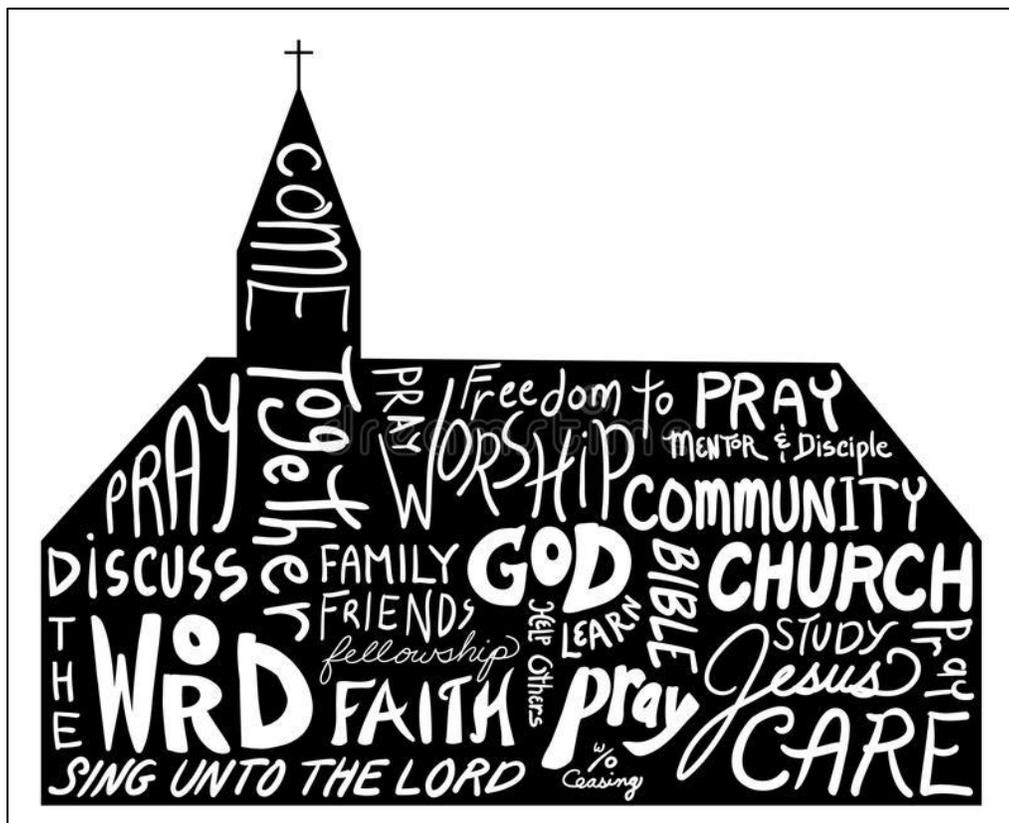


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Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.



The Order of Worship **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Annual Meeting Sunday** **January 21, 2018**

WELCOME. *We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following worship, please join us for fellowship and refreshments.*

Large Print Hymnals and Children's Activity Bags
are available from the Usher.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: Welcome to all brothers and sisters in the faith.

NORTH SIDE: We come to celebrate God's presence
and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

SOUTH SIDE: We come remembering Christ's life and
ministry and the life we are all called to live.

MEN: We come as pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.

WOMEN: We come seeking the strength
to carry on our journey of life.

One: Come and let us rejoice together in God's gift
of grace, truth, hope and love.

All: Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn #401** *"Here in This Place"*

***Prayer of Confession:**

One: We cannot come before God unless we are honest with ourselves about who we are and the mistakes we have made. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God in the presence of one another.

**All: Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up
in the tide of our generation.**

**We have often failed in our calling to be your holy
people set apart for your divine purpose.**

**We live more in apathy born of fatalism
than in passion born of hope.**

**We are moved more by private ambition
than by social justice.**

**We dream more of privilege and benefits
than of service and sacrifice.**

**We try to speak in your name
without relinquishing our glories,
without nourishing our souls,
without relying wholly on your grace.**

Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.

**By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, revive us,
and reshape us in your image.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence....

Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

One: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,
we are assured that there is no sin so terrible
that God cannot forgive
nor is there any hurt so terrible that God cannot heal.

All: God accepts us. God forgives us.

God sets us free for new life in Jesus Christ.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Through Christ by grace through faith, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Celebration of Our Pardon**

Hymn #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

***The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Looking Inward – Turning Outward"

The Rev. Dr. Steve Robertson

***Hymn #298** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

***Affirmation of Faith**

- *Based on the congregation's Mission Statement and Core Values*

Following Christ, we the members of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings strive to love and serve the world so that all may grow in faith and experience true joy.

In our life together, we value:

moving and engaging worship,

openness in decision-making,

deep, life-giving relationships,

our historic church building,

our 150-year history that is part of our identity,

serving our community through mission,

the courage to take risks,

and the ability to persevere.

Celebrating our history,

we look toward our future to which God is calling us. Amen.

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

***Offertory Response**

Hymn #607 *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (Traditional)

**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 #307** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response**

Hymn #306 *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

*Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love!
The fellowship of kindred minds,
Is like to that above.*

Postlude

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.