

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Guest Preacher: Pastor David Johnson

Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

August 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

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

PRELUDE

“Introduction and Allegro”

John Stanley

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 85:8-11)

Let us hear what God the LORD will speak.

For God will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to the LORD in their hearts.

Surely God’s salvation is at hand for those who fear our Sovereign Creator,

That the glory of the LORD may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Let us listen to the whispers of God and worship in spirit and in truth! Amen!

*HYMN

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, when trials beset us it is natural to fear. When the twin towers were destroyed we were filled with anger, disappointment and remorse all at the same time. When we read the headlines from Syria, South Sudan and of refugees dying as they seek freedom, we cry out to you like Elijah under the broom tree. When we are called to be courageous we often lack faith. Asked to take risks, we confess our complacency. We ignore injustice while hoping that it will subside. Called to participate in your mission we retreat to comfort instead. You have shown us how we can trust in you. Leading your people, you have stayed by their side. Forgive us, O God, and guide us to listen to your whispers of shalom, abide with you and do your will. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me” 582

*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.)

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

ANTHEM

Lauren 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

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING - *Matthew 14:22-33*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING - *I Kings 19:9-18*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“God Calls Through Whispers: Are We Listening?”

*HYMN

“God is Calling Through the Whisper”

410

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Meditation”

Austin C. Lovelace

*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 "When Peace Like a River: It Is Well with my Soul"

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Marche" Gordon Young

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

**Next Sunday, August 20:**

**Summer Sermon Song Series on The Byrds' "Turn, Turn, Turn" and Ecclesiastes 3  
Kick-Off Sunday for all of our Christian Education Programs: Children and Adults!**

**9am Families with Children in Fellowship Hall for Sunday School Orientation**

**9:45am Adults in Fellowship Hall for Adult Education Orientation**

**10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary**

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This Week --- Aug 14 – Aug 19, 2017

Mon, Aug 14	12:30p-3:30p	PEO GK in Fellowship Hall
	5:30p	HSO Meeting in Anderson Conference
	7:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 Meet
Tue, Aug 15	10:00a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
	6:45p	Deacons Meeting in Anderson Conference
Wed, Aug 16	6:30p	Wood Carvers in Basement
Thu, Aug 17	5:30p	Session Meeting in Anderson Conference
	6:30p-8:00p	Spanish Class in the NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Aug 18	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sat, Aug 19	United Harvest	

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Our theme for the year is *"Hear the Story, Share the Story, Live the Story."*

The "Story" is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We will focus our programming this year around opportunities for us to:

- Hear the Story told to us from different perspectives and in different voices
- Share the Story of how our lives have been transformed by our relationship with Jesus and our participation in the Body of Christ, the church
- Live the story by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel in word and deed through our mission and ministry efforts

We hope the members of our church will embrace this opportunity to engage hearts and minds as we learn about, share, and live out our faith!

I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ.
--Philemon 1:6

HEAR

SHARE

LIVE

the Story

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

HEAR

- **Worship:** We are going back to two services EVERY Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 - Our 8:30 a.m. services will alternate between Celebrate services (contemporary worship style) and Taize services (contemplative worship style).
 - Our 10:30 a.m. services will be in the traditional style.
- Visit of Presbyterian mission worker Kurt Esslinger from South Korea on Wednesday, September 20
 - Kurt will share with the kids at Wednesday Night Live and then offer an adult forum at 7:00 p.m.

SHARE

- **Invite your friends to worship services**
 - "Blessing of the Pets" service in Alexander Park Sunday, September 17, at 8:30 a.m.
 - "Hastings College Sunday" will feature the HC choir (and celebration of World Communion) on Sunday, October 1, at the 10:30 a.m. service.
 - On Sunday, October 29, we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with special activities during worship followed by a German-themed potluck dinner.
- Bible studies on Tuesdays at 12 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. led by Pastor Greg

LIVE

- **United Harvest Distribution August 19 and September 16**
 - Volunteer at either (or both) shifts: 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Volunteer opportunities at Wednesday Night Live**
 - Contact Stephanie Brader for details.



THANK YOU!!

With everyone's help and support we were able to put on our 8th annual **Recovery in the Park Celebration** and provide this event FREE of charge.

We would personally like to *thank you* for your support!!!

REVIVE MINISTRIES

2017/2018 YOUTH & ADULT PROGRAMS

KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

Sunday
August 20

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Families with Children

9:00am-9:15am: Parents/Guardians, Students, and Teachers will gather in the Memorial Room for fellowship and breakfast pastries, juice and coffee.

9:15am-10:15am: Pre-K thru 12th grade students will proceed to classrooms for Sunday School.

9:15am-10:15am: Parents/Guardians will proceed to Fellowship Hall for Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live parent information meeting followed by kick-off celebration for Fall 2017 adult activities and classes.

Families/Others without Children

9:30am-9:45am: Gather for fellowship and enjoy breakfast pastries, juice and coffee in the Memorial Room.

9:45am-10:15am: Proceed to Fellowship Hall for kick-off celebration of Fall 2017 adult activities and classes.

UNITED HARVEST



MOBILE PANTRY

HELPING MEET YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS

Date: **Saturday, July 15**
Saturday, August 19
Saturday, September 16

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: **Annex Building**
Between the First United Methodist Church and First
Presbyterian Church
Hastings Ave and 7th Street in Hastings, NE
Contact: (402)-463-6733
Instructions: Please bring boxes or bags to carry
food. No need to pre-qualify.

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United Harvest volunteers needed on Saturday, August 19!

We need your help to keep our ministry going strong! Please choose one shift and report to the Annex at the start of your chosen time: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon and 12 noon – 2:30 p.m.

Thank you for your service!

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution.

Brought to you by First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

The mobile pantry is available to you free of charge!



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