

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: Jeni Howard
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bell Choir Director: Susan Oliver
Pianist: Mary Plock

September 24, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” arr. by Mark Hayes
Our Pianist Mary Plock writes about picking this song, “I know a ‘Dreamer’.” She is in her final year at Hastings College. She is smart and diligent and aspires to become a nurse practitioner. I have seen her face many struggles with quiet confidence and a solid faith. This arrangement is my prayer for her, dream-like with a familiar message of boundless faith and soul-sustaining comfort. Let this prayer unite our hearts to spend an hour in the presence of our God whose unlimited love offers hope for all of us - “for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.”

WELCOME

INTROIT “Jesus Loves Me” W. Bradbury
Alleluia Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 108)

O give thanks to the LORD;
Call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.
Let us seek God’s presence in our worship today!

*HYMN “O Day of Rest and Gladness” 393

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

God of abundant goodness, we confess that sometimes we want your grace for ourselves but often wish exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity.

Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted or your message to us seems unfair. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

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.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Nancy Grams, PW

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know that you were here this morning.)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Jane Marsh

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

ANTHEM

“Seek and You Will Find”
Praise/Alleluia Choir

Natalie Sleeth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*Exod. 16:4*)

Gracious God, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us see as you see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom you are bringing. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

Jeni Howard

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Philippians 1:21-30

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 20:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE	Three-Part Sermon Series: <i>"It's Not Fair!"</i> Part 3: "A 'fair' wage" Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett	
*HYMN	"O Jesus, I Have Promised" (third verse sung A cappella)	724
OFFERING	<i>(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)</i>	
OFFERTORY	"Oh, Lamb of God"	arr. Richard Proulx
*DOXOLOGY	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	606
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION	<i>God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given your work to do, blessed to receive more than we will ever earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, that they may make the world more like the kingdom you have envisioned. Amen.</i>	
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	<i>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.</i>	
*HYMN	"Christ Be Beside Me"	702
*CHARGE and BLESSING		
*BENEDICTION	"Fairest Lord Jesus" Praise Bells	Hoffmann von Fallersleben
*POSTLUDE	"You Are Holy"	Per Harling

Come worship with us next week and invite others on Sunday, October 1!
World Communion Sunday and Hastings College Sunday
8:30am: Taize "Contemplative" style of worship with communion
10:30am: Traditional Worship Service: Hastings College Choir
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15am
Rev. Damen Heitmann preaching both services



You shall be . . . the restorer of streets to live in. — Isaiah 58:12

Even as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) began working toward recovery after Hurricane Harvey, Irma followed close behind, weaving a path of devastation, wiping out islands in the Caribbean and bringing damaging winds and storm surge to Florida. There are buildings that are no more than shells and boats where boats should not be.

Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. Will you stand in the “GAP” for the people affected by these catastrophic hurricanes?—Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE: PDA’s emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. For Irma response, give to **DR000194**. You can also give with a credit card by visiting presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-Irma or by calling 800-872-3283.

Support for ongoing Harvey relief should be directed to **DR000169-Harvey**.

ACT: Assemble Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas — hygiene kits and cleanup buckets are especially needed. For more information, go to pda.pcusa.org/page/kits.

PRAY: In the challenging days, months and years to come, work through us to bring relief and respite from urgent need, comfort and the hope of peace for those who grieve the loss of family, home and safety, and faith to walk on through weary days of rebuilding.

May we be steadfast in love, stronger than death, and thus, with those whose lives we seek to sustain, together bear witness to your redeeming love. **Amen.**

Keep up to date on long-term recovery efforts at presbyterianmission.org/pda or facebook.com/PDACARES.

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DR000194 – Irma _____ **DR000169 – Harvey** _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Congregation/PIN _____

Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Thelma and Lester D. Pedersen by their 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.

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 William Jensen, Claudina Jensen, Emory and Emma Holloway from Byron, Deb, Hannah and Nathan Jensen.

Greeters: Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske

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

Acolytes: Jonah Snell, Tristan Propp

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Erika Nielsen

October Ushers (Team #2): Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer–Captain, Clyde Sachtleben

October 1 Communion Servers (Team #3): Martha Boyd, Kay Georgiana, Susan Hoff, Harold Korb, Lynette Krieger, Paul Krieger, Kraig Lofquist, Mary Kay LaMaster, Chris Schukei, Kym Warner

October Communion Offerings will be for **Peace and Global Witness** with 25% donated to **Hearts and Hands Against Hunger** of Hastings (formerly Kids Against Hunger.)

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

Prayers for: Judy Brown, Ty Chapel (Sharon Chapel's son), Jim (& Mary Jeanne) Cooke, 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, Audrey Watson and families.

Condolences to Nancy Langford for the loss of her mother Kathleen Cregger of Raleigh, NC.

Get **current updates on Presbyterian Disaster Assistance emergency responses** to Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, the northwest fires and the Mexico earthquakes at pda.pcusa.org. Donations made payable to FPC will be remitted to PDA every 15 days; please note 'PDA' in the memo section of your check (or in the notation section if paying online) plus the specific response if you have one.

Please keep those responding to as well as those affected by these disasters in your prayers.

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. in the sanctuary. 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!*

Upcoming Forums

"Hastings College Sunday"

Join Hastings College President Dr. Travis Feezell to recall the historic ties between Hastings College and FPC, and to learn about his vision for the future. *October 1, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

"Decoding the Church Budget"

What is the FPC annual budget? Who makes spending decisions for our church? How are foundation funds managed? What's the connection between foundation dollars and the general budget? Come learn all the ins and outs of FPC financials. *October 8, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Presbyterian Women's (PW) luncheons are 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.

October 4, 2017 – Program – Pastor Greg Allen-Picket – Presbyterian Missions/PW missions
Annual Salad Luncheon – Each First Presbyterian PW member bring a salad to share with
guests from neighboring Presbyterian Churches.

Circle 1 – drinks, crackers, extras for luncheon

Circle 2 – devotions, table setting and decoration, nametags, No charge this month

We look forward to your joining us for good food and warm fellowship. This event will provide you with the opportunity to hear our new pastor, Reverend Greg Allen-Pickett, as he presents a program on Presbyterian Missions, with a special emphasis on those missions that Presbyterian Women support now or might be interested in supporting in the future.

You also have another opportunity for mission at this luncheon meeting, "Free the Girls" as a special service project. Please let us know by *Monday, October 2* if you will be joining us.

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.

Join us as we celebrate Homecoming, including the inauguration of Dr. Travis Feezell.



Dr. Travis Feezell



Mark your calendar for these special events:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

Business After Hours
5-7 p.m., Barrett Alumni Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

Inauguration of Dr. Travis Feezell
4 p.m., Between the Gray Center and Jackson Dinsdale Art Center

Community Reception
5 p.m., Jackson Dinsdale Art Center

Special Music
7:30 p.m., Jackson Dinsdale Art Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

Melody Round-Up Parade
10:30 a.m., Downtown

Tailgate BBQ
11:15-12:45, Gray Center Parking Lot

Football vs Concordia University
1 p.m., Osborne Family Sports Complex

Volleyball vs Northwestern
3 p.m., Osborne Family Sports Complex

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet
5 p.m., Kiewit Gymnasium

Women's Soccer vs Briar Cliff University
5:30 p.m., Osborne Family Sports Complex

All Alumni After Hours
7 p.m., Murphy's Wagon Wheel

Men's Soccer vs Briar Cliff University
7:45 p.m., Osborne Family Sports Complex

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1:

Hastings College Sunday
10:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church

Check out the complete schedule and to register online go to hastings.edu/homecoming.

This Week --- Sept. 25 – Sept. 30, 2017

Mon, Sept. 25	6:00p-10:00p	Pooch Corner CPR Class in Fellowship Hall
	7:00p	Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Sept. 26	12:00p	Bible Study in Parlor
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
Wed, Sept. 27	7:00a	Bible@Breakfast in Parlor
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5 th Grades)
	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. 28	7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship (6 th thru 12 th Grades)
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Sept. 29	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH PRESENTS

INTRO TO YOGA

FREE, 45-MINUTE CLASSES
WEDNESDAYS, 5:05 P.M.
COMMUNITY WELCOME!

CLASS STYLES & TEACHERS

SEPTEMBER 27

GENTLE YOGA

Kim Borrell, Avani

OCTOBER 18

YOGA NIDRA

Jenni Welsch, Grounded Sky

NOVEMBER 1

VINYASA FLOW

Stephanie Ourada, Avani

OCTOBER 4

RESTORATIVE YOGA

Kim Borrell, Avani

OCTOBER 25

SLOW FLOW FOR STRENGTH

Stephanie Ourada, Avani

NOVEMBER 8

YIN

Lanae Hall, Avani

All classes held at 622 N. Lincoln Ave. (Presbyterian Annex Building)