

# Service for the Lord's Day

December 27, 2020  
\*Congregation May Stand

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

**Prelude** "Wexford Carol" Irish Carol

**Welcome and Announcements** Tom Conner

**\*Call to Worship:** Psalm 148:1-6

**Invocation**

**\*Hymn** "As With Gladness" Page #181

**\*Responsive Reading:** Psalm 148:7-14

Leader: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

**People: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**People: Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.

**All: He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!**

**Prayer of Confession:** From *When We Gather* (unison)  
**God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The year is soon spent. What we ought to have done still awaits action, while we commit acts not in accord with Your will. We think of ourselves before others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves the gifts of Your graciousness. The new life You offer is not yet proclaimed in the land. Forgive us our sins and make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as we follow Christ's way.**

**Silent Confession** (continue in silent prayer) ....Amen.  
**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*The Gloria Patri** Page #805

**First Scripture Lesson** Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Pew Bible Page #641

**Interlude** "Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella" Hagarty

**Second Scripture Lesson** Romans 8 Pew Bible Page #982

**Sermon** "Romans 8, Pt 2" Pastor Scott Cress

**\*Hymn** "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Page #185

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 13 (responsive)

Question: Why is He called God's only begotten Son, since we also are children of God?

**Answer: Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.**

Question: Why do you call Him *our* Lord?

**Answer: Because He has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with His precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us His own possession.**

## Prayers 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*The Doxology		Page #809
*Hymn	<i>"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"</i>	Page #187
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>"In Dulci Julilo"</i>	Martin

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## SESSION

Pastor Scott Cress, *Moderator*

James Brandon, Linda Fogarty (*Worship Chair*), Kevin Porteus (*Trustee*)  
David Lipps (*Treasurer/Trustee*), Lisa Roberts (*Building & Grounds Chair*)  
Tom Conner (*Clerk of Session & Trustee*), Jen Giron (*Mission Chair*),  
Les Hutchinson (*Finance/Personnel Chair*)

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*Nominating Committee*

James Brandon, Georgia Bentley,  
Marty Games, Lisa Roberts  
Les Hutchinson and Kevin Porteus

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*Fellowship Committee Chair*

Vida Long

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## DEACONS

Joyce Benzing, Connie Erholtz, Bob Roberts, Margaret Scott  
Charlotte Dear, Marty Games, Kathy Keil, Patti Péwé  
Homer Bentley, Mitzi Dimmers, Connie Hutchinson, Betty Kneen

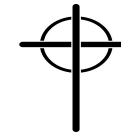
# The First Presbyterian Church

Organized July 22, 1843



## 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.*



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*Sunday, December 27, 2020*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today, December 27

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

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

11:20 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms

### Monday, December 28

### Tuesday, December 29

### Wednesday, December 30

### Thursday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

*Church office closed*

### Friday, January 1, 2021 ~ New Year's Day!

*Church office closed*

### Saturday, January 2

### Next Sunday, January 3 ~ Ordination and Installation of Officers

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

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

11:20 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms

## WELCOME

Welcome to our last worship service of 2020. God is Lord of all time and eternity, so we walk with Him — and one another — into all that the New Year brings.

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

<b>PASTOR:</b>	Rev. Scott Cress
<b>CHOIR/ORGANIST:</b>	Dean James
<b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b>	Tom Conner
<b>BUILDING CLOSER:</b>	Bill Barron
<b>DEACON:</b>	Margaret Scott

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Betty Kneen, Connie Erholtz, Earla and Curt Carver, Charlotte Dear, Kurt Leutheuser (*Son Ellie Leutheuser*), David Livingston (*Brother-in-law Georgia Bentley*), Terry (*Sister-in-law F.Ross*), Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin J.Long*), Ethan (*Friend Janusz Family*), Charles Cress (*Father Pastor Scott*), Jessica Devaney (*Friend B.Portteus*), Bill Ewald (*Brother-in-law C.Carver*), Donald Fowler (*Brother-in-law V.Long*), Tim Gordon (*Cousin M.Rollins*), Bill Gunn (*Brother B.Lipps*), JB Jenkins (*Brother-n-law Irma*), Robert Jones (*Husband Irma*), Sarah Lees (*Sister B.Portteus*), Dennis Morgan (*Friend V.Long*), Sherri Selmer (*Friend Cress Family*), Rick Shock (*Cousin Alex Janusz*), Bill Stapleton (*Brother-in-law L.Swope*), Jackie Schaefer (*Friend Taylors*), Kathy Stump (*Secretary Salvation Army*), Marsha Green-Ziegler (*Sister S.Downey*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** LT.j.g. Andrea Cornett (*USN*), Dorion Duby (*National Guard*), Spencer Eves (*USNA-Grandson Judy & Ron Adams*); Lt. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), LT. Chris Hoffman (*USN*), LT. Molly Hoffman (*USN*), LT Zachary Laden (*US Navy, Grandson Bev & Duane Taylor*), 1LT Ben Larson (*National Guard, Grandson Charlotte Dear*); Major Andrew Osborn

(Army, Nephew B.Kneen), Pvt Tom Potter (Grandson J.Potter); 1LT Mark Reed (US Army-deployed overseas), Davis Regalado (USMC-Friend Joyce Benzing); LT. JG Sydney Rouble (USN RN—Granddaughter Noël & Dan Bisher), LCDR Joy Solmonson (USN)—(Cornett, Hoffman, Reed, Solmonson—Friends Shelley Downey); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Foundation, Outreach Foundation, and Samaritan's Purse; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Mary Rose Dryer (home), Onalee Foulke (Drews Country Living), Lois James (Medical Care), Dorothea Long (Medical Care), and Kit Tamlyn (home)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** It is necessary for the Annual Reports to be ready for distribution at the Annual Meeting in February. All Committee Reports are due to Irma in the Church Office no later than January 10, 2021. Committee Chairs please include the names of your committee members in your report. Thank you!

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Church office will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Happy New Year to you and yours!

**FLOWER CALENDAR for 2021** has been placed in the hall by the Parlor. To all of you who have graciously donated Communion table flowers for our Sunday services, we thank you for your kind contributions. The Worship Committee appreciates your gift in memory of loved ones or in celebration of your special event!

**GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES for 2021** may be picked up today at the table in the Alcove. Please do not begin using envelopes until January 3, 2021. Please call Irma in the Church office if you can't find a box with your name on it. Thank you!

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS will take place next Sunday, January 3, 2021.** Officers for the Class of 2023 being installed as Ruling Elders are Rich Péwé and Don Sanderson (Trustee) and the Deacons are Earla Carver, Aaron Lawrence, Vida Long, and Carol Ringenberg.

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** is on a hiatus for the month of December and will begin again in January.

**NEW LARGE PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE!** New large print Bibles (NRSV) have been purchased by the Worship Committee through the Memorial Gift Fund. Please pick one up in the before service, use it during the service, and then return it after the service to the table in the Alcove.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Please join us today for Sunday school at 11:20 a.m. There are classes for everyone! We hope to see you in Sunday School!

**THE DEPOSIT-RETURN CANS/BOTTLES COLLECTION** continues with a BIG Thank You to Marty Games and the Cub Scouts for turning the cans in and splitting the money in half with our youth! We thank them for doing a great job of keeping the bin empty!



## ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

<b>January 2</b>	<b>Barb Auseon</b>
<b>January 9</b>	<b>Connie Erholtz</b>
<b>January 15</b>	<b>Mary Bearman Homer Bentley</b>
<b>January 16</b>	<b>Nancy Veenstra</b>
<b>January 19</b>	<b>Carol Ringenberg</b>
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Abram Péwé</b>
<b>January 22</b>	<b>Kenneth Downey Nancy Dunlop</b>

**January 28 Candy Hoffman**

**Our love and best wishes to you all!**