

Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

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

Prelude Trumpet Tune on "*St. Denio*" David Lasky
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements Aaron Lawrence

Call to Worship Psalm 8:1

Invocation

***Hymn** "*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*" Page #62

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 19:1-6

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

People: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

People: **Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving His chamber, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

All: **Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and there is nothing hid from its heat.**

Prayer of Confession

(unison)

Creator God, we believe that this world belongs to You. We believe that we belong to You. Yet we have rebelled against Your authority. We have harmed the world that You entrusted to us. We have refused to see Your image in our neighbors. We remember Your holy commands and admit that we stand guilty before Your righteous gaze. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. We now bring our sins beneath the precious blood of Jesus, our Savior. Please restore us and shape us according to Your purposes.

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

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Message "*The Fourth Commandment*" Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Galatians 4:4-7 Pew Bible Page #1014

Anthem "*The Heavens Are Telling*" Cristi Miller

Second Scripture Lesson Genesis 1:1-5, 26-28; 2:1-3 Pew Bible Pages #1&2

Sermon "The Creation Story: Basics of the Christian Worldview" Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** "*This Is My Father's World*" Page #384

***Affirmation of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 35 *(responsive)*

Question: What does God require in the second commandment?

Answer: **We are not to make an image of God in any way, nor to worship Him in any other manner than He has commanded in His Word.**

Question: **May we then not make any image at all?**

Answer: God cannot and may not be visibly portrayed in any way. Creatures may be portrayed, but God forbids us to make or have any image of them in order to worship them or to serve God through them.

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

“This Is My Father’s World”

Michael Burkhardt

*The Doxology

Page #809

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn**

“The Works of the Lord Are Created”

Page #354

***Benediction**

Postlude

“The Heavens Declare”

Benedetto Marcello

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

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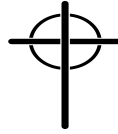
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MISSION STATEMENT

***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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CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, 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

Monday, September 27

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

Tuesday, September 28

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

Wednesday, September 29

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 30

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

Friday, October 1

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Soup Supper (*Hosted by One Step*), Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 2

Next Sunday, October 3 ~ Word Communion Sunday

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

WHAT'S AHEAD . . .

Rummage Sale

Friday, October 15 & Saturday, October 16, 2021

Donations accepted

WELCOME

Welcome to worship as we gather to praise the God of all creation. We need not understand the brilliance we see in His creation; we only need to know that He is mindful of us, that He cares for us, that His love for us is unfathomable and everlasting.

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: 72

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given today by Ruth Brown in loving memory of her adopted Grandfather, Milo Kemp, who passed away 31 years ago September 25, 1990.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Aaron Lawrence
BUILDING CLOSER:	Les Hutchinson
DEACON:	Homer Bentley
USHERS:	Barb Auseon, Margaret Scott, and Marsha Rollins

PRAYER REQUESTS: Patti & Eric Beckman, Ken & Shelley Downey, John Long and Anne Paine (*Glaucoma procedure*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Noël Bisher, 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, Jim Elliott (*Pastor Scott's friend*), 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*), Arlan Gilbert (*Drews Village Green*), Lois James (*Medical Care*), Ellie Leutheuser (*home*), and Kit Tamblyn (*home*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION USHERS! The following schedule was put together last year to fill the spots for our ministry. Each Sunday features one of five rotating teams of Ushers. If you would like to change your schedule or find a substitute, please reach out to Worship Chair Linda Fogarty.

- 1st **Sunday** – Bill Barron, Ruth Brown, Kevin Portteus
- 2nd **Sunday** – Kathy Keil, Betty Kneen, Lisa Roberts
- 3rd **Sunday** – James Brandon, Marty Games, Carol Ringenberg
- 4th **Sunday** – Barb Auseon, Marsha Rollins, Margaret Scott
- 5th **Sunday** – Session Members

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.

LIFE SKILLS CLASSES: The second round of our new Life Skills Class will begin on October 20th and run until November 10th. Each meeting will begin at 6 PM and include a meal, a devotional, and a presentation by a speaker. Topics include parenting, budgeting, and meal planning. If you would like to serve as a "buddy" to course participants, please talk to Pastor Scott. If you know someone who might benefit from this ministry, please refer them to Love INC.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Our mid-week study and prayer time is 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. We hope you'll 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!

SOUP SUPPER (October 1): One Step Ministries will host this Friday's Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall. Food is served from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to this no-cost meal for food and for fellowship and friendship.

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!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated on World Communion Sunday, October 3rd. Please remember that the loose offering in that Sunday's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us. If you would prefer to use the prepackaged

communion cups, please retrieve the elements at the back table before the service begins. Also, please note that the offering plates will not be passed next week. Instead, offering can be made in the back before or after service.

**DEDICATION OF THE “MISS CONNIE” STATUE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

You’re invited today at 1 p.m. to the Dedication of the “MISS CONNIE” statue which will be the newest addition displayed at Stock’s Park.

This charming statue was given by the children of CONNIE ERHOLTZ in honor of her love, dedication, and faithful service to our community.

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