## 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 Scripture Reader: Ruth Nielsen
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Accompanist & Pianist: Mary Plock
Organist: Linda Vollweiler

November 12, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

\*Indicates those who are able, please stand.

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME

**INTROIT** 

"Sing to the Lord"

Kathie Hill/Janet McMahan

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 78)

Give ear, O God's people, to God's teaching;

We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and God's might, and the wonders that God has done.

He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

So that we should set our hope in God. Even in the midst of our grief and struggles, God gives us hope through Jesus Christ. Come let us worship our God of hope!

\*HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. Schedules become crowded. We live by the clock. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars. Yet you are the eternal God who

has always loved us and been ready to receive us. Help us to learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you. Amen.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the deepest darkness, in the times when all seems lost;

We are not lost to God.

God calls us to be ready for God's new kingdom.

In all this God is always with us.

Believe the Good News of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved! *Alleluia! Amen!* 

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

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## \*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 Pads and sign in to let us know that you were here this morning)

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nancy Grams

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

ANTHEM "What Love" Kathie Hill

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

#### REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURE

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 25:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Fall Series: Good News in the Midst of Grief

"Grieving with Hope" Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" 819

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

**OFFERTORY** 

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING AND THANKSGIVING FOR PLEDGE CARDS

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

## 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 "Give Thanks, O Christian People" 644

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Glory to God" Kathie Hill/Janet McMahan

\*POSTLUDE

Come worship with us next week and invite others on Sunday, November 19
8:30am: Taize "Contemplative" style of worship
10:30am: Traditional Worship Service
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15am
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett preaching both services

## 2017 Go & Serve Bid Board Supporting the Go & Serve Mission Trip

Please help support the Go & Serve mission trip by donating to the Bid Board. Past donations have included:

Baked Goods Christmas Decorations

Quilts/Blankets Glass work
Centerpieces Art Work
Note Cards Books
Candles Wreaths

Gift Certificates Special Meals

Tickets to Events Homemade Crafts
Gift Baskets Autographed items

These are just suggestions; anything is welcome. We would love to see some new items included.

Donated items may be dropped off at the church office by November 22<sup>nd</sup>, or if you need yours picked up, text Tammie Nowka @ 402-469-2440.

The Bid Board will open Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> thru December 10<sup>th</sup>. The Bid Board will be located in the Parlor.

Please complete this form and return it to the church office.

Your donations and support are greatly appreciated!!

## Thank you!!

I would like to donate the following items:				
Donated by:				
Phone:				
Business:				
Youth Contact:				

## PLEASE WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST

## Karen Gettert-Shoemaker

AUTHOR OF ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA 2016 SELECTION

"The Meaning of Names"

FORUM: Nov. 19, 9:15 a.m.

# "Excavating History"

Learn how to use family lore and local history to compose the stories that only you can write!





## "ANGELS AWARE" 2017

## REHEARSALS (meet in choir room)

GRADES 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> practice 4:00-6:00, Wednesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 15th

EVERYONE, PK-8<sup>th</sup> practice 4:00-6:00 Wednesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, & Dec. 6th

Also everyone, PK-8<sup>th</sup> practice during Sunday School, 9:15-10:15 on November 19th,

December 3rd and 10<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, December 9th, 9:30-12:00 Dress Rehearsal

(Remember to wear white, long sleeves, long pants or tights, and socks to go under your angel costumes)

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>,

9:15-10:15 (Choir Room)

"ANGELS AWARE": 10:30 during worship.



Thank you,

Susan Hoff (402 469 0985)

Leah Ratzlaff (402 730 5870)

Joy White (402-469-5630)

## **Announcements**

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by JoAnn & 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.

**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 Randall Fandry, David Fandry, & Richard Fandry by Gayle Fandry & Mickie Day.

Greeters: Linda & Jim Donohue, Jane & Chuck Bauer

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

Acolytes: Eric Brader, Tanner Bauer

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

**Offerings for Maryland Living Center** will continue to be collected thru November. Monetary donations as well as apartment startup items are greatly appreciated: towels, cleaning supplies, laundry baskets, small trash cans, shower curtains and gently-used furniture.

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

**Thank you, yoga teachers** for making our "Intro to Yoga" series such a success!! For each of the past six Wednesdays, FPC members and friends have been gathering together to improve health, flexibility, and to experience and learn about different forms of yoga. This would not have been possible without the generous contributions of our volunteer yoga teachers, Kim Stein, Jenni Welsch, Stephanie Ourada, and Lanae Hall. **Thank you!** 

This Thursday at noon in the Parlor, the Mariners moms group is discussing the topic of **aggressive behaviors in our kids and how to replace those with kindness.** Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship and information sharing. *Free childcare is provided!* 

**Habla Espanol?** If you're interested in learning Spanish, don't miss out on our free Thursday evening classes, held weekly in the Annex, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All ages, all skill levels welcome!

**Quilters meet every Tuesday** at 1:00p.m. in the Annex. If you are interested in joining, or have questions, please contact Bev Stein at 402-463-1410.



Come on in and check out the new items for sale in *Hands Around the World Store (HAWS)!*Pick up a bag (or two) of Café Justo coffee. Feel free to browse the fine selection of chocolate, textiles and jewelry. Olive oil is now for sale at only \$3 a bottle. Much, much more is available! Items come from nonprofit, fair trade organizations dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans and farmers and their families out of poverty, and HAWS donates \$100 each month to the United

Harvest Food Distribution. Store hours are 9 a.m.-12 noon during the school year. Café Justo coffee is also available for sale in the church office during the week!

## Presbyterian Women (PW) Circle Meetings on Weds., Nov. 15:

Circle 1 - 9:30 am, Hostess: Sally Smith, 1235 N. Laird Ave. Apt.128; Lesson: Bonnie Grams

Circle 2 - 9:30 am, Hostess: Shirley Gass, 813 North Shore Drive; Lesson: Lynette Krieger

Circle 3 - 1:15 pm, Hostesses: Julie McDougal & Mary Northrop, Church Library; Lesson: Jo Seiler



#### **HONEY SUNDAY - Today!**

Honey bears are \$5 each and may be purchased before and after worship service in the Memorial Room this Sunday, and 8:30am-4:30pm in the church's common office thru November. Proceeds go to assist the Adams-Clay county chapter of ARC, which provides programs and support for families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

More than 90% of adults in the United States feel that registering as an organ donor is the right thing to do, yet nearly 50% of adults have yet to register. **November 10-12, 2017** is National Donor Sabbath Weekend, and the perfect time to take action and sign up on the Nebraska Donor Registry at www.donatelifenebraska.com. It's fast. It's easy. It saves lives!

This Week Nov. 13 – Nov. 18, 2017				
	Mon, Nov. 13	5:00p-6:00p	HSO Meets in Anderson Conference Room	
		7:00p-9:00p	Boy Scouts Meet in Basement Scout Room	
	Tue, Nov. 14	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office	
		12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study in Parlor	
		1:00p	Quilters Meet in Annex	
		5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Meeting in Parlor	
		5:30p-7:00p	Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference	
		6:00p-9:00p	Pooh Corner Family Fun Night in Annex	
	Wed, Nov. 15	7:00a-8:00a	Bible@Breakfast in Parlor	
		9:30a	PW Circle 1 Meets, Sally Smith's Home	
		9:30a	PW Circle 2 Meets, Shirley Gass' Home	
		1:15p	PW Circle 3 Meets in Church Library	
		4:00p-6:00p	WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5th Grades)	
		4:00p-6:00p	Angels Aware Cast Rehearsal in Sanctuary	
		5:30p-6:30p	Session Meets in Anderson Conference Room	
		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 (6th thru 12th Grades)	
		7:30p-8:15p	WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High (6th thru 8th Grades)	
	Thu, Nov. 16	12 <b>:00p-1:00p</b>	Mariners Lunch Group in Parlor	
		6:30p-7:30p	Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex	
	Fri, Nov. 17	10:00a	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room	
	Sat, Nov. 18	United Harvest Free Food Distribution in the Annex		

(Volunteer Shifts Annex Gym: 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon and/or 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Homebound Delivery NW Classroom: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)