

Further, that I rightly come to know the only true God, trust in Him alone, submit to Him with all humility and patience, expect all good from Him only, and love, fear, and honour Him with all my heart. In short, that I forsake all creatures rather than do the least thing against His will.

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.

Our Tithes & Offerings	<i>"O Christ, Thou Blesséd Word of God"</i>	J.S. Bach
*The Doxology		Page #809
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	<i>"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"</i>	Page #461
*Benediction		
Postlude	<i>"Fugue in F major"</i>	J.S. Bach

SESSION

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

Connie Erholtz, *Co-Chair Fellowship Committee*
Linda Fogarty, *Chair Worship Committee*

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, September 19, 2021

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, September 19

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, September 20

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

Tuesday, September 21

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

Wednesday, September 22

7:30-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms
6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study, Anniversary Room and on Zoom!

Thursday, September 23

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, September 24

Saturday, September 25

Next Sunday, September 26

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

Welcome to worship, as we glorify our Creator and thank him for his perfect goodness. Let us strive to show love to our Creator and to one another as we gather as God's family.

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: 71

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given today by Margaret Scott in loving memory of her Husband, Edwin Scott.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Lisa Roberts
BUILDING CLOSER:	Steve Ross
DEACON:	Connie Hutchinson
USHERS:	James Brandon, Marty Games, and Carol Ringenberg

PRAYER REQUESTS: Patti & Eric Beckman, Noël Bisher,
and Jim Elliott (*Pastor Scott's friend*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Curt Carver, Carissa Benavides, Donald West (*3 yr-old heart surgery*), Jack Bowles (*Cousin J.Long*), Bette Davidson (*Friend L.Kimbrough*), Charles Cress (*Father Pastor Scott*), Kara Dietrich, Bill Ewald (*Brother-in-law C.Carver*), Brynn Ferguson, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney (*Friends B.Kneen*), Tim Gordon (*Cousin M.Rollins*), Bill Gunn (*Brother B.Lipps*), JB Jenkins (*Brother-in-law Irma*), Robert Jones (*Husband Irma*), Kurt Leutheuser (*Son E.Leutheuser*), Nita Phillips (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Jackie Schaefer (*Friend Taylors*), Sherri Selmer (*Friend Cress Family*), Laura VanWormer (*Friends L.Fogarty*), Marsha Green-Ziegler (*Sister S.Downey*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** Adam Bentley (*National Guard--Grandson Bentleys*), LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*), Dorion Duby (*National Guard—Husband Elayna*), Spencer Eves (*USNA-Grandson Judy & Ron Adams*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), LT. Zachary Laden (*US Navy, Grandson Taylors*), Captain Ben Larson (*National Guard, Grandson C.Dear*); Major Andrew Osborn (*Army, Nephew B.Kneen*), Davis Regalado (*USMC-Friend J.Benzing*); LT. JG Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **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

EMERGENCY RELIEF DONATIONS REQUESTED: The Missions Committee is requesting donations to the “Emergency Relief Fund” that will assist EPC churches in disaster areas with identified needs. You can donate to EPC Emergency Relief Fund by using the pew envelope for your donations and marked “*EPC Emergency Relief*” written on it. Thank you!

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 in the Alcove.

LADIES SOCIETY VISITING CROSSROADS FARM! Make plans to join us for a visit to Crossroads Farm on Thursday, September 23rd at 10 AM. Ladies, come see how your mission dollars are being used to positively impact rural teenagers right here in Hillsdale County! Afterwards, we'll enjoy lunch together wherever you ladies decide to go—so think about it, please!

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Our mid-week study and prayer time has returned in-person on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Anniversary Room. You can continue to join us by going to the homepage at www.fpchillsdale.org to find the access link for Zoom. Join us!

MINISTRY OF MEALS: Do you enjoy cooking for others? From time to time, the Deacons prepare meals to serve to members and friends in need. If you would like to share your gifts through the ministry of meals, reach out to Marty Games or Kathy Keil to be added to their volunteer list. Thanks for considering this important ministry!

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!

PRAYER MINISTRY! Every Sunday morning, intercessors are invited to gather in the Chapel at 9:45 AM 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!

RUMMAGE SALE (October 15-16): The Ladies Society will once again have their annual Rummage Sale on Friday, October 15th and Saturday, October 16th. Bring your items and place them on the stage for our Rummage Sale. Please label them into categories (*men's, women's, children's, household, etc.*) for easier set-up. We certainly appreciate it! Thank you!

SESSION MEETING (September 23): There is a Session Meeting Thursday, September 23rd at 7 PM in the Anniversary Room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Please join us today for Sunday school at 11:20 a.m. It's a safe atmosphere where you can grow in Christ and build lasting relationships. There are classes for everyone! See you in Sunday School!

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.

**DEDICATION OF THE
“MISS CONNIE” STATUE
Sunday, September 26, 2021**

You're invited to the Dedication of the “Miss Connie” statue at Stock's Park on Sunday, September 26th at 1 PM.

This statue was given by the children of Connie Erholtz for her love, dedication and faithful service to our community.

Please join us in wishing Connie a day filled with blessings, fulfillment, and all the happiness she deserves!