

# **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

Liturgist and Scripture Reader: Barbara Sunderman

Calvin/Westminster & Chancel Bells Director:

Dr. Byron Jensen

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

**September 17, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”  
Louie Eckhardt, trumpet

William Boyce

WELCOME

INTROIT

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Tammy Waldrop

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give praise to God!

***Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves!***

It is God who forgives, and calls us to share forgiveness with others.

***It is God who delivers, and calls us to point others to deliverance.***

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

***Come, let us worship God!***

\*HYMN

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

439

(The tune of this hymn is called “Hanover” and we are singing it in honor of our sisters and brothers from Hanover Church that joined our church in June and are joining our church today)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Rom. 14:7–9, Matt. 18:28–30*)

***Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you.  
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.***

***You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves, nor have we loved  
one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive.  
Help us to live for you. Help us to love you and others. Through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Followers of Jesus Christ,

***God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all.***

Reconciled to the God who loves us, and reconciled to one another

***Let us live and love through Christ our Lord!***

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Lauren Canady

(As the children are coming forward, the congregation will sing “This Little Light of Mine”)

## RECOGNITION OF HANOVER CHURCH CROSS AND OUR CROSS WALL

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE CHURCH

Don O’Dey	Phyllis O’Dey	Glenn Hunnicutt	Nadine Hunnicutt
Travis Feezell	Carol Feezell	Peggy Thompson	Barry Thompson
Louie Eckhardt	Kristen Eckhardt	Erin Gastmann	

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present these people to be received into the membership of this congregation.

*Members can join through baptism, by letter of transfer from another church, or by “reaffirmation of faith.” Each time we welcome new members, we recall our own baptism, and reaffirm our commitment to our faith and our commitment to membership in this beloved community. We invite all present to answer the questions along with our new members.*

## QUESTIONS FOR THE NEW MEMBERS AND THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? ***I do.***

Do you profess that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior? ***I do.***

Do you intend to be Christ’s disciple, to obey his Word, and to show his love? ***I do.***

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship, ministry and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? ***I do.***

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Will you take responsibility to help these new members feel welcome? ***We will.***  
Will you love them as your sisters and brothers in Christ? ***We will.***

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive Apostles' Creed)

Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

## PRAYER FOR NEW MEMBERS

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number these brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever.

***With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him. Amen!***

## ANTHEM

“David’s Dance”

Peter de Mets

“And David danced before the Lord with all his might.” – 2 Samuel 6:14

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Exod. 15:13*)

***Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name. Amen.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 103:1-13

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 18:21-35

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

MESSAGE

Three-Part Sermon Series: *"It's Not Fair!"*  
Part 2: "The Math of Forgiveness"  
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN "God, How Can We Forgive" 445

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

OFFERTORY "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Matthew Prins

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***O God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them, and enable the work of your love and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world. 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 "Hear the Good News of Salvation" 441

The tune to this hymn is probably familiar. The text was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited.

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Choir & Congregation)

God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With his sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you till we meet again.

\*POSTLUDE "Recessional in C" Douglas Wagner

**Come worship with us next week and invite others on Sunday, September 24!**

**8:30: Contemporary Style Worship led by the Celebrate Band**

**10:30am: Traditional Worship Service**

**Sunday School for all ages at 9:15am**

**Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett preaching both services**

## Announcements

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by Clyde & Katherine Sachtleben, Tom & Camille Sachtleben & family, and Kay & Kevin Chang & family.

**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](mailto: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 Marilyn Sachtleben by Clyde & Katherine Sachtleben, Tom & Camille Sachtleben & family, and Kay & Kevin Chang & family.

**Greeters:** Katherine & Clyde Sachtleben

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

**Acolytes:** Seth Schwarz, Tethloach Duang

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Leah Ratzlaff

**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 & Mary Northrop, Carla Ridout, Elaine Specht and families.

**Mary Jo Emmons** has returned to College View.

**"Portrayals of Jesus in Contemporary Fiction"** is the title of the Forum class next Sunday, September 24, taught by Dr. Gary Johnson. No need to read ahead; together we'll identify and explore trends in modern authors' characterizations of Jesus.

### **Taize services return....on Sunday Mornings!**

On the first and third Sundays of each month, FPC will offer Taize services at 8:30 a.m. These quiet, meditative services feature scripture, prayers, silences, beautiful music, and an abbreviated version of the 10:30 service's sermon for the day. *Check it out!*

### **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

## 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](http://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.**

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On September 15, FPC remitted \$3,600 (\$2,900 collected plus \$700 directly payable) to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)**! Donations will continue to be accepted and remitted. Glory be to God!



Get current updates at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org).

Offerings for **Habitat for Humanity** will continue to be accepted thru the month of September.

*"It was a busy day at the September 5 Blood Drive. We collected 40 units of blood which was 11 over our goal! This was a great time to exceed our goal with all the natural disasters going on in our nation. **Thank you** to all of our wonderful donors and volunteers!"* – Erica Brooks, American Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator

With all the current international issues, it is most timely that **Kurt Esslinger, Presbyterian Mission worker from South Korea**, will visit us this Weds, Sept. 20. Kurt will share with the kids at Wednesday Night Live and then offer an adult forum at 7:00 p.m. to provide information and answer questions. We hope you'll have the opportunity to join us!

**This Week --- Sept. 18 – Sept. 23, 2017**

<b>Mon, Sept. 18</b>	<b>7:00p</b>	<b>Scouts Meet</b>
<b>Tue, Sept. 19</b>	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
	<b>12:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> in Parlor
	<b>1:00p</b>	<b>Quilters Meet</b> in Annex
	<b>6:45p</b>	<b>Deacons Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference
<b>Wed, Sept. 20</b>	<b>7:00a</b>	<b>Bible@Breakfast</b> in Parlor
	<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Circle 1 Meeting</b> , Katherine's home
	<b>9:30a</b>	<b>Circle 2 Meeting</b> , Eleanor's home
	<b>1:15p</b>	<b>Circle 3 Meeting</b> in Library

**MISSION WORKER KURT ESSLINGER FROM SOUTH KOREA**

	<b>4:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>WNL Activities</b> (Pre-K thru 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
	<b>4:30p-6:00p</b>	<b>New Member Class</b> in Basement Youth Room
	<b>6:00p-6:45p</b>	<b>WNL Family Time Meal</b> (All Ages Welcome!)
	<b>6:30p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers</b> in Basement
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Chancel Choir Practice</b>
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Cal/West Choir Practice</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
	<b>7:00p-8:00p</b>	<b>Forum with Kurt Esslinger</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells Practice</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>WNL Bible Study/Fellowship</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
<b>Thu, Sept. 21</b>	<b>5:30p</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b> in Anderson Conference
	<b>6:30p-7:30p</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b> in NW Classroom, Annex
<b>Fri, Sept. 22</b>	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in Youth Activity Room

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# 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)