

***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
Scripture Readers: Jessica Klaassen and Lynette Krieger
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, 10:30 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
	Chancel Choir	

*CALL TO WORSHIP Campbell Schukei

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.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

(Please pass the "Friendship Folders" in the pews and register your attendance with us today.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stephanie Brader

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

ANTHEM

"A Mighty Fortress is our God"

Martin Luther

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your word is read and proclaimed, O God, give us hearts receptive to its call. Give us minds amenable to its instruction. Give us wills interested in its challenge. Amen.

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

Today the scripture will be read in the languages of the Reformation:

French will be read by Jessica Klaassen; German will be read by Lynette Krieger.

REFLECTION ON THE REFORMATION – Dr. Jessica Meeske

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From The Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ... Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

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” 542

*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.”

Announcements

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Ardyce and Jon Bohlke by Anne Bohlke.

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 Ardyce and Jon Bohlke by Anne Bohlke.

Greeters: Stacy and Neil Kerr

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

Acolytes: Ashton Essink, Moses Rhodes

Nursery: Kim Bogan

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

November's Communion Offerings will be donated to **Crossroads Center Rescue Mission**.

November 5 Communion Servers (Team #4): Dick Brader, Jan Ham, Jeanne Hastings, Mark Hemje, Mary Olsen, Katherine Sachtleben, Marnie Soderquist, May Wierenga, Dan Zabloudil, Vera Zabloudil

Prayers for: Arnie Boehler, Judy Brown, Mary Jo Emmons, Celia (& Wayne) Ganow, Jan Ham, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Nancy Langford, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Frank (& Carol) Medsker, John & Mary Northrop, Audrey Watson and families.

Please pray for **safe travels for Kym and Gene Warner** as they move to New Hampshire this next week. Kym became a member of FPC Hastings in 2000 and has served in part as a greeter, communion usher, and youth teacher for many years. Both will be dearly missed!

November Ushers (Team #3): Andrew Barrows, Dave Fisher-Captain, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

Reminder: Daylight Saving Ends Sunday, November 5th. 'Fall back' one hour before Sunday morning.

"Intro to Yoga" Series continues this week. All are welcome at the Annex on Wednesday at 5:05 p.m. for a free, 45-minute class. This week's installment is "Vinyasa Flow" taught by Stephanie Ourada of Avani.

Guys Night Out will be on Thursday, November 9. Men of all ages are invited to get together for food at 6 p.m. and then watch the HC men's basketball team take on Kansas Wesleyan at 7 p.m.
Legacy Room (the room that overlooks the gym), Lynn Farrell Arena, Hastings College

Learn how to ***Live the Story!*** with regard to faith and finances as Dan Deffenbaugh, Hastings College religion professor, presents a summary of theologian Walter Brueggemann's important work *Money and Possessions*, the FPC Summer Book Club selection. *Sunday, November 5, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

Mariners meets this Thursday at noon in the Parlor to discuss "Marriage and Relationships." In the midst of parenting, how do we find time to prioritize and develop our relationships with spouse and friends?
*Free childcare! *Bring a sack lunch if you wish. *Invite a friend!

Presbyterian Women (PW) will continue to accept new or gently used bras thru October for **"Free the Girls" mission** and collect plastic bags to make **sleeping mats for the homeless**. Bras and plastic bags may be dropped off in the church's common office area.

You are invited to the PW luncheon this Wednesday, November 1 at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. **Sue Medsker-Nedderman** will present the program, ***Our Church Library***. Circle 2 is in charge of preparing the lunch. Circle 3 is in charge of centerpieces, devotions, cashier (there is a \$5 charge for the meal), and name tags. RSVP to your circle leader or the church office by tomorrow, Oct. 30.

Join us this afternoon at 5pm for Hastings College Choir Autumn Vespers Choral Concert led by Director Fritz Mountford. This event is free of charge.

This Week --- Oct. 30 – Nov. 4, 2017

Mon, Oct. 30	7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room
Tue, Oct. 31	10:00a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Parlor
	12:00p-1:00p	Adult Ed Committee Meets in Anderson Conference Room
	1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex
Wed, Nov. 1	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in Parlor
	11:00a-11:45a	PW Meeting in Library
	11:45a-1:15p	PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5 th Grades)
	5:05p-5:50p	Yoga in the Annex Gym
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Time Meal (All Ages Welcome!)
	6:00p-6:45p	Chancel Bells Practice
	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	Pack Meals @ Hearts & Hands (6 th thru 8 th Grades)
Thu, Nov. 2	5:30p	Christian Education-Youth Meeting in Parlor
	6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex
Fri, Nov. 3	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
	9:30a-12:30p	Church Women United World Community Day Celebration
		Soup Luncheon in Fellowship Hall to follow

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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



MENS BASKETBALL: HASTINGS COLL. VS. KS WESLEYAN

GUYS NIGHT OUT

Thursday, November 9. Food at 6:00, Game at 7:00
Legacy Room, Lynn Farrell Arena, Hastings College
All men, all ages welcome.

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 Welach, 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)