

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Susan Medsker-Nedderman

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

July 16, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” arr. Franklin Ritter

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, we know you are with us.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

You have showered your love upon all generations,
since the beginning of time.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Guide us now through this time of worship,
and into the week ahead.

***From everlasting to everlasting, you are God. Let us worship our
everlasting God!***

***HYMN** “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” 396

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all
generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us
with your love. And you have given us a simple command, to love
you and love our neighbors.***

***And yet we acknowledge that we do not always share your love with
others. We are selective about who we choose as neighbors. . .
only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, who seem
safe.***

***Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our
lives will show love to all others, even as your love encompasses all
your creation, in all generations. We pray in the name of your
greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though we have not always followed God's command to love God and love our neighbor,

God is always faithful to us and always loves us.

All of us are beloved children of God;

May we live our lives receiving love and giving love.

Rejoice, children of God! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" (We will 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

(Please pass the "Friendship Folders" found in the pews and sign in to let us know of your presence here. If you are new here, please share your phone number or email so we can reach out to you.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

ANTHEM

Esther Allen-Pickett

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, open our hearts and minds and souls to hear your word as if for the first time. Help us experience anew the surprise and joy that your presence in the word can bring us. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 1:12-14

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 22:34-40

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Summer Sermon Song Series:

"Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Simple Life, the Law of Love"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Belhar Confession by Barbara Hedges-Goettl.)

***We believe in God--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church.***

***We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints,
called from the entire human family.***

***We believe the church is the single community of believers,
reconciled with God and with one another.***

***We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, love is a binding
force and also that we must seek this love, which must become
visible to the world.***

***We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between
people and groups has been conquered by Christ.***

***We commit ourselves to protecting the unity and love of the church
universal.***

***We pledge to make this love active in all of our words, thoughts and
deeds.***

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

OFFERTORY “Simple Gifts/Simple Man” arr. Fowler, Rossington & Van Zant

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord” 707

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “Tis the Gift to Be Simple” arr. John A. Behnke

Come worship with us next week! Bring a friend! Invite your neighbor!

Summer Sermon Song Series:

Barry Manilow “One Voice,” and Romans 15:1-13

Sunday, July 23, 10:00a.m.

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Preaching

SIMPLE GIFTS

Shaker dance song composed by
ELDER JOSEPH BRACKETT (1848)

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C7 F C7 F

1. 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down
2. See additional lyrics

F Edim/G F/A Cdim

where we ought to be, And when we find our-selves in the place just right, 'Twill

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Gm/Bb F/A Gm C7 F Fine F

be in the val - ley of love and de-light. When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gain'd, to

F/A F#dim7 Gm C7 F F/A F#dim7

bow and to bend we shan't be a-sham'd, To turn, turn will be our de-light, 'Till by

Gm Gm/Bb F/C C7 1. F 2. F D.S. al Fine

turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right, learn to say.

Additional Lyrics

2. 'Tis the gift to be loved and that love to return,
 'Tis the gift to be taught and a richer gift to learn,
 And when we expect of others what we try to live each day,
 Then we'll all live together and we'll all learn to say,

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. Thru the month of July, we will be assembling 1,200 lunches on each of the 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 in memory of Toni and Bob Mays by family and friends.

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 memory of our parents, by Marnie & Doug Soderquist.

Greeters: Kim Creech

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

In the Hospital: Zelma Fobben (Ambassador Lincoln), Wayne Specht (Mary Lanning)

Prayers for Judy Brown, Mary Jo Emmons, Chuck & Georgie Evans, Zelma Fobben, Celia Ganow, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother), Wayne & Elaine Specht and families.

In Loving Memory of Joan Swan, June 2, 1926 – July 14, 2017. Services will be announced.

"It is pretty hard to create a "heavenly" stage, but we are going to try. Please help! We need a large number of pure white sheets and pillow cases for our **Children's Christmas program, "Angels Aware"**. Please check your linen closets and local garage sales for old sheets for us ("Holy" ones work too!) They may be dropped off in the bin located in the common office area of the church. Thank you," -*Susan Hoff and Leah Ratzlaff*

Only 2 more opportunities for meal delivery available! 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> ("o" not zero.) 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. 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!

July Communion offerings will be collected throughout the month and remitted to SASA (Spouse Abuse Sexual Assault) Crisis Center.

Mission committee team delivered 228 diapers to Catholic Social Services on July 14, 2017. **Thank you** for helping some of the most vulnerable!

“We want to send a letter to **thank you for the generous contributions** given to the Hastings Food Pantry as follows: 6/5 – 2 bags=20 items; 6/26 – 3 bags=13 items; 7/5 – 3 bags=28 items. It is only because of the donations of caring people like you that we are able to meet the needs of the hungry in our community. God bless in all you do!!” – Hastings Food Pantry, Board of Directors

With only 18 donors signed up and a goal of 28, our **July 3 Red Cross Blood Drive** was in trouble! I am happy to report that we had 15 walk-ins which helped us not only reach our goal, but exceed it with 33 total units donated. **A big thanks** to the Friedewald-Shoemaker family which contributed 5 of those units!! Other donors who are FPC members were Carol Wheeler, Daveta Brader, Vernon Groves, Jim Wenburg, Brent Brooks, Lanae Hall, Chuck Hastings, David Fisher and Bonnie Grams. Our loyal volunteers who always make the day run smoothly were Lois Hahne, Margaret Koontz and Cheryl Schukei.

Our next blood drive is Tuesday, September 5 from noon to 6:00pm. If you are interested in donating, go to redcrossblood.org or call Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285.

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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!

7/23/17: Sermon on Barry Manilow's song "One Voice" and Romans 15:1-13  
7/30/17: Sermon on J. Paul Williams' "Creation Shall Be at Peace" and Isaiah 11:1-10  
8/6/17: Go & Serve Sunday. "Seasons of Love" from *Rent*, 1 John 3:1-3, 16-22  
8/13/17: David Johnson, Guest Preaching  
8/20/17: Sermon on The Byrds' "Turn, Turn, Turn" and Ecclesiastes 3

Please note, the **Go & Serve Celebration Sunday is August 6**. This includes the youth leading in worship and the lunch and program following worship for the Stockholders who donated in support of Go & Serve.

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This Week --- July 17 – July 22, 2017

Mon, July 17	7:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 Meet
Tue, July 18	10:00a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
Wed, July 19	12:00p 6:30p	Summer Book Club in Parlor Wood Carvers in Basement
Thu, July 20	6:30p-8:00p	Spanish Class in the NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, July 21	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

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