

Service for the Lord's Day

July 4, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

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

Prelude *"America, the Beautiful"* Jason Krug
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements Don Sanderson

Call to Worship Psalm 123:1-2

Invocation

***Hymn** *"Sing Praise to the Lord"* Page #346

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 48:9-14

Leader: We have thought on Thy steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

People: **As Thy name, O God, so Thy praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Thy right hand is filled with victory;**

Leader: Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Thy judgments!

People: **Walk about Zion, go round about her, number her towers,**

Leader: Consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels; that you may tell the next generation

All: **That this is God, our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide for ever.**

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Father, we confess today that our obedience is inconsistent. We commit ourselves to Your will and then turn to serve our own desires. We proclaim our allegiance and then turn to pursue our own comforts. We claim to love our neighbors and then turn to take care of ourselves. We have too often turned away from Your promptings. Father, would you turn us back today? Would you bring us back to our first love? We trust now Your Spirit to lead us in the way of Jesus.

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

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Message Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson 2 Samuel 5:1-10 Pew Bible Page #268

Vocal Solo *"God Bless America"* Irving Berlin
Don Sanderson

Second Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:12-18 Pew Bible Page #1023

Sermon "Doing Good With What You've Got" Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"* Page #417

***Affirmation of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26 *(responsive)*

Question: How does holy baptism signify and seal to you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross benefits you?

Answer: **In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly His blood and Spirit wash away the impurity of my soul, that is, all my sins.**

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.

Moment for Mission

Les Hutchinson

Our Tithes and Offerings

Prelude in "New England"

Colin Curtis

*The Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

"America, the Beautiful"

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*Benediction

Postlude

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Wayne Kerr



The First Presbyterian Church

Organized July 22, 1843



Sunday, July 4, 2021

CHURCH CALENDAR



Happy 4th of July!!

Today, July 4 ~ Independence Day!

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

Monday, July 5

Church office closed

Tuesday, July 6

Wednesday, July 7

6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, July 8

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

Friday, July 9

Saturday, July 10

Next Sunday, July 11

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

WELCOME

On this Fourth of July, we joyfully celebrate our Nation's birth. We are pleased that you've come to praise God, who richly blesses our beloved country.

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: 69

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given with gratitude by Faye and Steve Ross for the blessings of a home, health, love, and the unmerited freedoms we have in this great Nation.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Don Sanderson
BUILDING CLOSER:	Les Hutchinson
DEACON:	Connie Hutchinson
USHERS:	Connie Erholtz, Linda Fogarty, and Tammy James

PRAYER REQUESTS: Vince Torres (*Irma's Brother*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Curt Carver, Alan Dimmers, Betty Kneen, Alice Sharp, Bev Taylor, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin J.Long*), 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 S.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*), Kathy Stump (*Secretary S.Army*), Meribeth Watkins, Marsha Green-Ziegler (*Sister S.Downey*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** Adam Bentley (*National Guard--Grandson Bentleys*), LT.j.g. Andrea Cornett (*USN*), Dorion Duby (*National Guard--Husband Elayna*), 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*), Captain Ben Larson (*National Guard, Grandson Charlotte Dear*); Major Andrew Osborn (*Army, Nephew Betty .Kneen*), 1LT Mark Reed (*US Army-deployed overseas*), Davis Regalado (*USMC-Friend J.Benzing*); LT. JG Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*), LCDR Joy Solmonson (*USN*)—(*Cornett, Hoffman, Reed, Solmonson—Friends S.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*), Ellie Leutheuser (*home*), and Kit Tamblyn (*home*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO INTERCESSORY PRAYER! Beginning on August 1st, we will begin a new prayer ministry. Every Sunday morning, intercessors are invited to gather in the chapel at 9:45 to join in a 5-minute time of prayer for God to bless and guide our worship service and care for our people and community. Each time of prayer will be led by an Elder of the congregation (seated or unseated). Speak to Les Hutchinson about joining the leadership rotation!

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE VISION COMMITTEE? Curious about what is happening? The Session of FPC has recognized that there are several pressing questions concerning organization, administration, and leadership training facing our congregation, as well as questions of outreach and growth. Faithful stewards have to seek God, study His Word, and respond to the situation in which we find ourselves. How does God want us to be faithful for the next five or ten or twenty years as a congregation? How does a Church of less than 100 (*but looking to grow!*) plan finances or staff committees? How can we recognize God's good gifts to us and yet do better with what we have been given? Regular reports will be filed with the Session, and the Committee plans to make several recommendations by the spring of next year.

Members of the Vision Committee include **Georgia Bentley, Connie Hutchinson, Aaron Lawrence, Rich Péwé (Chair), Lisa Roberts, Marsha Rollins, and Steve Ross.** We are grateful and thank each one for taking on the responsibility to seek answers for the future of our Church. Please keep them in your prayers as they prayerfully go forth in their search!

LARGE PRINT BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR USE DURING SERVICE! Please pick one up before service, use it during the service, and then return it after the service. The Bibles may be found on the table in the Alcove.

MISSIONS MEETING (July 8): There will be a Missions Committee Meeting this Thursday, July 8th at 6 PM in the Anniversary Room.

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! Let's grow together in Christ!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "On Being Presbyterian" A new eight-week Sunday School class will begin on July 11th. The focus will be Presbyterian history, doctrine, and government. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate, but the class will be particularly beneficial for all those seeking to serve as officers.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, July 5th and is a holiday off for our staff. Irma is on vacation Tuesday, July 6th too. Have a safe and happy holiday!

WELCOME BACK TO THE USHER MINISTRY! You'll notice that the Ushers are working hard this morning to distribute bulletins, pass out attendance books, pick up prayer cards, and serve during the offering time. A schedule and instruction sheet can be found in the back table and posted in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join this ministry, speak with Worship Chair Linda Fogarty.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY is happening every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Please go to the homepage at www.fpchillsdale.org to find the access link. We hope you'll join us!

THANK YOU!

Dear Family Church Members,

Thank you for your prayers and concerns during my recent surgery. Recovering is improving and we hope to return to worship with you soon.

~Alice & Charlie Sharp

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO Bill Barron, Denny Garn, and Bob Roberts who have kept yourselves busy this summer remodeling the restrooms by the Parlor. They look amazing and valuable is the work that you do! We are grateful that the project is completed and so thankful for all that you do! You are all amazing people!