

Service for the Lord's Day

Sunday, October 10, 2021
*Congregation May Stand

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Prelude *"Through Adam's Fall We All Have Sinn'd"* Johann Pachelbel
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements Connie Hutchinson

Call to Worship Jonah 2:9

Invocation

***Hymn** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* Page #5

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 90:12-17

Leader: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

People: Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on Your servants!

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

People: Make us glad as many days as You have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Leader: Let Your work be manifest to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.

All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Father, thank You for giving Your Word to us. We acknowledge that it is a mirror which shows us the truth of our lives. We have given in to deception like Eve. We have thrown off our responsibilities like Adam. We have given vent to our anger like Cain. We have bragged of our wrong-doing like Lamech. We have turned our hearts from Your will like the people of Noah's day. We have tried to build monuments to our pride like the citizens of Babel. Have mercy upon us, Father, and restore Your image in us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Message Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson James 1:12-18 Pew Bible Page #1054

Anthem *"Sing, My Soul"* Pat Messick

Second Scripture Lesson Genesis 3:1-7, 15; 4:8-12; 5:28-29 Pew Bible Pages #2

Sermon "The Burden of Our Sin" Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** *"If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"* Page #636

***Affirmation of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 36 *(responsive)*

Question: What is required in the third commandment?

Answer: We are not to blaspheme or to abuse the Name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor to share in such horrible sins by

being silent bystanders. Rather, we must use the holy name of God only with fear and reverence, so that we may rightly confess Him, call upon Him, and praise Him in all our words and works.

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

Jessica Fawley, Love INC

***The Doxology**

Page #809

***Hymn**

"How Firm a Foundation"

Page #612

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Through Adam's Fall We All Have Sinn'd"

Sebastian 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

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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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Sunday, October 10, 2021 CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, October 10

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. **Rummage Sale Setup begins!**

Monday, October 11

7:30-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms
9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Setup

Tuesday, October 12

7:30-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms
9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Setup
3:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 13

7:30-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms
9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Setup
6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study, Anniversary Room and on Zoom!

Thursday, October 14

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

Friday, October 15

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 16

9:00 a.m.—Noon Rummage Sale

Next Sunday, October 17

9:00 a.m. Bell 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

Paul urged Timothy to offer “**supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings ... for everyone**” (1 Timothy 2:1), and so we shall do today as part of our worship together. Welcome!

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: 60

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given today by Mary and Don Sanderson to honor family and friends who are celebrating October Birthdays!

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Connie Hutchinson
BUILDING CLOSER:	Bob Roberts
DEACON:	Charlotte Dear
USHERS:	Kathy Keil, Betty Kneen, and Lisa Roberts

PRAYER REQUESTS: Ken & Shelley Downey, John Long, Brandon, Nancy, and Jerry Eckelberry (*Former Custodian*), Jim Elliott (*Pastor's friend*), Francesca Jones (*Irma's Neice*), Lynn Marshall (*Daughter Laureen Kimbrough*), and Josh Pavelko (*Son Chris Ludeker*)

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, 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

BOOK CLUB is cancelled October 12th due to the Rummage Sale setup. Ladies, our Book Club will meet again Tuesday, October 26th at 10 AM in the Parlor. Please come prepared by having read Chapters 4 & 5 from the Book “Gentle and Lowly” by Dane Ortlund. Thank you!

FINANCE COMMITTEE is meeting on Tuesday, October 12th at 3 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES! Let's start thinking about helping the Samaritan's Purse mission to children around the world by making a Christmas shoebox for a child in need. Next Sunday, there will be boxes, brochures, and other gift items that you may use to begin building your Christmas shoeboxes. Bring your shoeboxes to the Church by **Sunday, November 14th** so that they may be distributed by Christmas. In the spirit of giving, help us spread the joy of Christmas!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE has their meeting this Thursday, October 14th at 6 PM in the Anniversary Room.

LADIES SOCIETY (November 3): The Ladies Society Business will gather on Wednesday, November 3rd at 12 Noon for lunch with a Business Meeting following in the Anniversary Room. Everyone should bring a sack lunch for a short time of fellowship. We hope to see you there!

LIFE SKILLS CLASSES (October 20-November 10): The second round of our new Life Skills Class on Wednesday evenings 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.

LOVE INC TRAINING (October 11): Please join us at 6 PM on Monday, October 11th for **"buddy"** training for the upcoming life skills ministry. Training will be conducted by Jessica at the Love INC office on Barry Street (Hillsdale).

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!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY! There will be **NO Sunday** due to the Rummage setup after worship.

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!

RUMMAGE SALE (October 15-16): The Ladies Society annual Rummage Sale is this Friday, October 15th (9AM-5 PM) and Saturday, October 16th (9AM-NOON). For more information/to donate items/to volunteer: Call Barb Auseon (437-4744) or Connie Erholtz (425-1714).

- **TODAY AFTER WORSHIP** everyone is invited to help move the donations for the Rummage Sale from the stage to the sale tables. The workers will be served pizza and pop afterwards. The setup for the sale continues this week with the hope of being done by Wednesday afternoon. **A heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers and to everyone for their donations, too!**

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT! The Session of our Congregation has made the decision that the month of November will be a test month for our Sunday morning schedule. Beginning on November 7th, the schedule will be as follows:

8:30 a.m. Choir Practice
9:40 a.m. Sunday School
10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

This schedule will persist only for the month of November. We will revert back to our "normal" schedule in December. After we have an opportunity to collect feedback, the Session will make a decision concerning our schedule. If results seem positive, the change will be implemented in 2022. Thank you!

***Thank you!** We praise the Lord for the generosity of God's people for donating to the EPC Emergency Relief Fund. Thanks to you, money was sent to help those who have faced natural disasters and hardship. Again, thank you so very much, you are well loved for what you have done!*