

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Brian Johnson

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

July 23, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Wyeth/arr. Innes

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are invited to lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called
With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love

Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of all

Who is above all and through all and in all. Come let us worship God!

*HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 475

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your Word you tell us that we who are strong ought to support the weak. And yet many times we fail to do so. You invite us to participate in your work of love and redemption in the world for the sake of our neighbor and the sake of the gospel and not to please ourselves. And yet we often find ourselves missing the mark. You have given us your Word and a perfect example in the life of Christ, and yet sometimes we forget or get too busy to study your Word, or follow the example you have given us in Christ. Forgive us when we do this. Teach us to live a life worthy of the calling you have placed on us so that together we may, with one voice, glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we repent, God creates in us a new heart
And puts a new and right spirit within us.
In the name of 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.)

BAPTISM OF RORY JOHN STOUT and A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

As the children come down, the congregation is invited to sing
“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Following the baptism, the children and congregation are invited to sing:
“God Claims You.” The lyrics will be up on the screens.

ANTHEM

Grace Canady

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

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to the gift of your Word, the bread of heaven. In your Word, help us hear the call you have placed on our lives to seek unity and be vessels of your love.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – *Ephesians 4:1-6*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – *Romans 15:1-13*

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

MESSAGE

Summer Sermon Song Series:
“One Voice, Many Voices, Unity and Harmony”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY “One Voice” Manilow

*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 “May the God of Hope Go with Us” 765
(We will sing this song 3 times through.)

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “Trumpet Voluntary” Purcell

**Come worship with us next week! Bring a friend! Invite your neighbor!
Summer Sermon Song Series:
J. Paul Williams’ “Creation Shall Be at Peace” and Isaiah 11:1-10
Sunday, July 30, 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Preaching**

Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah and Arich Fruehling.

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 Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah and Arich Fruehling.

Greeters: Vera & Dan Zabloudil, Kathy Utter

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

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

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

Services for Joan Swan will be held at FPC tomorrow, July 24th at 2p.m. Viewing will be available at 1p.m. Family burial will be at Sunset Cemetery preceded by a reception and luncheon at Lochland.

"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*

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!

7/30/17: 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

This Week --- July 24 – July 29, 2017

Mon, July 24 2:00p

7:00p

Tue, July 25 10:00a

Wed, July 26 12:00p

6:30p

Thu, July 27 6:30p-8:00p

Fri, July 28 10:00a

Joan Swan Funeral

Boy Scouts Troop 200 Meet

Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office

Summer Book Club in Parlor

Wood Carvers in Basement

Spanish Class in the NW Classroom, Annex

Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

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SUMMER to 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!

Open Table's Sack Lunch Program

One sack lunch, per person, per day, no questions asked
Join the congregation in celebrating fourteen years of support for the Open Table Sack Lunch Program. Thru July, we will be assembling 1,200 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.

Sundays - 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 25 & August 1:

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

Wednesdays - 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 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

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@email.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

OPEN TABLE 2017

