



Question: What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

Answer: I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, nor my sinful nature, against which I have to struggle all my life, but will graciously grant me the righteousness of Christ, that I may never come into condemnation.

**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. 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**

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**\*Hymn**

*"Lord, Speak to Me"*

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*"Te Deum"*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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**SESSION**

Pastor Scott Cress, *Moderator*  
David Lipps, *Treasurer & Trustee*  
Lisa Roberts, *Chair Building & Grounds*  
Tom Conner, *Clerk of Session & Trustee*  
Jen Giron, *Chair Missions Committee*  
Les Hutchinson, *Co-Chair Fellowship Committee*  
Rich Péwé  
Don Sanderson, *Trustee & Chair Finance/Personnel*

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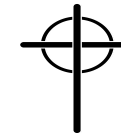
# ***The First Presbyterian Church***

***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, April 25, 2021*

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Today, April 25

8:30 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, April 26

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

## Tuesday, April 27

7:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School  
10:00 a.m. Book Club, Parlor  
4:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, April 28

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

## Thursday, April 29

## Friday, April 30

## Saturday, May 1

## Next Sunday, May 2

8:30 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

We're glad you've joined us for worship! May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning. May this service motivate your service of others.

**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: 65

**The FLOWERS on the Communion Table are given today by Alice and Charlie Sharp in loving memory of Sisters, Mary and Shirley.**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress  
**CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James   **WORSHIP LEADER:** Connie Hutchinson  
**BUILDING CLOSER:** John Long                   **DEACON:** Charlotte Dear

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Connie Hutchinson, Dorothea Long (*Mother John Long*)  
Dr. Ellis and Jerry Poppe (*Son-in-law Betty Kneen*)

**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Mary Rose Dryer, Mitzi Dimmers, Bev Taylor, Carissa Benavides, Dave Borher, Jack Bowles (*Cousin J.Long*), Earla & Curt Carver, Charles Cress (*Father Pastor Scott*), Kara Dietrich, Ethan (*Friend Janusz Family*), Bill Ewald (*Brother-in-law C.Carver*), Brynn Ferguson, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents Becca Portteus*), Tim Gordon (*Cousin M.Rollins*), Bruce Gregory (*Friend Shelley Downey*), Bill Gunn (*Brother B.Lipps*), JB Jenkins (*Brother-in-law Irma*), Robert Jones (*Husband Irma*), Kurt Leutheuser (*Son Ellie Leutheuser*), Dennis Morgan (*Friend V.Long*), Jackie Schaefer (*Friend Taylors*), Sherri Selmer (*Friend Cress Family*), Amy Shaffer (*Daughter-in-law Barb & Dave Lipps*), Rick Shock (*Cousin A.Janusz*), Bill Stapleton (*Brother-in-law L.Swope*), Kathy Stump (*Secretary S.Army*), Meribeth Watkins, 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 Betty .Kneen*), Pvt Tom Potter (*Nephew Becky Potter-Michaels*); 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 Bearman (*home*), Mary Rose Dryer (*home*), Onalee Foulke (*Drews Country Living*), Guidi &

Arlan Gilbert (*Drews Village Green*), Lois James (*Medical Care*), Dorothea Long (*Medical Care*), and Kit Tamlyn (*home*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BOOK CLUB (April 27):** The Ladies Book Club meets again Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the Anniversary Room. Any ladies wanting to join the Book Club are most welcome! The aim is to have fun, enjoy reading, and find out others thoughts of the book that is being read. The Book Club meets at 10 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Anniversary Room. **Questions?** Contact Lisa Roberts or Becky Patten for more information.

**CHURCH RETREAT DAY (May 22):** FPC will hold a Church Retreat Day on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Michindoh Conference Center. We will gather together from 9 AM-Noon for worship, teaching, and collaboration, followed by lunch. There will also be activities for children, including nature education! All officers should try to make it out, as well as other interested parties. The cost for attendance is \$6 per person (*but don't let cost stop you from participating*). **REGISTRATIONS can be made with Irma during office hours.** We hope to see you there!

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** More and more people in our community are online and we want to make connections with those around us through the Church's website. Here visitors, as well as Church members, will be able to find information about FPC and stay up to date with current Church news and upcoming events. We invite you to visit the FPC website at [www.fpchillsdale.org](http://www.fpchillsdale.org) and we think you will be very pleased!

**DEPOSIT-RETURN CANS/BOTTLES COLLECTION** continues with a **BIG Thank you to Marty and the Cub Scouts** for recycling the cans/bottles and sharing half the money with our youth! They're doing a great job of keeping the bin empty and it's much appreciated!

**FOOD COLLECTION: YOU CAN HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED!** The Mission Committee continues a weekly food collection of non-perishable items that will be given to the Salvation Army. Why wait when the need is great and you can help today? Help feed the hungry by filling the collection bin inside the parking lot entrance doors with non-perishable food items, toiletries, and paper products. We are so incredibly grateful for all that you give. Thank you!

**FLOWER CALENDAR:** You're invited to place flowers for a Sunday service in memory of your loved ones or in celebration of your special event. Please take a moment today to put your name on the Flower Calendar in the hall by the Parlor. *Note: The flowers may be taken*

*home by the giver after the service.* Our hearts are grateful to all of you who graciously donate flowers to beautify our sanctuary for each Sunday Service.

**NEW LARGE PRINT BIBLES (NRSV)** are available to you anyone for use during the service. Please pick one up prior to the service, use it, 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. 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 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (May 6):** We invite you to join us as we pray over our Nation on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon on the Hillsdale Courthouse Lawn. This year's National Day of Prayer theme is: **"Lord pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY."** In case of rain, this gathering will take place at the House of Refuge Church.

**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.

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** resumes this Wednesday 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!

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## LOOKING AHEAD . . .

### Rummage Sale

Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16, 2021

Setup, Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Donations accepted in August

...and **YOU** can help!!!