

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Guest Pastor: David Johnson

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Rev. Don Canady

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Accompanists: Mary Plock, Phill Parker

July 2, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Runyan/Wagner

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Isaiah 55:1; Psalm 42:1-2; John 4:13-15, 7:37-39)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the living waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat.

We gather as the body of Christ to worship God who offers a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for the living God of lavish love.

Jesus cries out: “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.”

O Spirit, make us people who proclaim God’s good news in all that we do. Amen!

***HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adam Etheredge

O God, your love courses through our lives like a flowing river, abundant in grace and power. We confess that we have not stopped to be refreshed by your Spirit. We have bypassed the streams of mercy and in so doing have forfeited the strength you offer your servants. Lord, forgive us. We have dammed up the river of your power with grudges, nursed hurts, and self-pity. We have refused to channel your love to others, especially those we find hard to love. In your mercy, forgive us. Cleanse us of old regrets and ancient wounds; restore us to peace – peace within, peace between friends, and peace in your Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God” (sing 2 times through)

583

*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

ANTHEM

Selah Wenburg

Through the generous legacy of the Langenberg family, our church provides scholarships for music classes to children of members. Each Sunday this summer, we will hear a song offered by a recipient of the Langenberg Scholarship Funds.

God loves a lullaby
In a mother's tears in the dead of night
Better than a Hallelujah sometimes.
God loves a drunkard's cry,
The soldier's plea not to let him die
Better than a Hallelujah sometimes.

[Refrain]
We pour out our miseries
God just hears a melody
Beautiful the mess we are
The honest cries of breaking hearts
Are better than a Hallelujah.

The woman holding on for life,
The dying man giving up the fight
Are better than a Hallelujah sometimes
The tears of shame for what's been done,
The silence when the words won't come
Are better than a Hallelujah sometimes.

[Refrain]

Better than a church bell ringing,
Better than a choir singing out, singing out.

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

COMMISSIONING OF GO & SERVE TEAM AND A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

While the Go & Serve participants and children are coming forward, we invite the congregation to sing, “This Little Light of Mine.”

COMMISSIONING QUESTIONS TO THE GO & SERVE TEAM

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love, will you?

I will.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this mission to North Carolina because you are determined to follow Christ so you might shine his love and light into the world, do you?

I do.

Will you treat all the people you work with, both on your team and in North Carolina, with humility, grace, and love? ***I will.***

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, will you? ***I will.***

COMMISSIONING QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, confirm the call of God on this team as they travel to North Carolina in the service of Jesus Christ? ***We do.***

Will we pray for them while they travel and will we seek to listen to them when they return so that we can hear stories of how God is at work in North Carolina and in their lives?

We will.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading this Go & Serve team to North Carolina. Establish them in your truth and guide them by your Holy Spirit that in your service they may grow in faith, hope and love, and be faithful disciples who live God’s love and shine God’s light in the way of Jesus Christ.

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 89:1-4 and 15-18

2nd SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 10:40-42

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Christ’s Compassionate Living Water”

*HYMN

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” (verses 1-4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed, 35)

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

OFFERTORY "Cantilena in F Major" Joseph Rheinberger
(from Sonata No. 11 op. 148)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Take and eat the bread when it is passed to you.

Take the cup and hold it until the entire congregation has been served.

We drink the cup together as a sign of unity in the Body of Christ.

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 "Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore" 721

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Grand Choeur" Marcel Courtonne

Come worship with us next week, and invite your friends and family!
Hear a sermon on “The Impossible Dream” from *Man of La Mancha* and Revelation 21
Sunday, July 9
10:00am Worship
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Preaching

This summer, Pastor Greg is preaching a **Summer Sermon Song Series** on songs from popular culture. Below is the tentative schedule. If you have a family member, friend or neighbor who likes any of these groups, songs, or music, invite them to church this summer!

7/9/17: Sermon on musical *Man of La Mancha* song “The Impossible Dream” and Revelation 21:1-6

7/16/17: Sermon on Lynyrd Skynyrd song “Simple Man” and Matt. 22:35-40, 2 Corinth. 1:12-14

7/23/17: Sermon on Barry Manilow song “One Voice” and Romans 15:1-13

7/30/17: Go and Serve Sunday. “Seasons of Love” from *Rent*, 1 John 3:1-3, 16-22

8/6/17: Sermon on J. Paul Williams “Creation Shall Be at Peace” and Isaiah 11:1-10

8/13/17: David Johnson, Guest Preaching

8/20/17: Sermon on The Byrds “Turn, Turn, Turn” and Ecclesiastes 3

Open Table’s
Sack Lunch Program

One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked.

Join our congregation in celebrating fourteen years of support for the Open Table Sack Lunch Program. Beginning Sunday, July 9th, we will be assembling 1200 lunches on each of the next four Sundays in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. This tradition in our church has been a blessing for the people receiving the lunches, and the people preparing them.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Sundays

Setting up before Sunday morning services at 9:00 am.

Assembling lunches in Fellowship Hall following services.

Transporting lunches to Catholic Social Services on Sunday following assembly.

Mondays

Assist in loading sacks from Church onto CSS truck, and helping unload at CSS.

Tuesdays

Transporting bananas from Russ’s IGA to Catholic Social Services

Wednesdays

Organizing a hot lunch or special meal.

Joining cooks in our church kitchen to prepare a chef salad or hot lunch to serve on the next day.

Thursdays

Assist in serving special lunch at Catholic Social Services.

Fridays or Saturdays

Transporting bread, meat or other foods. (Larger vehicle helpful)

Donations of cash or food are always welcome and needed.

Prayers!!!!

Thanks for your generous and enthusiastic support of this ongoing mission.

Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the service 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.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or tarci@fpchastings.org.

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 loving memory of Raymond A. and Ruth Watson by family.

Greeters: Alice Throckmorton, Kym Warner, Marilyn Nielsen

Ushers (Team #5): Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Ken Stein

Communion Servers (Team #4): Dick Brader, Jan Ham, Jeanne Hastings, Mark Hemje, Mary Olsen, Katherine Sachtleben, Doug Soderquist, May Wierenga, Dan Zabloudil, Vera Zabloudil

July Communion offerings will be remitted to SASA (Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault) Crisis Center.

Prayers for Judy Brown, Celia Ganow, Zelma Fobben, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother) and families.

Condolences to Vonda Essex and family for the loss of her mother, Deloris Plucker of Parker, SD, who passed away on Wednesday, June 21.

Deacon's delivered 3 bags with 14 items to the Hastings Food Pantry last Wednesday.



The single red rose is to **celebrate** the birth of **Rory John Stout** born Monday, June 26, 8lbs. 7ozs, and 21" long. Congratulations to Lindsey, Ethan, Charlie and family.

As a ministry of hospitality, the **deacons organized meal delivery to the Stout family**. You can sign up to deliver a meal by visiting the following webpage: <https://mealtrain.com/e73e60> If you can't access the webpage, please come into the office to let Tarci or Greg know when you would like to deliver a meal, and they will share the details with you. Meal delivery will be Mondays and Thursdays starting Thursday, June 29 for 6 weeks. That means there are 12 opportunities to sign up! The family is two adults and one precious 2 year old. There are no dietary restrictions. Thank you for participating in this vital ministry of hospitality as we welcome the newest member of our First Presbyterian Church family!

American Red Cross blood drive is tomorrow from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or ericalynn128@gmail.com. PLUS donors get pie, ice cream 🍰🍦 and free backpacks 🎒! Thank you for taking time!

Volunteers are needed thru July for a church office project! Decades of meeting minutes are to be digitized for permanent archiving by scanning the hardcopies thru the copier machine. Two hour shifts are available 9 am - noon & 1 - 4 pm Mon-Thu as convenient for you. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or tarci@fpchastings.org.

This Week --- July 3 – July 8, 2017

Mon, July 3	12:00-6:00p	Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall OFFICE CLOSED
Tue, July 4	OFFICE CLOSED	HAVE A GREAT FOURTH OF JULY!
Wed, July 5	12:00p 6:30p	Summer Book Club in Parlor Wood Carvers in Basement
Thu, July 6	6:30p-8:00p	Spanish Class in the NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, July 7	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, July 8	12:45p	Go & Serve Send Off–Please Join Us in FPC Parking Lot

SUMMER SERVICE

First Presbyterian July Challenge A Month of Community Service!

**Some churches slow down during the summer. Not First Presbyterian Church of Hastings!
Join us as we double down for the month of July and commit to serving our community!**

Romans 12:9-13 (NLT) Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.... Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically... When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

We are challenging ourselves to volunteer 1,000 hours for the month of July! Are you in?

There are multiple opportunities to serve in July. Sign up for at least 2 opportunities and help us achieve our church-wide goal of 1,000 volunteer hours!

United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, July 15
Two shifts available:
9:30am-12:00pm
11:45am-2:15pm

Help unpack and distribute food in the "mobile food pantry" that we set up in the Annex Gym. Or help a recipient fill their food cart and help them load up the food in their car.

Coordinator:
Kili Wenburg: 402-462-5147 – kili@fpchastings.org

Go and Serve Mission Team

Saturday, July 8 – Saturday July 15
Our Go and Serve mission team of 22 people will be traveling to Charlotte, North Carolina to work with a Presbyterian ministry called "Cross Missions" that works to address urban poverty and food insecurity.

FPC Hastings has sent a short term mission team every year since 1969! The team is already set this year, but you can:

- Pray for them
- Donate toward the cost of the trip to support this vital work

Community Service Coupon for FPC Hastings Summer of Service

(Tear off this coupon and turn it into the church office, be entered into a drawing for a dozen cupcakes)

Name: _____ **Number of Hours Served:** _____

Names of ministries where service took place: _____

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Sundays - July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30:

9am-10am: Set up to help pack lunches after worship service

11am-12pm: Help pack more than 1,200 lunches each week

12pm-1pm: Transport lunches to Catholic Social Services on Sunday following assembly

Tuesdays - July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1:

Transport bananas from Russ's IGA to Catholic Social Services (Check with Jeni or Meg for details, 1 hour)

Wednesdays - July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2:

Cook in church kitchen to prepare a hot lunch to serve on the next day (Check with Jeni or Meg for details, 1-4 hours)

Thursdays - July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3:

Serve lunch at Catholic Social Services (Check with Jeni or Meg for details, 1-4 hours)

Other opportunities throughout the month include:

- Transporting bread (requires larger vehicle) or other food items.
- Donations of cash or food are always welcome and needed.
- Please offer your prayers!

Coordinators:

Jeni Howard: 402-469-1500 – jhoward37@charter.net

Meg Stewart-Magee: 402-902-9330 – mstewart@hshn.org

Project Homeless Connect

June 17, 24, and July 1 - Donation/collection drives:

Volunteer 1-4 hours between 10am-4pm outside of Walmart (June 17, July 1) or Russ's (June 24) to collect donations for the PHC event

July 27: 225 volunteers needed!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Set-up day before event/clean-up after event
- Navigator
- Runners/Greeters
- Food Service
- Registration table
- Translators, including Spanish, Sudanese, Vietnamese

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, visit this website: www.phchastings.org

Donation of needed items: Towels/wash cloths; these can be gently used as long as they appear like new. Monetary donations also welcomed.

Stuffed animal donations: Stuffed animal adoption activity during PHC. This activity helps occupy children while their parents are receiving services.

Coordinators:

Tina Winchell: 402-469-7915 - phchastings@gmail.com
Rashell Hillis: 402-984-9438 - hillisrashell@gmail.com

Other Service Opportunities

Our church members are engaged in ministry and service all the time! Please record the hours you spend volunteering during the month of July to be included in our total. This could include:

- Deacons visits
- Community service through civic organizations like Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Lions, Masons, etc.
- Volunteering with Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts
- Volunteering at a summer camp

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