

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ

Ministers: Members of the Church

Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett

Associate Pastor: Damen Heitmann

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Brian Johnson

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

August 27, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE “I Love to Tell the Story” arr. William Fischer

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 138)

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

***I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;***

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

***We shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the
LORD.***

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for us;

***Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Come let us worship
God!***

*HYMN “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” 310

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in
community, to care for one another, to use our different gifts.
Instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own
desires. Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone.
Forgive our neglect of others. Give us obedient spirits, that we may
care for one another, depend on your love, and use our gifts for your
gospel. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the Lord is on our side,

Offering words of forgiveness,

Protecting us from danger.

We are a forgiven people, bound together in God's love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! AMEN!

*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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rich Reimer, Habitat for Humanity

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.)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Stephanie Brader

(While the children come forward, the congregation will sing, “Jesus Loves Me.”)

ANTHEM

Laura Kate Oliver

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.

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

Brian Johnson

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 12:1-8

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 16:13-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Hear the Story, Share the Story, Live the Story”

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

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 of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence 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 life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ’s body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our resources, time, and talents support the ministry of your church. Amen.

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

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

839

*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Francesco Manfredini/arr. Wolff

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

Communion Service

Sunday, September 3, 10:30a.m.

Sunday School at 9:15a.m.

Associate Pastor Damen Heitmann Preaching

SACHTLEBEN OBSERVATORY
CHURCH FAMILY FIELD TRIP
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

fun, fellowship, stars

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 7:30 P.M.
CAR POOL TO THE OBSERVATORY
ENJOY HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIES, AND FRIENDS!
LEARN THE BASICS FROM DR. SACHTLEBEN, HIMSELF!
ENJOY TELESCOPE VIEWING OF THE NIGHT SKY, WITH
INSTRUCTION FROM DAN GLOMSKI.

Children & Youth Choir Worship Schedule

9th - 12th Grade = Westminster Choir & Bells

1st & 2nd Grade = Alleluia Choir & Bells

6th - 8th Grade = Calvin Choir & Bells

3rd - 5th Grade = Praise Choir & Bells

September 17.....	Calvin & Westminster Bells.....	10:30 service
September 24.....	Praise & Alleluia Choir & Bells	10:30 service
October 8	Calvin & Westminster Choir.....	10:30 service
October 22	Praise & Alleluia Choir.....	8:30 service
November 5	Calvin & Westminster Choir.....	10:30 service
November 19	Praise & Alleluia Choir & Bells	10:30 service
December 10.....	Praise, Alleluia, & Calvin Choir	10:30 service
(Christmas Program "Angels Aware")		
December 17.....	Calvin & Westminster Bells.....	10:30 service

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.

Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. 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 Phyllis and John Lainson by family and friends.

Greeters: Richard & Connie McClenahan, Mary Fisk

Ushers: Bill Boyd, Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein – Captain, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker

Acolytes: Keira Erickson, Laura Kate Oliver

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Erika Nielsen

August Communion offerings are still being accepted and will be remitted to RiteCare Speech, Language and Literacy Clinics.

September Communion offerings will be remitted to Habitat for Humanity.

September 3 Communion Servers (Team #2): Paula Crozier, Mary Fisk, Matt Fong, Bonnie Grams, Jeff Howard, Brian Johnson, Mary Kay LaMaster, Constance Malloy, Al Meyer, Chad Murrell, Kathy Utter, Rogene Wenburg

September Ushers (Team #1): LaVern Franzen, Chuck Hastings-Captain, Jim Hoffman, Roger Sunderman

Prayers for: Judy Brown, Ty Chapel (Sharon Chapel's son), Mary Jo Emmons, Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Jim (& Lois) Hahne, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother), Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Clay Mathews (Susan Oliver's brother), Carla Ridout, Wayne (& Elaine) Specht and families.

Condolences to Tom and Leah Ratzlaff and families for the loss of Tom's mother, Janet Ratzlaff of York, NE.

The single red rose is for Laurie and Brian Johnson, grandparents of Ruby Rose, born August 21, 2017 to Clarissa and Mitchell Slogett of Minden, NE. Congratulations to the families for your new 'eclipse baby.'

School clothes needed: Little boys size 8,10 or 12, new or nearly new. Please call Susan Hoff @ 402-469-0985 or Carol Grummert @ 402-984-4157.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship begins today! This new offering from the Congregational Life Committee invites members of the congregation to take some time, each "Fourth Sunday" of the month, to slow down, relax after worship, and leisurely enjoy some refreshments in the company of the church family.
(Refreshments today provided by Congregational Life Committee. Coffee provided by Mission Committee.)

No Sunday School next week (all ages). Have a happy Labor Day weekend!



**American
Red Cross**

Our next **American Red Cross blood drive** is Tuesday, Sep 5, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. If you would like to donate or volunteer, contact Erica Brooks at 402-469-9285 or ericalynn128@gmail.com. You can also make an appointment to donate at www.redcrossblood.org.

NEW! Two Weekly Bible Studies. Both will study scriptures for the upcoming Sunday's worship service. Both will be led by Pastor Greg. Options: Tuesdays at noon (bring a sack lunch if you like), beginning September 5; or Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. (breakfast is provided), beginning September 13.

8:30a.m. worship service begins Sunday, September 10th.

On September 10, the **Heirs Apparent adult Sunday School class** will begin a new series of DVD-based discussions entitled "What's Your Story: Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes." All are welcome!
Anderson Conference Room, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Pastor Greg, who oversaw all world mission operations at the national level of the PC(USA), will share the **History of Presbyterian Mission** during the Forum classes on Sep. 10 and 17.
Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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**Presbyterian Women's meetings resume in September.** They begin with the PW luncheon at 11:45am on the first Wednesday of each month. A program and short business meeting follow the luncheon. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to come for all or part of the meeting. Call your reservation to your circle telephone chairperson or to the church office by the Monday preceding the PW meeting.

**September 6, 2017** – Program – Kili Wenburg – Preview of Bible Study Lessons for 2017-2018  
Circle 3 – prepare lunch;  
Circle 1 – devotions, table setting and decoration, nametags, cashier

**September 20, 2017** - Circle meetings begin:  
Circle 1 – Hostess – Katherine Sachtleben – 9:30am in Katherine's home  
Bible Study Leader – Gayle Fandry

Circle 2 – Hostess – Eleanor Jorgenson – 9:30am in Eleanor's home  
Bible Study Leader – Flossie Sanderson

Circle 3 – Hostess – Lois Hahne – 1:15pm in the church parlor  
Bible Study Leader – Kathy Duval

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This Week --- Aug 28 – Sept 2, 2017

Mon, Aug 28	7:00p	Boy Scouts Troop 200 Meet
Tue, Aug 29	10:00a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
Wed, Aug 30	4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities – Pre-K thru 5 th Grade
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Time Meal – All Ages Welcome!
	6:30p	Wood Carvers in Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Practice
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells Practice
	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship – Jr./Sr. High
Thu, Aug 31	6:30p-8:00p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Sep 1	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

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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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