

# **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: Sharon Brooks  
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson  
Organist: Linda Vollweiler

**October 8, 2017, 10:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE "Prelude in G Major" Johann Kittel

WELCOME

INTROIT "Kum Ba Ya" arr. by Douglas E. Wagner  
Calvin/Westminster Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)

The heavens tell of the glory of God;

***And the earth proclaims God's handiwork!***

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

***The decrees of the LORD are sure, making God's followers wise;***

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

***Come, let us worship God with our souls, our wisdom, our hearts,  
and our voices!***

\*HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of infinite forgiveness, we implore you this day to forgive those many times in which we have turned our backs on you by turning away from the needs of the voiceless, the hopeless, the helpless. We let ourselves get distracted by schedules and activities which drain us of energy and enthusiasm. Light a fire under us, O God, that we may again feel the exciting challenge of being your people. Heal our wounds of indifference and apathy; bring us together in harmony and joy to serve you and your creation with peace, justice, and hope. It is in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. Amen.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Feel the powerful warmth of God's love for you!

***God is with us, healing and restoring our lives and bringing us peace.***

This is the good news from our persistent and patient God. 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.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stephanie Brader

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

### ANTHEM

"Walk In the Light"

J. Paul Williams/L. Shackley

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Holy God, your Word invites us to reflect on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, and worthy of praise. May we hear those things today as we listen intently to the scripture and sermon so that we are inspired to do what is pleasing and acceptable in God's sight.***

1<sup>st</sup>    SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 6:24-34

2<sup>nd</sup>    SCRIPTURE READING – Philippians 4:1-9

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

### MESSAGE

Three-Part Sermon Series: "*Living a Life of Gratitude*"

Part 1: "Moving from Worry to Gratitude"

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

### \*HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Rev. Allen & Rev. Sara Ewing-Merrill)

***We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, author of life itself.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.***

***We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.***

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

OFFERTORY "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" John Innes

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***O God, creator of all that we have and all that we are, accept these gifts, we pray, both as tools of the work of the gospel and as signs of our pledge to be coworkers in Christ's name. 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 "The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound" 766

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Dona Nobis Pacem" Michael Scott

\*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Finale" Manfredini/arr. Wolff


**Come worship with us next week and invite others on Sunday, October 15!**

**8:30am: Contemplative "Taize" Style Worship**

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

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

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



A three week sermon series on *GRATITUDE* as part of our month-long focus on *STEWARDSHIP* and *GENEROSITY*

**Sunday, October 8**  
**Title:** "Moving from Worry to Gratitude"  
Our call as people of faith is to let go of worry and let our lives be an expression of gratitude for the grace and blessings we have been given.  
*Scripture:* Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 6:24-34

**Sunday, October 15**  
**Title:** "Moving from Entitlement to Gratitude"  
The parable of the wedding banquet helps us understand that in God's economy, all are welcome. We are called to live our lives in the same way of welcome and abundance.  
*Scripture:* Matthew 22:1-14 and Philippians 4:1-9

**Sunday, October 22**  
**Title:** "Moving from Greed to Gratitude"  
What we have does not belong to us, and that can be difficult to believe and embrace. Ultimately everything we have comes from God and belongs to God. When we can settle into that reality, it counteracts greed with generosity as we share out of our blessings and abundance. *Scripture:* Matthew 22:15-22 and 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

### **Special Attendance Recognition**

Children who routinely attend Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live will get a chance at a worship leadership role. Each month, all children preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade with 100% Sunday School or Wednesday Night Live attendance will be entered into a drawing. Two children will be chosen each month. The children will get a chance to extend their faith growth to others by choosing to serve in one of the following worship roles:

- Acolyte (if under 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Usher
- Liturgist
- Music soloist
- Call to Worship leader
- Prayer leader
- Children's Moment leader or helper

We saw great attendance for the month of September. Praise be to God!! Twenty-four (24) children had 100% Sunday School attendance. Thirty-eight (38) children had 100% Wednesday Night Live attendance. The two children whose names were drawn for special worship roles are Caroline Ourada and Campbell Schukei.

## **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](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 Frances and Clarence Anderson, and Mabel and Paul Robare by the Anderson family.

**Greeters:** Don and Marie Rasmussen, Eleanor Jorgenson

**Ushers (Team #1):** Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer– Captain, Clyde Sachtleben

**Acolytes:** Addyson Hermes, Laura Kate Oliver

**Nursery:** Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

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'.)

**Prayers for:** Judy Brown, Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Thomas Johnson (Richard Johnson's brother), Nancy Langford, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, John & Mary Northrop, Audrey Watson and families.



**Congratulations** to Kristen & Louie Eckhardt and families on the birth of Fiona Elizabeth, born Monday, October 2; 5lbs, 10 oz., 19 ½ long! We give thanks to God and are excited to welcome this newest daughter to our FPC family! Today's single red rose is in honor.

**No Sunday School (all ages) next Sunday, October 15 (Fall Break).**

### **Presbyterian Women**

**October 18, 2017** - Circle meetings:

**Circle 1** – Hostess – Gayle Fandry – 9:30am in the church parlor  
Lesson Leader – Pam Lay

**Circle 2** – Hostess – Jane Bauer – 9:30am in Jane's home  
Lesson Leader – Jane Foote

**Circle 3** – Hostess – Katharine Davis – 1:15pm in the church parlor  
Lesson Leader – Jill Kramer

**Presbyterian Women (PW)** continue to accept donations for "Free the Girls" special service project. New or gently used bras and/or monetary contributions may be left in the church office or on the counter by the common office area mailboxes.

## CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

First Presbyterian Church, 621 North Lincoln Avenue, Hastings Nebraska 68901

The Congregational Nominating Committee invites your suggestions for persons to serve as church officers for three year terms beginning January 2018. Our church needs **five Deacons, four Elders** and **three Trustees** to serve the congregation.

**Deacons** are primarily caregivers, entrusted with the ministry of compassion to the sick, the homebound, and those who are in special need. People who are called to this ministry write cards, deliver flowers, make phone calls, and visit people in their homes, often with the pastor. Deacons also need a desire to share the sense of fellowship, camaraderie, compassion among the Deacons.

**Elders** who serve on the Session are responsible for the overall ministry of the congregation, including worship, leadership on church committees, establishing priorities for the year, establishing the annual budget, and working with the church staff. Elders are called to provide faithful and non-anxious leadership for the whole church which includes prayerful discernment and discussion leading to shared decision making and support of decisions made.

**Trustees** are responsible for the physical plant, financial oversight, and the grounds of the church. People with interests and skills in the areas of business and finance and abilities to work on the building and work with contractors and other providers are especially suited to the Board of Trustees. Trustees help the pastor manage the corporate responsibilities of the church.

Church officer training is provided by the pastoral staff so that every member who is called to serve as a church officer is given opportunity to be knowledgeable about the government of the Presbyterian Church, and his or her responsibilities, and so better equipped to serve. As a part of church officer training, new officers are also invited to explore their personal faith.

God has given each of us certain talents and gifts that are to be utilized for the glory of Jesus Christ and for the common good within the church. Please consider the gifts and talents of our church community and recommend those who you feel are qualified for these offices. You may also recommend yourself. All active members of the church are eligible.

Please talk to one of these nominating committee members if you have any questions: Sharon Brooks (Moderator), Paula Crozier, Mark Hemje, Vonda Essex, Richard Johnson, Al Meyer, Tammie Nowka, Sally Smith

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Office: (circle any that apply):          Session                  Deacon                  Trustee

Name of person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

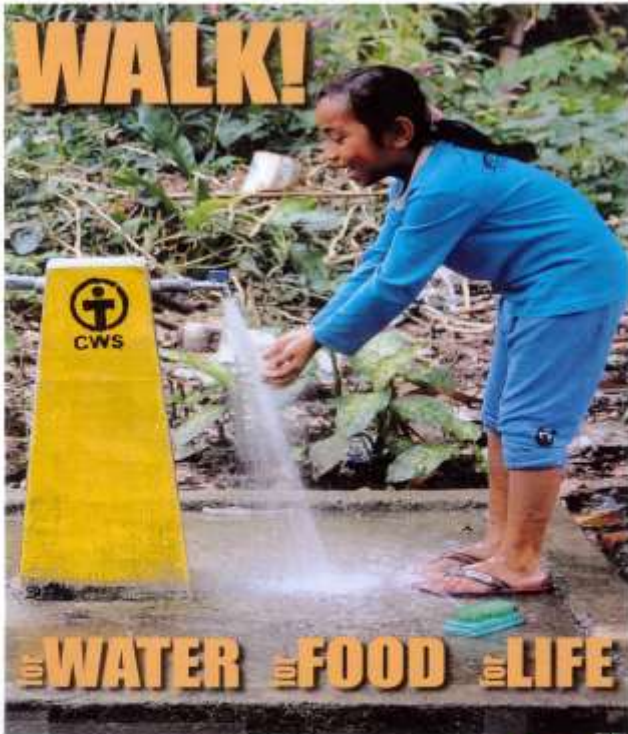
Phone number or email where the Nominating Committee can reach you if they have questions:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**This Week --- Oct. 8 – Oct. 14, 2017**

<b>Mon, Oct. 9</b>	<b>12:30-3:00p</b>	<b>PEO Ch. GK</b> in Parlor
	<b>5:00-6:00p</b>	<b>HSO Meet</b> in Anderson Conference Room
	<b>7:00p</b>	<b>Scouts Meet</b> in Basement Scout Room
<b>Tue, Oct. 10</b>	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Staff Meet</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>4:15-5:15p</b>	<b>Global Mission Committee Meet</b> in Kessler
	<b>5:30-6:30p</b>	<b>Congregational Life Committee Meet</b> in Parlor
	<b>5:30-6:30p</b>	<b>Trustees Meet</b> in Anderson Conference Room
<b>Wed, Oct. 11</b>	<b>7:00a</b>	<b>Bible@Breakfast</b> in Parlor
<b>No WNL</b>		
	<b>5:30p-8:30p</b>	<b>Hayrack Ride (Jr. High)</b>
	<b>6:30p-9:30p</b>	<b>Hayrack Ride (Sr. High)</b>
	<b>6:30p</b>	<b>Wood Carvers</b> in Basement
	<b>6:45p-7:30p</b>	<b>Chancel Choir Practice</b>
	<b>7:30p-8:15p</b>	<b>Chancel Bells Practice</b>
		<b>Personnel Committee Meets</b> in Kessler
<b>Thu, Oct. 12</b>	<b>5:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>Spanish Class</b> in NW Classroom, Annex
<b>Fri, Oct. 13</b>	<b>6:30p-7:30p</b>	<b>Mahjong Ladies</b> in Youth Activity Room
	<b>10:00a</b>	



**WALK!**

**WATER FOOD LIFE**

**Hastings CROP Hunger Walk**  
Sunday, October 8, 2017  
1 Mile Walk begins 2:00  
Meet at Hazelrigg Student Union, Hastings College  
Check in starts at 1:30  
To donate online [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org)  
Sponsored by Church Women United

**ENDING HUNGER  
ONE STEP  
AT A TIME  
CROP HUNGER  
WALK**  
[crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org)

## **Join Us Today, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 this Sunday, 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.**

FPC CELEBRATES THE  
PROTESTANT REFORMATION'S

# 500<sup>th</sup>

## *Anniversary*

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### *Forum, 9:15 a.m., Chapel*

Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church on October 31, 1517, setting off a chain of events that led to the diversification of Western Christianity. This class will recall the history of that era and consider how the Reformation trajectory continues to impact the church today.

**Dr. Robert Babcock, Hastings College**  
Professor of History

### *Worship, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary*

- German-style accordion music
- Scriptures read in French and German, the languages of the Reformation.
- Lederhosen optional!

### *German Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Catered portion (covered by free will donation) includes:

**Roast Leg of Ox**  
**Potato Pancakes**  
**Spaetzel**

Pot luck portion rounds out the meal!  
Please bring your favorite German dish!

Examples include:  
**Sausage, Sour Kraut**  
**Strudel, Pretzels**