship Day Celebration "May Friendship Day 2017: Kindling New Fires of Love"

The Church Women United Celebration called May Friendship Day (MFD) is an annual event celebrated by CWU nationwide.

May Friendship Day 2017: Kindling New Fires of Love centers on the role of Christian women in addressing the social needs of children. May Friendship Day began in May 1933 when two women's groups, meeting at separate luncheons, focused on children's health and the children of migrant families. These themes are still relevant today. According to the website "NoKidHungry" 16.2 million children live in households that lack the means to get enough nutritious food on a regular basis. A 2011 National Center for Children in Poverty report shows that immigrant families with children tend to access federal food assistance at significantly lower rates than do native families. A 2009 study in the American Journal of Public Health confirms this: "Although 93% of children of immigrants are US citizens and are therefore eligible for federal assistance, such programs often do not reach these children."

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY LUNCHEON
Friday, May 5, 12 pm Noon Luncheon
First United Methodist Church, 614 N Hastings Ave
Tickets \$5. Purchase at your church or at the door