

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Kathy Duval

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

July 30, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

“On the Wings of the Morning”

Anthony Giamanco

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The prophet Isaiah declared that justice and peace shall come.

This justice shall be for all of creation.

Peace shall be established in all the world.

Get ready! Prepare for God’s peace to reign!

Blessed be God who does such wondrous things!

We give thanks to God for this opportunity to worship, to reflect on hope, to pray for peace, and work together for a more just world.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Here in this Place”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy and peace, open our hearts to receive your words of hope. We live far too much in darkness and fear. We have let the fears invade the very center of our lives and find ourselves changing, moving from your light to the darkness of despair. It seems that this world and its people are more pleased to fight and destroy than they are to have peace and harmony. We become part of that crowd when we wallow in anger, resentment, apathy, and greed. Forgive us, patient and merciful God. Help us be people who will look at the ways in which we have blocked your presence; ways in which we have truly failed to be your people. Give us courage and strength to change our lives that your peace may become a reality in this world, right now, this day. For we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though the darkness seems so deep, do not fear.

God is with us!

Turn your lives to God.

God's love is being poured out for us!

Believe the Good News! In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven and loved!

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.)

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

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

ANTHEM

Olivia & Shannon 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 – *John 20:19-23*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – *Isaiah 11:1-10*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Our summer choir will sing the song “Creation Will Be At Peace” by John Paul Williams. This piece was a gift from the First Presbyterian Church of Lakewood, CO choir, in memory of John Sheppard Meyer. The piece is an ardent prayer for world peace based upon the famous prophecy in Isaiah 11:6-9.

MESSAGE

Summer Sermon Song Series:
“Peacemakers”

*HYMN

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Reformed Theologian Barbara Hedges-Goett)

It is through Christ’s reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers. As the church, we are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world. We are entrusted with the message of peace and reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. As the church, we are witnesses to peace by both word and deed. We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which peace and righteousness dwells. As the church, we proclaim that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death. God conquers irreconciliation, hatred and bitterness. As the church, God’s life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world. We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation-- servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people and the world.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Douglas Wagner

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*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

“Make me a Channel of your Peace”

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Grand Choeur in D”

Albert Renaud

**Come worship with us next week! Bring a friend! Invite your neighbor!
“Go & Serve Sunday” where we will learn about our High School Mission Trip
Sunday, August 6, 10:00 a.m., with High School Youth Preaching**

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 memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Payne and Hubert Payne.

Greeters: Mary Kay LaMaster, Ted & Lori Schroeder

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

Aug Ushers (Team #6): Bill Boyd, Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein – Captain, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker

Greeters:	Aug 6	Flossie Sanderson, Eleanor Jorgensen
	Aug 13	George & Jeni Howard
	Aug 20	Richard & Linda Johnson
	Aug 27	Richard & Connie McClenahan, Mary Fisk

Aug 6 Communion Servers (Team #1): Erica Brooks, Sharon Brooks, Dianne Christensen, Katharine Davis, Jeni Howard, Byron Jensen, Deb Jensen, Chris Junker, Erik Nielsen, Tim Redline, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

Prayers for: Judy Brown, Mary Jo Emmons, Zelma Fobben, Celia Ganow, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother), Mary Lewis, Clay Mathews (Susan Oliver's brother), Carla Ridout, Wayne & Elaine Specht and families.

"Thank you to the many at FPC who prayed for me and sent cards and well wishes during my recent hospital stay. And thank you to Deacon Jeanne Hastings for the flower delivery. It is great to have such support from the Presbyterian family." – Wayne Specht

A Big Thank You to everyone who volunteered for the office projects this month! Jan Ham, Lynne Friedewald, Alice Throckmorton, Dixie McDonald, Marilyn Nielsen, Kathy Reimer, Lynne Friedewald, Jill Kramer, May Wierenga, Carol Grummert, Tommy Thomsen, Dawna Whitcomb, Ginny Locke – did I mention Lynne Friedewald again - your service (and patience!) is very much appreciated!



Tyler and Jamie Lay who joined our church in the class of new members on June 4. On July 27, they welcomed their daughter, **Claire Elise**; 7lbs 12oz and 20 1/2 inches long. We give thanks to God for a healthy baby girl and are excited to welcome this newest member of our FPC Family! One way to show our welcome and hospitality to Tyler, Jamie and Claire Elise is by bringing by some meals. If you would like to sign up to bring a meal, visit this website <https://mealtrain.com/6gzvky> or call the church office for details. **Congratulations** to Tyler, Jamie and families!

Congratulations on the marriage of Tarah Sorensen and Tony Davis on June 24, 2017 at Fremont Presbyterian Church in Fremont, Nebraska.

“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*

Would you like to **give your one-time or recurring donation(s) using a debit or credit card?** FPC Hastings now offers a quick and secure way to do so! Go online to www.fpchastings.org and click the link or icon located at the bottom of the front page. Funds post to your FPC account within 3 business day. Please contact Tarci in the office with any questions.

Will Locke reports that in the last few years he’s replaced a couple of the Go & Serve trees (with Hastings College Nursery trees) and the City of Hastings has replaced a few more, but as of last weekend, there are still 41 healthy trees remaining throughout downtown in honor and memory of 40 years of Go & Serve donors.

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!

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 31 – Aug 5, 2017

Mon, July 31	5:30p	Foundation Meets in Anderson
	7:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 Meet
Tue, Aug 1	10:00a	Staff Meeting in Pastor’s Office
Wed, Aug 2	12:00p	Summer Book Club in Parlor
	6:30p	Wood Carvers in Basement
Thu, Aug 3	5:30p	Christian Ed Meeting in Parlor
	6:30p-8:00p	Spanish Class in the NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Aug 4	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
	10:00a	Church Women United Meet
Archive Committee Meets Daily 1-3p in Kessler		

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