

# Service for the Lord's DaY

January 10, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship

\*Congregation May Stand

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

**Prelude** *“Trumpet Voluntary”* Powell

**Welcome and Announcements** Barb Auseon

**\*Call to Worship:** Exodus 3:11-15

**Invocation**

**\*Hymn** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”* Page #2

**\*Responsive Reading:** Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; worship the LORD in holy array.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, upon many waters.

**People:** The voice of the LORD is powerful, the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**People:** He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sir'ion like a young wild ox.

Leader: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**People:** The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness, the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The voice of the LORD makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forests bare; and in His temple all cry, “Glory!”

**People:** The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

**All:** May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

**Prayer of Confession:** From *When We Gather* (unison)  
We come as Your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You send forth Your Spirit, yet we do not respond to Your presence. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior in faith does not match our unique status. Christ calls us to follow; yet we disobey His commandment. Evidence of Your goodness surrounds us, yet we ignore Your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in Your love uphold us. Above all, teach us the meaning of repentance.

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

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

**First Scripture Lesson** John 3:1-8 Pew Bible Page #924

**Anthem** *“Hear My Words”* Paulus

**Second Scripture Lesson** Romans 9 Pew Bible Page #984

**Sermon** “Romans 9, Pt 1” Pastor Scott Cress

**\*Hymn** *“Come, Thou Fount”* Page #45

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 14 (responsive)  
Question: What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

**Answer:** He is our Mediator, and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

- *The Invitation ~ The Words of Institution*

- *Salutation and Sursum Corda*

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- *The Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

- *The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer*

\*The Doxology

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\*Hymn

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

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\*Benediction

Postlude

*"God is Our Refuge"*

Powell

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## SESSION

Pastor Scott Cress, *Moderator*

David Lipps (*Treasurer & Trustee*), Lisa Roberts

Tom Conner (*Clerk of Session & Trustee*), Jen Giron

Les Hutchinson

Rich Péwé and Don Sanderson (*Trustee*)

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## DEACONS

Charlotte Dear, Marty Games, Kathy Keil, Patti Péwé

Homer Bentley, Mitzi Dimmers, Connie Hutchinson, Betty Kneen

Earla Carver, Aaron Lawrence, Vida Long, and Carol Ringenberg.

# 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, January 10, 2020***

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **Today, January 10 ~ Communion**

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 11:20 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms

### **Monday, January 11**

- 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School

### **Tuesday, January 12**

- 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School

### **Wednesday, January 13**

- 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School
- 4:15 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting, Anniversary Room
- 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

### **Thursday, January 14**

### **Friday, January 15**

### **Saturday, January 16**

### **Next Sunday, January 17**

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

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

11:20 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms

## WELCOME

Welcome as we thank and worship God for his wonderful works and listen for his word to us today.

**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: 34

**The FLOWERS on the Communion table are giving today by Margaret Scott in memory of her parents, Ruth and Neil Taylor.**

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| <b>PASTOR:</b>          | Rev. Scott Cress |
| <b>CHOIR/ORGANIST:</b>  | Dean James       |
| <b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b>  | Barb Auseon      |
| <b>BUILDING CLOSER:</b> | Bill Barron      |
| <b>DEACON:</b>          | Patti Péwé       |

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Earla and Curt Carver, Connie Erholtz,, Betty Kneen, Kurt Leutheuser (*Son Ellie Leutheuser*), 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 (Draws Country Living), Lois James (Medical Care), Dorothea Long (Medical Care), and Kit Tamlyn (home)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—TODAY!** All who trust in Christ are invited to participate. Please remember that the loose offering in today's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** It is necessary for the Annual Reports to be ready for distribution at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 14, 2021. All Committee Reports are due to Irma in the Church Office as soon as possible. Thank you!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIPS: ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST?** Before and after Sunday morning worship, we enjoy conversation and coffee. Please consider signing up to serve coffee on Sundays at our weekly Coffee Fellowships. Signup today in Fellowship Hall today! This is your chance to serve and give back!

**DOORS AND KEYS UPDATE:** As you all know, the Manning Street doors were recently replaced. Because of the change of locks, the only available exterior entrance to the Church building is now the parking lot entrance. If you do not have a key to this entrance and need one, please talk to Pastor Scott, Marsha Rollins, or Marty Games. Do you have extra Church keys that you no longer use? If so, please consider dropping them in the designated bucket in the Fellowship Hall, so that they can be distributed to others who have a more pressing need. Thank you!

**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!

**FROM THE DEACONS: COPIES OF "THESE DAYS"** for January-February-March are available on the tables at the Church doors. Take one for a good daily devotion!

**GIVING ENVELOPE BOXES (2021):** We have several 2021 Giving Boxes that may be picked up today at the table in the Alcove. Please call Irma in the Church office if you can't find a box with your name on it. Please and thank you!

**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.

**1000 SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS:** Join with us this year as we share Jesus with our words. For more resources on doing evangelism and speaking Jesus, watch Pastor Scott's Thursday devotionals during the month of January. Remember: If you have an intentional conversation this week, then make sure you mark it down next to the proper category in the binder located in the fellowship hall. And don't forget to pray for this new initiative!

**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!

**WE WANT TO INCLUDE YOUR CONCERNS IN PRAYER!** It is important to pray for our members and friends of our congregation especially those who are sick, or hospitalized, home-bound, or serving our country around the world. Names can be added or removed from the prayer list by calling the Church office. Please notify the Church office for prayer requests/concerns, hospitalizations, illness, and anyone needing pastoral care. It is our privilege to lift you and those you love in prayer.

**WORSHIP MEETING (January 13):** There will be a Worship Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m. in the Anniversary Room.

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY:** In an effort to keep everyone healthy, we will continue with our Zoom Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Please go to the home page at [www.fpchillsdale.org](http://www.fpchillsdale.org) to find the access link. We hope you'll join us!



**YOU ARE INVITED** to participate in a Card Shower in honor of Jim Touse who is celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on January 27<sup>th</sup>!

Help us celebrate another year, another birthday, another reason to celebrate the goodness of life by sending him your best wishes on this special occasion to:

**Jim Touse**  
**2251 Springport Rd Apt #359,**  
**Jackson, MI 49202**

**What an awesome blessing that God has given him 90 years!**