

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Kili Wenburg

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Chancel Choir Director: Robin Koozer

Calvin/Westminster & Chancel Handbells Director: Byron Jensen

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Bish

WELCOME

INTROIT “Fanfare and Allegro” Jim Smith
Calvin/Westminster Handbells

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of the Ages, we come today as your people who have been called to rise up and follow you. We are pilgrims, travelers making our way.

We travel on the ancient pathways of the saints. We walk the same highway and follow the same landmarks which led them.

Today we celebrate tomorrow's leaders, the heroes and heroines of a history yet to be made.

We hold out our hands to them and beckon them to join us on the journey.

Today we celebrate a new generation of faith, your daughters and sons, drawn to the cross of Jesus Christ and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us welcome them into this church community, as we all worship God together and share God's love with the world! Amen.

***HYMN** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” 298

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Wonderful, amazing God, we gather as those who have caught a glimpse of your glory and goodness. Your love has surrounded us from our birth and drawn us to yourself. Thank you for calling us into this community of faith. Thank you for walking with us as we grow in faith from our baptism, to our confirmation, to our ongoing efforts to faithfully walk in your ways. Help us to love you, one another and the world with the love revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, you know how easy it is for us to stray. We wander off so easily. Forgive us, we pray. Heal our brokenness and our fears. Remind us again that you are our shepherd who leads us in gentle paths and by quiet waters – when the paths are stony and the waves tumultuous, help us to remember your protection and your care. Help us to extend that same love and care to others, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory Be to the Father” 581

*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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Open Table Sack Lunch Program Mona Mueller

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

ANTHEM	“Search Me, O God” Chancel Choir	Jonny Priano
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CONFIRMATION and a MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

We invite the children to come forward to be “front row witnesses” to the act of confirmation this morning. While the children and confirmands are coming forward, we invite the congregation to sing “This Little Light of Mine.”

Nyaguor Tang Duang	Avery Gavin Essink	Hannah Faith Hafer	Tyson Mitchell Kerr
Confirmation Mentor:	Confirmation Mentor:	Confirmation Mentor:	Confirmation Mentor:
Ginny Locke	Will Locke	Mary Fisk	Joe Black
Baptism Date:	Baptism Date:	Baptism Date:	Baptism Date:
09/18/05	08/03/03	06/22/03	01/26/03

STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmands, will you be faithful members of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Confirmands: *We will, with God's help.*

Congregation, you have been witnesses to their life in this congregation. Will you support them by reaffirming your commitment as faithful members of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
Congregation: *We will, with God's help!*

PRAYER WITH THE CONFIRMANDS AND CHILDREN

WELCOME AS MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

By publicly professing their faith, these confirmands have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

Congregation: *With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.*

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 23*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING- *Acts 2:42-47*

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

MESSAGE

Statements of Faith by the Confirmands

*HYMN

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (2017 Confirmation Class Corporate Statement of Faith)

We believe in God, who created Heaven and Earth. God is the King of all kings, who loves and forgives us. God watches over us and blesses us in our times of need.

We believe that Jesus Christ is God in human form. He was born from a virgin, and spent his life spreading and teaching God's word. Christ healed many people in God's name. He saved us by giving up his life for the forgiveness of our sins. He rose again to Heaven, where he watches over us alongside God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. As the church, may we rise from the Communion Table and be sent by the power of the Holy Spirit to participate in God's mission to the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN

"Take My Life"

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During this hymn, please bring your communion offering forward and place it in the basket on the communion table. The communion offering this month is donated to the Open Table.

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"Gloria" (from 12th Mass)

Mozart



Confirmation Cake Reception

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
MEMORIAL ROOM
SUNDAY, MAY 7
FOLLOWING TODAY'S
SERVICE**

Come worship with us next week, and invite your friends and family!

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day

8:30am Celebrate Service

10:30am Worship

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Preaching

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is in loving memory of Edna Perry by Shirley Johnston 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 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Mabel C. and Frank E. Weyer by family.

Greeters: Jane Bauer, Mary Creigh, Vera & Dan Zabloudil

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

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Eleanor Oliver

Youth Ushers: Allie Bauer, Carter Wenburg

Nursery: Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

Communion Servers (Team 2): Mary Fisk, Matt Fong, LaVern Franzen, Brian Johnson, Mary Kay LaMaster, Constance Malloy, Carolyn McKenzie, Al Meyer, Chad Murrell, Kathy Nelson, Rogene Wenburg

Prayers for Judy Brown, Celia Ganow, and families.

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.

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

May communion offerings will be to FPC's Open Table Sack Lunch Program.

FPC is scheduled to assemble and provide the Open Table lunches throughout the month of July again this year. More than 5,000 sack lunches and almost 800 'special meals' were prepared last year. The cost to fill the total need was \$5,318.82.

The Open Table Fund has a 2017 beginning balance of \$3,052.03, which is a great start! Glory be to God that we are able to fill this need; let's do it again! Your offering makes the difference. Thank you!



A **VBS donation board** is displayed in the Memorial Room. If you can help support our VBS by making a donation, please take a card and purchase the item listed. Then attach the card to the item and return it to the church ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie at 402-462-5147 or stephanie@fpchastings.org

Last Chance to Experience Taize-Style Worship until the Fall

This beautiful, relaxing, contemplative service may be just the deep breath opportunity you need to recenter your mind and heart this hectic spring season.

Join us to pray, listen to scripture, sing praises, and reflect on the theme of "Overcoming Fear."
Sunday, May 7, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

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**FPC is happy to announce the following scholarships are now available:**

### **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 at [tboeve@hastings.edu](mailto:tboeve@hastings.edu).



## **American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Adams County**

Saturday, June 2, 6:00 - 11:00 PM

Hastings High School Track

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Relay for Life is the nationwide, signature event of the American Cancer Society. It is a community event in the fight against cancer, and as part of the ceremonies, volunteers and survivors line the track with luminaria (lighted candles in weighted, white bags) inscribed with an individual's name. At sunset, everyone is invited to participate in the incredibly moving Luminaria Ceremony and observe a heart-felt moment of silence as the candles are lit. Each luminaria is lit in honor of someone who has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has lost his or her battle to cancer. Donations for luminaria are \$10 each. All money goes to the American Cancer Society mission to help others Stay Well, Get Well, Finding Cures and Fight Back.

First Presbyterian Church Team again will be participating this year. Luminaries are available each Sunday in May at a table in the Memorial Room or in the church office during the week. Donations can be made via the website: www.RelayForLife.org.

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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 today and in the library through Thursday, May 11. 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 _____

This Week --- May 8 – May 13, 2017

Mon, May 8	5:00p.m. 5:30p.m. 7:00p.m.	HSO Meeting in Anderson Conference Foundation Meeting in Kessler Boy Scouts Troop 200 in Basement Scout Room
Tue, May 9	10:00a.m. 1:00p.m. 4:15p.m. 5:30p.m. 5:30p.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office Quilters in the Annex Global Mission Meeting in Kessler Congregational Life Meeting in Parlor Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference
Wed, May 10	7:00a.m. 5:00-7:00p.m. 6:30p.m. 6:45p.m. 7:30p.m.	Bible@ Breakfast in the Parlor Final WNL!, Picnic in Libs Park Wood Carvers in Basement Chancel Choir Practice Chancel Bells Practice
Thu, May 11	5:00p.m. 6:00-8:00p.m.	Personnel Meeting in Kessler Spanish Class in the Parlor
Fri, May 12	10:00a.m. 1:00-5:00p.m.	Mahjong Ladies in the Parlor Pooh Corner Graduation Ceremony In Fellowship Hall
Sat, May 13	5:00-9:00p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 200 Court of Honor In Fellowship Hall

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