

# **The First Presbyterian Church**

**Organized July 22, 1843**

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## **SESSION**

Pastor Scott Cress, *Moderator*  
Tom Conner, *Clerk of Session & Trustee*  
James Brandon, *Mission & Worship Committee*  
David Lipps, *Treasurer & Trustee*  
Lisa Roberts, *Chair Building & Grounds*  
Les Hutchinson, *Chair Nominating Committee*  
Rich Péwé, *Chair Vision Committee*  
Don Sanderson, *Chair Finance/Memorial Gifts/Personnel & Trustee*

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Connie Erholtz & Connie Hutchinson, *Co-Chairs Fellowship Committee*  
Marsha Rollins, *Chair Missions Committee*  
Linda Fogarty, *Chair Worship Committee*

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## **DEACONS**

Homer Bentley, Mitzi Dimmers, Connie Hutchinson, Betty Kneen  
Earla Carver, Aaron Lawrence, Vida Long, and Carol Ringenberg  
Linda Fogarty, Sue Kinney, Rebecca Patten, Nancy Veenstra

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## **USHER SCHEDULE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** Bill Barron, Ruth Brown, and Kevin Porteus  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** Kathy Keil, Betty Kneen, and Lisa Roberts  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** James Brandon, Marty Games, and Carol Ringenberg  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Barb Auseon, Marsha Rollins, and Margaret Scott  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Session Members



**Fifth Sunday  
in  
Lent**

**31 North Street  
Hillsdale, Michigan 49242  
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\*Benediction

Postlude

“Finale”

Dennis Eliot

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Today, April 3 ~ 5<sup>th</sup> 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, April 4

- 7:00 p.m. Hillsdale Arts Chorale Practice, Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, April 5

## Wednesday, April 6

NO Mid-Week Bible Study

## Thursday, April 7

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

## Friday, April 8

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

## Saturday, April 9

## Next Sunday, April 10 ~ Palm Sunday

- 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

## What's Ahead. . .

- Palm Sunday Worship April 10, 10:30 AM
- Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service (*Communion*) April 14, 6 PM
- Good Friday (*Crucifixion of Jesus Christ*) April 15

Easter Sunday (*Resurrection of the Lord*)

Annual Meeting

Ladies Society

April 24, 10:30 AM

May 1, 11:30 AM

May 4, 12:00 PM

## WELCOME

On this fifth 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: 54

- PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress
- CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Margaret Scott
- BUILDING CLOSER:** Marty Games
- DEACON:** Linda Fogarty
- USHERS:** Bill Barron, Ruth Brown, and Kevin Portteus

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Jon Patten (*Grandson Becky & Gregg Patten*)

**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*), and Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*); **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 after worship. Today, the Annual Report for 2021 is available to everyone on the table in the Alcove. It 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 for the glory of God. Please take a copy!

**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!

**COMING ON APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> AT 6 PM.: MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP INCLUDING A MEAL AND COMMUNION!** Join us in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Maundy Thursday by sharing a simple meal together followed by a special service to focus on the last hours of Jesus' life and his death. Let's gather to remember the "*Last Supper*" He shared with His disciples and His commandment to love one another.

**DEACONS MEETING (April 7):** The Deacons will have their regular monthly meeting this Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Anniversary Room.

**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 located in the hall by the Parlor. Prior to the placement of your flowers on the altar, please call Irma in the Church office 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 IS CANCELLED THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> and APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>!** Pastor will see everyone back at Bible Study on April 20<sup>th</sup>!

**SOUP SUPPER (April 8):** It is FPC's turn for the Soup Supper this Friday! Everyone is welcome to come to this no-cost meal for food and for fellowship and friendship. Food is served from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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 for Sunday school at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There are classes for everyone! We hope to see you in Sunday School!

**THE DEPOSIT-RETURN CANS/BOTTLES COLLECTION** continues with a **BIG Thank You to Marty and the Cub Scouts** for recycling the cans/bottles and sharing half the money with our youth! They're doing a great job of keeping the bin empty and it's much appreciated, too!

***Dear Church family & friends,***

***My surgery was a challenging time. However, the bright spot was the concern you showed me by reaching out with meals, cards, kind words, and prayers.***

***To have reminders from the people that care for us that we are not alone is immeasurable. We are thankful we have the support of treasured friends like you.***

***~Earla Carver***