*The Doxology Page #809

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Page #34

*Benediction

Postlude "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Colin Curtis

SESSION

Pastor Scott Cress, Moderator

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David Lipps, Treasurer & Trustee

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Sunday, March 27, 2022

Service for the Lord's DaY

March 27, 2022 *Congregation May Stand

Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m. Worship

Prelude "Trumpet Voluntary" Robert Powell
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and AnnouncementsAlan Dimmers

Please hand any blue prayer request cards to the ushers as they pass the attendance folders.

*Call to Worship

Invocation

***Hymn** "God of Creation, All-Powerful" Page #48

*Responsive Reading Psalm 32:1-7

Leader: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning

all day long.

People: For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me; my strength was

dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to Thee, and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; then Thou didst

forgive the guilt of my sin.

People: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to Thee; at a time of

distress, in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.

All: Thou art a hiding place for me, Thou preservest me from trouble; Thou dost encompass me with deliverance.

Prayer of Confession:

(unison)

Merciful God, we have sinned against You. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct us in what we shall be. Enable us to walk in Your ways, and delight in Your will, to the glory of Your Holy Name.

Silent Confession (continue in silent prayer)Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri Page #805

Children's Message "The Lord is Peace" Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Joshua 5:1-12 Pew Bible Page #189

Anthem "O Lord, My God, Most Earnestly" Dean James

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 8:27-38 Pew Bible Page #875

Sermon "The Power of Negative Thinking" Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** "In Heavenly Love Abiding" Page #521

Affirmation of Faith From Essentials of Our Faith

(unison)

The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.

Pastoral Prayer 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, March 27 ∼ Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, March 28

7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms 7:00 p.m. Hillsdale Arts Chorale Practice, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 29

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

Wednesday, March 30

7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classroom 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study, Pastor's Study & ZOOM

Thursday, March 31

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

Next Sunday, April 3 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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USHER SCHEDULE

1st Sunday: Bill Barron, Ruth Brown, and Kevin Portteus

2nd Sunday: Kathy Keil, Betty Kneen, and Lisa Roberts

3rd **Sunday:** James Brandon, Marty Games, and Carol Ringenberg **4**th **Sunday:** Barb Auseon, Marsha Rollins, and Margaret Scott

5th Sunday: Session Members

WELCOME

On this fourth Sunday in Lent, we welcome all who have come to praise God and remember the Lord Jesus Christ. Your presence brings us joy. May God bless us all richly.

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: 62

The FLOWERS on the Communion table today are given by Alice and Charlie Sharp in loving memory of loved ones who have passed away and who are forever in their hearts.

PASTOR: Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST: Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER: Alan Dimmers
BUILDING CLOSER: Bill Barron
DEACON: Mitzi Dimmers

USHERS: Barb Auseon, Marsha Rollins, and Margaret Scott

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jon Patten (Grandson Becky & Gregg Patten) and Crisis in Ukraine CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Earla & Curt Carver, John Long, Phil Hoffman, Warren Schneider, Charlie Sharp, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (Cousin J.Long), Charles Cress (Pastor's Father), Kara Dietrich, Jim Elliott (Pastor's friend), 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), Ashley Hightower, JB Jenkins (Irma's Brother-in-law), Robert Jones (Irma's Husband), Kurt Leutheuser (Son E.Leutheuser), Alexis Kozub, Ann Mardis (Friend C.Ringenberg), Nita Phillips (Friend L.Fogarty), Jackie Schaefer (Friend Taylors), Joanne Rollins (Marsha's Sister-in-law), Sherri Selmer (Friend Cress Family), Katherine Somerville, Janna Witt (Lipps' daughter), Laura VanWormer (Friend L.Fogarty), and Marsha Green-Ziegler (Sister S.Downey) PRAY FOR MILITARY: 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 (Country Living), Lois James (Medical Care), Ellie Leutheuser (Drews Village Green Rm 19), and Kit Tamblyn (home)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is set for Sunday, May 1, 2022. Next Sunday, April 3rd the Annual Report (2021) will be available on the table in the Alcove. The Annual Report contains highlights of the preceding year, reports of the Committees, and financial reports. Hopefully it has effectively summarized where we've been as a congregation and that you will be pleased by its content.

CHURCH SERVICE STREAMLINE: In order to view Sunday's service by streamline please go to www.fpchillsdale.org and click on the "Lord's Day of Worship" click on the button or go to You Tube and search First Presbyterian Church of Hillsdale.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIPS: ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST? Before and after Sunday morning worship, we enjoy conversation and coffee. Please consider signing up to serve coffee on Sundays at our weekly Coffee Fellowships. Do so by placing your name on the Signup Sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to serve and give back!

DONATING FLOWERS for the altar is a simple way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and to beautify the altar. Flowers can be donated in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestones, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. Select an open date and enter your name to donate flowers through the Flower Calendar in the hall by the Parlor. Prior to the placement of your flowers on the altar, please contact Irma in the Church office at https://hipchurch@comcast.net so the dedication can be placed in the worship bulletin.

FOOD COLLECTION: YOU CAN HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED! The Mission Committee continues a weekly food collection of perishable and non-perishable items that will be given to the Salvation Army. Why wait when the need is great and you can help today? Help feed the hungry by filling the collection bins inside the parking lot entrance doors with your donations. We are so incredibly grateful for all that you give and thank you!

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY (March 30): Join us for Wednesday evening study of John's Gospel. The fun begins at 6:30 PM. You may participate in-person in the Pastor's study *(please RSVP)* or live on Zoom. Check <u>fpchillsdale.org</u> for the Zoom information.

SOUP SUPPER (April 1): One Step Ministries will host this Friday's Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall. Food is served from 5:00 p.m. to 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 for Sunday school at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There are classes for everyone! We hope to see you in Sunday School!



Samaritan's Purse is in the Ukraine setting up hospitals, supplying food, water, and establishing out-patient medical clinics. They also are on the ground in Moldova, Poland, and Romania providing care, hygiene kits, blankets, and other critical items for refugees suffering. All this is provided with a Christian message.

YOU CAN HELP BY SENDING MONEY TO:

Samaritan's Purse P.O. Box 3000 Boone, NC 28607 Let's continue to lift up in prayer those who are enduring these dark days filled with uncertainty, fear, hardship, loss, and suffering. Pray for peace and a swift end to the conflict. And pray that God will use their teams to bring His hope to the people who are suffering.