

Baptism of Jude Constantine Fawley
Son of Jessica and Justin Fawley

Rev Rick Hurley

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.

***The Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

"Search Me, O God"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

"On My Heart Imprint Thine Image"

Johann König



Keep his Word,
which He gives you today,
so that it may go well
with you and your children after you and
that you may live long in the land the
LORD your God gives you for all time
Deuteronomy 4:10

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Third Sunday
in
Lent

**31 North Street
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Sunday, March 20, 2022

Service for the Lord's Day

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Third Sunday in Lent

*Congregation May Stand

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

Prelude *"Open Now the Gates of Beauty"* Johann König
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements

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

***Call to Worship:** Isaiah 53:3-6

Invocation

***Hymn** *"God is My Great Desire"* Page #336

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 63:1-8

Leader: O God, Thou art my God, I seek Thee, my soul thirsts for Thee; my flesh faints for Thee, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

People: **So I have looked upon Thee in the sanctuary, beholding Thy power and glory.**

Leader: Because Thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise Thee.

People: **So I will bless Thee as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Thy name.**

Leader: My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat, and my mouth praises Thee with joyful lips,

People: **when I think of Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the watches of the night;**

Leader: for Thou hast been my help, and in the shadow of Thy wings I sing for joy.

All: **My soul clings to Thee; Thy right hand upholds me.**

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from *John Calvin* *(unison)*

Almighty God, since You delay with so much forbearance the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves, grant that we may not indulge ourselves but carefully consider how often and in how many different ways we have provoked Your wrath against us. May we learn humbly to present ourselves to You for pardon, and with true repentance implore Your mercy. With all our heart, we desire to submit ourselves to You, whether You chastise us, or according to Your infinite goodness, forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding You to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled to us in Your only-begotten Son.

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

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Message "The Lord My Banner" Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 55:1-9 Pew Bible Page #638

Anthem *"All We Like Sheep"* Joseph Martin

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 6:30-44 Pew Bible Page #873

Sermon "The Power of Jesus" Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** *"Baptized in Water"* Page #758

Affirmation of Faith From *Essentials of Our Faith* *(unison)*

Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man

united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, March 20 ~ 3rd 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
Infant Baptism Jude Constantine Fawley, Son Jessica & Justin Fawley
- 11:30 a.m. Special Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony for Jacob Brandon, in Fellowship Hall (Reception follows)**

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

- 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Classical School, Classrooms
6:00 p.m. Organizational Meeting (Life Skills), Parlor

Wednesday, March 23

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

Thursday, March 24

Friday, March 25

Saturday, March 26

Next Sunday, March 27 ~ 4th 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

WELCOME

This is the third Sunday in Lent. May we worship as did the psalmist, who wrote: *“So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you”* (Psalm 63:2-3, NRSV). Warm greetings to every worshiper!

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: 43

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given today by Tammy and Dean James.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	
BUILDING CLOSER:	Marty Games
DEACON:	Homer Bentley
USHERS:	James Brandon, Marty Games, and Carol Ringenberg

PRAYER REQUESTS: Phil Hoffman, Charlie Sharp, Crisis in Ukraine
CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Earla & Curt Carver, John Long, Warren Schneider, Ashley Hightower, Janna Witt (*Lipps' daughter*), Alexis Kozub, 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.Potteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney (*Friends B.Kneen*), Tim Gordon (*Cousin M.Rollins*), Bill Gunn (*Brother B.Lipps*), JB Jenkins (*Irma's Brother-in-law*), Robert Jones (*Irma's Husband*), Kurt Leutheuser (*Son E.Leutheuser*), 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, 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*)



JUDE CONSTANTINE FAWLEY was born June 28, 2021 to Jessica and Justin Fawley. This morning we rejoice with Jessica and Justin at their second child's baptism... and with joy and thanksgiving we welcome Jude Constantine into Christ's church!

Everyone is invited to a special Coffee Fellowship after Church **TODAY** to celebrate Jude's baptism. The Fellowship Committee will be serving special cookies for this joyous occasion! Please join us!

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. There is a Signup Sheet on a table in Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to serve and give back!

CONGRATULATIONS EAGLE SCOUT! Today, we congratulate **JACOB BRANDON** upon reaching the highest honor in scouting at his Court of Honor Ceremony this afternoon at 2 PM in Fellowship Hall. This honor demonstrates that he is a young man of good character and who will continue to contribute to our society. Congratulations on your well-deserved success and best wishes for your next adventure!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINDA AND JAY BEARMAN, who were married at FPC on Friday, March 18, 2022! Congratulations and best wishes to this beautiful couple for a long and happy marriage!

FLOWER CALENDAR: The new Flower Calendar has been placed in the hall by the Parlor. Please take a moment to place your name on the Flower Chart for giving flowers

on any given Sunday in 2022. Your floral gift in memory of loved ones or in celebration of your special event are very much appreciated! Thank you!

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 23): 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 fpchillsdale.org for the Zoom information.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE: Let's lift up in prayer those who are enduring these dark days filled with uncertainty, fear, hardship, loss, and suffering. May they know the comfort, presence, peace, and protection of God who is a "*refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*" (Psalm 46:1).

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!

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: LIFE SKILLS (March 22): On Tuesday the 22nd at 6 PM we will have an organizational meeting for the life skills ministry. The purpose of this meeting will be to set dates and assign roles for the coming months. Please attend if you have any interest in reaching out to our neighbors through a ministry of education, food, and companionship. The meeting will be held in the Parlor.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU who whole-heartedly donated by bringing in nonperishable items requested by the Missions Committee for Domestic Harmony. Thank you again for partnering with us in their ministry to prevent and end domestic violence! You've done this by acting in Christ's love.

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

4th Sunday: Barb Auseon, Marsha Rollins, and Margaret Scott

5th Sunday: Session Members