

First Presbyterian Church Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Jessica Meeske
Organist: Linda Vollweiler

September 10, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

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


PRELUDE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” William Runyan/arr. Bish

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT “O Sing a New Song to the Lord” David Starr

The congregation is invited to sing with the choir. The Choir Director will turn around and cue the congregation to sing. The lyrics are below:

ANTIPHON
With Spirit (♩ = 96) *f*



O sing a new song to the Lord: Sing,
all the earth, to God, To God we sing, our
tribute bring. His fame we spread a broad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we live in the love of God?

We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.

How shall we witness God's forgiving love?

We will reach out to others with compassion.

Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving and loving God, our hearts are filled today with pain and concern for the future of humankind. Words of anger assail our airways – we cannot escape from the threats being thrown about. Natural disasters break our hearts and our spirits. Conflict with family, friends and neighbors are hurting our relationships and ourselves. We wander around in the darkness of the spirit, seeking light and hope. Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us, through times of peace and times of tribulation. Heal our souls. Help us to reach out to others with the assurance of your love and presence, for we ask this in Jesus’ name.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God hears our prayers and our cries. God leads us out of the darkness of the past into the bright promise of today.

We are called to stand strong and confident in God’s Love.

Rejoice, dear friends, for that love which began before creation flows in and through you this day! In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven and loved!

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

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*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

BAPTISM OF HALLIGAN NOELLE LITTLE

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.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO KINDERGARTNERS, THIRD GRADERS AND EIGHTH GRADERS

Kindergartners:

Ian Erickson
Vivian Fong
Kyler Murphy
Julia Rippe
Raegan Welsch

3rd Graders:

Henry Black
Ruei Duang
Kaden Grams
Corle Hall
Riley Propp
Paige Redline
Paxton Rhodes
Cole Wissing

8th Graders:

Tanner Bauer
Eric Brader
Raegan Bradley
Luke Brooks
Chudier Duang
Abigail Kerr
Nathan Kerr
Delia Miles
Erika Nielsen

ANTHEM

“Christ You Teach Us of Your Kingdom”

Polish Melody

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 119:33-40

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 18:15-20

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

MESSAGE

Three-Part Sermon Series: “It’s Not Fair!”
Part 1: “How to Fight Like a Christian”
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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*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

“Sing a New Song”

Daniel Schutte/arr. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept, O God, our gifts both large and small. May they be used to bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.

THE 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

“Lord, When I came into This Life”

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”

Benedetto Marcello/Arr. Dubois

Come worship with us next week and invite others on Sunday, September 17!
8:30am: Blessing of the Pets at Alexander Park (bring your pets and your friends & neighbors!)
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15am
10:30am: Traditional Worship Service
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett preaching



**IT'S
NOT
FAIR!**

3 Week Sermon Series: "It's Not Fair!"

Have you ever felt that life just isn't fair? We hear that phrase from kids a lot, but all people feel that way sometimes.

Join us as we study three passages from the Gospel of Matthew that contrast our human concepts of fairness with God's understanding of fairness. Pastor Greg will preach a 3 week sermon series on this theme at the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

Sunday, September 10: "How to fight like a Christian" The Gospel of Matthew provides us a roadmap for Christian conflict resolution. (*Matthew 18:15-20*)

Sunday, September 17: "The math of forgiveness" God's math is not our math when it comes to forgiveness, we are called to forgive not seven, but seventy seven times! (*Matthew 18:21-35*)

Sunday, September 24: "A 'fair' wage" The parable of the same wage being given to workers who worked 10 hours and workers who worked 2 hours deeply offends our sense of "fairness." But in God's economy of grace, all are given the same. (*Matthew 20:1-16*)

Busy Person's Retreat

Oct. 1-15



Step out of
the fast lane.
Go on retreat...
...without leaving home.

Join fellow retreat participants at opening and closing sessions at 7pm on Sunday, October 1, and on Sunday, October 15. Between those dates, connect more deeply with God, yourself, and the world around you privately and with professional direction through 30 minutes of personal daily prayer and three 45-minute individual spiritual direction sessions scheduled at your convenience.

All parts of this retreat will be held in Hastings.

Kili Wenburg, MA, certified in spiritual direction and directed retreats, will facilitate all group and individual sessions.

TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE, OR TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE RETREAT
DIRECTOR OR ABOUT SPIRITUAL DIRECTION,
CALL KILI AT 402-462-5147. OR EMAIL [KILI@FPCHASTINGS.ORG](mailto:kili@fpchastings.org)

BLESSING
of the pets



SUNDAY
SEP. 17
8:30 A.M.

ALEXANDER PARK,
7TH AND LINCOLN AVE.

PROVIDED BY FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALL PETS. ALL PEOPLE
WELCOME!

Blessing of the pets will be on Sunday, September 17, 8:30 a.m., at Alexander Park. This will be a short service, open to the whole community, so invite your neighbors and friends!!

Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Dr. Robert McIntire by Marilyn McIntire.

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 Dr. Robert McIntire by Marilyn McIntire.

Greeters: Vonda Essex, Chanda Essink, Kathy Utter

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

Acolytes: Campbell Schukei, Eleanor Oliver

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

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), John Northrop, Carla Ridout, Elaine Specht and families.

Condolences to John Northrop for the loss of his wife Michelle on September 5, 2017. Services will be at St. Cecilia's Church on Tues., Sept. 12 @ 2 p.m.

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.

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 Sept. 17.
Fellowship Hall, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

United Harvest Needs Volunteers (badly!)

At the last couple distributions, we were low on volunteers. This slowed down the process and strained those volunteers who were there.

We need "all hands on deck!" to make this critical mission a success. If you have been considering joining in, but aren't sure if you are really needed, rest assured, you ARE needed!

Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month (Sept. 16 is the next one) for either (or both!) shifts: 9:30-12:00 and/or 12:00-2:30. THANK YOU!!

Church family **field trip to Sachtleben Observatory** is coming up on Fri., Sept. 15. We'll meet at the church at 7:30 p.m., then carpool to the observatory where we'll enjoy instruction from Dr. Sachtleben, himself; along with fellowship, refreshments, and open time for telescope viewing of the night sky. All ages welcome!!

CROP Hunger Walk

Hastings CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by our local Church Women United. The walk will start at Hazelrigg Student Union and will be in the College and Heartwell Park area Sunday, October 8, 2017 starting at 2:00 pm.

CROP Hunger Walks began in 1947 under the wing of Church World Services and for many years has raised funds to help provide food and water, as well as recourses that empower people to meet their own needs, both locally and globally.

25% of our Hastings Walk fundraiser will be used locally to benefit our Saturday's UNITED HARVEST MOBILE PANTRY. First Presbyterian Church has a team in this event. Please join our team as you donate to this much needed fundraiser. A table is in the memorial room each Sunday till October 8 for your donations and to inform you of the walk event. Or you can donate in the church office. To donate or register online go to crophungerwalk.org, find Hastings CROP Hunger Walk, Register, Join a team, or start your own team. Follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

Join in on the fun. Please plan to walk and donate.

This Week --- Sept. 11 – Sept. 16, 2017

Mon, Sept. 11	5:30p	HSO Meeting in Anderson Conference
	7:00p	Scouts Meet
Tue, Sept. 12	10:00a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p	Bible Study in Kessler
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
	4:15p	Global Mission Meeting in Kessler
	5:30p	Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference
	5:30p	Congregational Life Meeting in Parlor
Wed, Sept. 13	7:00a	Bible Study
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5 th Grades)
	4:30p-6:00p	New Member Class in Basement Youth Room
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Time Meal (All Ages Welcome!)
	6:30p	Wood Carvers in Basement
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Practice
	6:45p-7:30p	Cal/West Choir Practice (6 th thru 12 th Grades)
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bells Practice
Thu, Sept. 14	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship (6 th thru 12 th Grades)
	5:30p	Personnel Meeting in Kessler
Fri, Sept. 15	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

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