

# Service for the Lord's DaY

Sunday, October 3, 2021  
\*Congregation May Stand

World Communion Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Worship

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

**Prelude** *"Trumpet Tune"* Robert Lau  
*In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.*

**Welcome and Announcements** Ruth Brown

**Call to Worship** Hebrews 1:1-4

### Invocation

**\*Hymn** *"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"* Page #54

**\*Responsive Reading** Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

**People:** **Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted by the mouth of babes and infants, Thou hast founded a bulwark because of Thy foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars which Thou hast established;

**People:** **What is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou dost care for him?**

Leader: Yet Thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor.

People: Thou hast given him dominion over the works of Thy hands;

Leader: Thou hast put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

**All: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Thy name in all the earth!**

**Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

**You, O Lord, have created us and given purpose and meaning to our lives. Following You is the road to fulfillment and satisfaction, for we exist according to Your will and for Your glory. And yet, O Lord, we have tried to define our own purposes and meaning. We have tried to cut our own paths through life. We cling to the baseless idea that each one of us has the strength to control destiny and shape reality. We have failed, O Lord. We have damaged ourselves and our neighbors in the process of our failures. We confess to You our failings and our frailties. We acknowledge that we are but finite creatures made to walk with You in a relationship of love, justice, and mercy. Forgive us our sins, O Lord, in and through Jesus Christ. Rebuild us in His Image, O Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*The Gloria Patri** Page #805

**Children's Message** Pastor Scott Cress

**First Scripture Lesson** Hebrews 2:5-18 Pew Bible Page #1044

**Anthem** *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* Robert Lau

**Second Scripture Lesson** Genesis 2:4-25 Pew Bible Pages #2

**Sermon** “Adam, Eve, and God’s Purposes for Us” Pastor Scott Cress

**\*Hymn** “Let Us Break Bread Together” Page #776

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed Page #14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

- *The Invitation ~ The Words of Institution*
- *Salutation and Sursum Corda* Page #785
- *The Sharing of the Bread and Cup*
- *The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer*

**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** Julie Games

**\*The Doxology** Page #809

**\*Hymn** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Page #52

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** “Alleluias” Robert Lau

# ***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, October 3, 2021 CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today, October 3 ~ World 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

### Monday, October 4

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

### Tuesday, October 5

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

### Wednesday, October 6

10:30 a.m. Building & Grounds Meeting, Anniversary Room  
7:30-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms  
6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study, Anniversary Room and on Zoom!

### Thursday, October 7

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

### Friday, October 8

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Soup Supper (*Hosts FPC*), Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, October 9

### Next Sunday, 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. Sunday School, Classrooms  
***Rummage Sale Setup begins!***

## WELCOME

Welcome to worship on this World Communion Sunday. We joyfully join with Christians around the world in communing with God, the loving Creator of us all. Welcome, friends!

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS** worshipping 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: 74

**The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given today by The Cress Family in celebration of Sophia's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday on October 8<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday to you Sophia!!!**

<b>PASTOR:</b>	Rev. Scott Cress
<b>CHOIR/ORGANIST:</b>	Dean James
<b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b>	Ruth Brown
<b>BUILDING CLOSER:</b>	Bill Barron
<b>DEACON:</b>	Earla Carver
<b>USHERS:</b>	Bill Barron and Kevin Portteus

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Ken & Shelley Downey and John Long  
Nancy & Jerry Eckelberry

**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

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—TODAY!** We will join our brothers and sisters around the world who are also receiving Communion today in worship. If you would prefer to use the pre-packaged communion cups, please retrieve the elements at the back table before the service begins.

**LOOSE OFFERING TODAY** will go to the Deacons for their work among the members and friends of the congregation. Also, please note that the offering plates **will not** be passed. Instead, your offerings can be placed in the offering plate in the Alcove before or after the service.

**BOOK CLUB** won't be meeting October 12<sup>th</sup> due to the Rummage Sale setup. Ladies, the next time we meet will be Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE** is meeting Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Anniversary Room.

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES!** Let's start thinking about helping the Samaritan's Purse mission to children around the world by making a shoebox Christmas gift package for a child in need and spread the joy of Christmas!

**DEACONS MEETING (October 7):** There will be a Deacons Meeting Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Anniversary Room.

**LADIES SOCIETY** will not be meeting this Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Instead, the focus will be on setting up for the Rummage Sale this week. Please make plans to join us at our next Ladies Society meeting on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!

**LIFE SKILLS CLASSES:** The second round of our new Life Skills Class on Wednesday evenings will begin on October 20<sup>th</sup> and run until November 10<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.fpchillsdale.org) to find the access link for Zoom. We hope you'll join us!

**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 will have their annual Rummage Sale on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all donations in good saleable condition. **For more information/to donate items/to volunteer: Call Barb Auseon (437-4744) or Connie Erholtz (425-1714).** We look forward to seeing you there!

**RUMMAGE SALE SETUP: NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>** after worship all are invited to help move all the donations for the Rummage Sale from the stage to the sale tables. We will continue setting up for the sale this week and hope to be done by the end of the day on Wednesday. We appreciate everyone who is willing to come help and enjoy this time of fellowship, too!

**SOUP SUPPER (October 8):** It is FPC's turn for the Soup Supper this Friday. Please be sure to see Marsha Rollins today to sign up to help! We can use anyone in a variety of positions and times. This is a joyful way to serve the Lord as we feed our neighbors!

**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!

**USHER SCHEDULE: 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. Thanks!

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** – Bill Barron, Ruth Brown, Kevin Portteus

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** – Kathy Keil, Betty Kneen, Lisa Roberts

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** – James Brandon, Marty Games, Carol Ringenberg

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Barb Auseon, Marsha Rollins, Margaret Scott

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** – Session Members

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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!