

Service for the Lord's Day

November 1, 2020

10:00 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

In Essentials... Unity ~ In Non-Essentials... Liberty ~ In All Things... Charity

Prelude "Open Now the Gates of Beauty" König
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements James Brandon

Call to Worship Romans 6:20-23

Invocation

***Hymn** "Come, We That Love the Lord" Page #22

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth..

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Look to Him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

People: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Sermon "Romans 4, Pt. 2" Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** "Spirit of the Living God" Page #297

***Affirmation of Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7 (responsive)
Question: What then must a Christian believe?

Leader: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

People: O taste and see that the LORD is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Leader: O fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no want!

People: The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

All: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

You bring justice upon us and give us compassion. Please have mercy upon us as we make our confession. So often what we preach is not what we practice. We ourselves do not bear the burdens we impose on others. We expect commendation for our acts of benevolence. We like others to see us and give us praise. We wear titles and honors with pride, and we feel envy when we see others getting ahead of us. O God, forgive our craving to be exalted; help us to be humble in the knowledge that we live by grace alone.

Silent Confession (continue in silent prayer) ...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

First Scripture Reading Joshua 3:7-17 **Pew Bible Page #187**

Anthem "God Is In His Holy Temple" Billings
Men's Quartet

Second Scripture Reading Romans 4 **Pew Bible Page #979**

***Benediction**

Postlude "All Depends on Our Possessing" König

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Answer: All that is promised us in the gospel, which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary.

Question: What are these articles?

Answer: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; I believe in the holy catholic Christian church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Prayer of God’s 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.

Moment for Mission

Jen Giron

The Doxology

***Hymn** “Rejoice in God’s Saints”

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Sunday, November 1, 2020

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, November 1 ~ Stewardship Sunday!

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
11:20 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms

Monday, November 2

7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms

Tuesday, November 3

7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms

Wednesday, November 4

7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms
6:00 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study resumes!

MISSION STATEMENT

*Called by God into the joy of new life in Christ,
First Presbyterian Church of Hillsdale
seeks to live together faithfully,
committing ourselves to a life of worship,
mutual encouragement to growth in faith and knowledge,
and to the proclamation of the Gospel.*

What’s Ahead. . .

November 12 Missions Committee Meeting
November 15 Shoebox Collection ends!
November 19 Session Meeting
November 22 Christ the King Sunday –Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
November 26 Thanksgiving Day!
November 29 First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME

St. Paul declares: “*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it*” (1 Corinthians 12:27, NIV). Each of you is indispensable to this gathering called the Church. Welcome!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshiping with us this morning. We ask that you please include your name and address when filling out the Friendship Pads and pass the pad along the pew so others may do the same. After everyone has registered, send the pad back

Thursday, November 5

6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

Next Sunday, November 8

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

11:20 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms

along the pew so you can learn the names of those sitting with you. Attendance Last Sunday: 57

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given today by Joyce Benzing dedicated for peace in the United States of America.

PASTOR: Rev. Scott Cress

CHOIR/ORGANIST: Dean James

WORSHIP LEADER: James Brandon

BUILDING CLOSER: Les Hutchinson

DEACON: Kathy Keil

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Betty Kneen (*surgery 11/8*)