

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church
Senior Pastor: Greg Allen-Pickett
Associate Pastor: Damen Heitmann
Liturgist and Reflection: Dr. Jessica Meeske
Chancel Choir & Handbells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Trumpet: Dr. Louie Eckhardt; Accordion: Tom Michalek
Piano: Mary Plock; Organist: Linda Vollweiler

**REFORMATION SUNDAY – CELEBRATING THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION!
October 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m.**

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

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” James H. Stephenson

WELCOME

INTROIT “Come Thou, O Mighty King” Charles Wesley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us make of today a new beginning.

With the rising of the sun let us renew our hearts.

As we pause amid life’s chaos, let us refresh our minds.

As we gather again, let our spirits be revived.

Gracious God draw near as we seek your presence and your truth.

God of Creation be at hand as we endeavor to learn again your ways.

*HYMN “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” 722

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for not following through. We promised to love unconditionally and we stopped after a couple of hours. We intended to pray without ceasing but then we got lost down a YouTube rabbit hole. We meant to offer forgiveness to all but then someone took the last doughnut. We’ve been meaning to live the whole of our lives guided by love, and peace, and justice but we haven’t quite gotten around to it yet. Forgive us, O God, for only offering fits and spurts. Inspire us to move ever more deeply in your Spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “You Are Holy” 596

*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.)

ANTHEM “A Mighty Fortress is our God” Martin Luther

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 12:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “Reformation Today”
Rev. Damen Heitmann

*HYMN “In the Midst of New Dimensions” 315

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

Following the offering plates will be baskets with Pledge Cards. Please take one per family. Take the Pledge Card home and spend some time in prayer as a family. We will invite you to return the Pledge Cards to church on or before Sunday, November 5.

OFFERTORY “Built On A Rock” Arr. Michael Helman

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept, O God, these gifts. May they 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

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

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*CHARGE and BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”
Congregational and Choir Response

R. Nelson

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

(While the congregation and choir sing the benediction, the congregation is invited to come together and hold hands with the person next to them or touch the shoulder of the person standing in front of them as a sign of blessing and recognition that we are sisters and brothers in Christ.)

*POSTLUDE

“Hymn Medley”

**Sunday, November 5 we will celebrate “All Saints Day”
8:30am: Contemplative “Taize” style service with Communion**

**9:15am: Sunday School for all ages, Adult Forum on “Money and Possessions”
led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh on a book by Walter Brueggemann**

**10:30am: Traditional Worship Service with Communion
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett preaching both services “Good News in the Midst of Grief”
Sermon Title: “The Other Side of the Curtain” – Finding Comfort with Christ,
Giving thanks for those who have come before**

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**Invitation to Attend
First Presbyterian Go & Serve Meeting for 2018 Trip**

When: Sunday, November 5, 2017, following 10:30 a.m. Worship

Where: Fellowship Hall

Who: Potential Go & Servers and their parents

Why: To discuss our 2018 Go & Serve trip to Camp Courageous, Iowa,
June 15-20, 2018

Wahoo: Pizza for lunch!

If you’re interested in taking part in next summer’s trip, come for lunch to hear our plans for the trip, for fundraising, and for Stay & Serve opportunities. Bring an interested friend (and that friend’s parents).

Go & Serve has made three previous trips to Camp Courageous, so we will have some alums to talk about their experiences as well as an informative video about the Camp Courageous experience.

R.S.V.P. (which is French for “respond, please”) to Damen Heitmann (dheitmann@hastings.edu) so you won’t go hungry. If you don’t respond, it stands for “Roasted Skunk Very Possible.”

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
2017 World Community Day



**KINDLING
NEW FIRES
FOR**

Peace

Guest Speaker:

Aida Olivas

Center for Rural Affairs

You Are Invited

Date: Friday, November 3, 2017

Time: Celebration: 10 am Soup Lunch: 11 am

Place: First Presbyterian Church 621 N. Lincoln Ave.

Contact Person: Celebration Committee - 402-469-2638