

Sermon "A Dangerous Drifting" Pastor Scott Cress

*Hymn "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" Page #441

*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from The Scots Confession, Chapter 19 (*responsive*)
As we believe and confess the Scriptures of God sufficient to instruct and make the man of God perfect, so do we affirm and avow the authority of the same to be of God, and neither to depend on men nor angels. We affirm therefore that such as allege the Scripture to have no other authority, but that which is received from the Kirk are injurious to the true Kirk, which always heareth and obeyeth the voice of her own Spouse and Pastor, but taketh not upon her to be mistress over the same.

Prayers of God's 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.

Our Tithes and Offerings "Holy Manna" Southern Harmony
*The Doxology Page #809
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" Page #612

*Benediction

Postlude "How Firm a Foundation" David Paxton

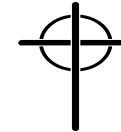
The First Presbyterian Church

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, January 15, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 15, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

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

Prelude *"Pisgah"* Kentucky Harmony
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements Ian Lawrence

***Call to Worship:** 1 Corinthians 1:9

Invocation

***Hymn** *"Come, We That Love the Lord"* Page #22

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 40:1-11

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: **He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

People: **Blessed is the man who makes the LORD His trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods!**

Leader: Thou hast multiplied, O LORD my God, Thy wondrous deeds and Thy thoughts toward us; none can compare with Thee! Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be numbered.

People: **Sacrifice and offering Thou dost not desire; but Thou hast given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering Thou hast not required.**

Leader: Then I said, "Lo, I come; in the roll of the book it is written of me;

People: **I delight to do Thy will, O my God; Thy law is within my heart."**

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; lo, I have not restrained my lips, as thou knowest, O LORD.

People: **I have not hid Thy saving help within my heart, I have spoken of Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation; I have not concealed Thy steadfast love and Thy faithfulness from the great congregation.**

All: **Do not Thou, O LORD, withhold Thy mercy from me, let Thy steadfast love and Thy faithfulness ever preserve me!**

Prayer of Confession: Adapted from *The Valley of Vision* (unison)

Thou blessed Spirit, author of all grace and comfort, come work repentance in my soul. Represent sin to me in its odious colors that I may hate it. Melt my heart by the majesty and mercy of God. Show me my ruined self and the help there is in God. Teach me to behold my creator, His ability to save, His arms outstretched. May I confide in His power and love, commit my soul to Him without reserve, and be through time and eternity a monument to the efficacy of His grace, a trophy of His victory.

Silent Confession (continue in silent prayer)Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Message "Talking to God, Pt. 3" Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson 2 Kings 5:1-14 Pew Bible Page #323

Anthem "New Every Morning Is the Love" Southern Harmony

Second Scripture Lesson Galatians 2:11-21 Pew Bible Page #1013

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, January 15

- 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, January 16

Tuesday, January 17

Wednesday, January 18

- 6:30 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study, Pastor's Study & ZOOM

Thursday, January 19

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

Next Sunday, January 22 – Guest Minister Dr. Anthony Tomasino

- 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
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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
- 4th Sunday:** Barb Auseon, Marsha Rollins, and Margaret Scott
- 5th Sunday:** Session Members

WELCOME

Welcome! May you be refreshed and empowered through our time together in worship, to bless the world as God has blessed you.

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: 70

The FLOWERS on the Communion table today are given by Georgia Bentley in honor of her dear Husband's birthday. Happy Birthday Homer!

- PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress
- CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Ian Lawrence
- BUILDING CLOSER:** James Brandon
- DEACON:** Vida Long
- USHERS:** Kathy Keil, Betty Kneen, and Lisa Roberts

PRAYER REQUESTS: Brenda Barron and Joyce Benzing

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Earla & Curt Carver, John Long, Phil Hoffman, Mary Sanderson, Margaret Scott, Norma Baldwin, Phyllis & John Payne, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin J.Long*), Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Kara Dietrich, Jim Elliott (*Friend Pastor*), Brynn Ferguson, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney (*Friends B.Kneen*), Tim Gordon (*Cousin M.Rollins*), Linda Gray (*Friend M.Rollins*), Bill Gunn (*Brother B.Lipps*), Steve Hess (*Friend Irma*), Ashley Hightower, JB Jenkins (*Brother-in-law Irma*), Robert Jones (*Husband Irma*), Alexis Kozub, Joanne Rollins (*Sister-in-law Marsha*), Tammy Rose (*Friend Irma*), Jackie Schaefer (*Friend Taylors*), Rosemarie Schneider (*Sister-in-law W. Schneide*), Sherri Selmer (*Friend Cress Family*), Tammy Simons (*Friend M.Rollins*), Donald Tesch (*Friend M.Games*), Dana Torres (*Nephew Irma*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*), Spencer Eves (*USNA-Grandson Judy & Ron Adams*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), LT. Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy, Grandson Taylors*), Captain Ben Larson (*National Guard--Grandson C.Dear*); 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 Rose Dryer (*home*), Lois James (*Medical Care*), and Kit Tamblyn (*Drews Village Green*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS: If you would like to submit an end-of-the-year report for the Annual Report, please finish it up and submit it to the church office ASAP. Thanks for your attention in this matter.

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 2023. 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 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 entrance doors with your donations. We are incredibly grateful for all that you give and thank you!

FPC-FUMC PULPIT SWAP! Next week, Dr. Tony Tomasino of FUMC will be joining us for the message. Pastor Scott will be heading across the street to preach there. Please pray for both congregations that this would be a blessing.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE PRESENTS James Krag, *According to Mark* on Saturday, January 21st at 7:30 PM at Markel Auditorium. James Krag is a Chicago-based actor, appearing at the Goodman, Steppenwolf, Chicago Shakespeare, and Court theatres. He also works in television and film, appearing in *While You Were Sleeping*, *Prison Break*, and *Missing Persons*. *According to Mark* is a dramatic performance of Mark's gospel that provides a compelling look at the life of Christ. Ticket reservations are required.

LUNCHEON FOR FRIENDS & VISITORS! On January 29th, there will be a Luncheon after service for all friends and visitors who would like to learn more about our Church and its ministry. This Session is perfect for anyone considering joining our fellowship. Contact Pastor Scott if you would like to attend.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY (January 18): 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 fpchilldale.org for the Zoom information.

SESSION MEETING (January 19): There is a Session Meeting this Thursday, January 19th at 7 PM in the Anniversary Room.

PRAYER REQUESTS: It is important to pray for our members and friends of our congregation especially those who are sick, or hospitalized, home-bound, or serving our country around the world. Please notify the Church office for prayer requests/concerns, hospitalizations, illness, and anyone needing pastoral care or help from the Deacons. It is our privilege to lift you and those you love in prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:40 AM: Learning for all ages happens on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:20 AM. The children meet in their classrooms on the first floor by the Church offices. The Adults will join Pastor Scott in the Anniversary Room. *Won't you please join us?*

THE DEPOSIT-RETURN CANS/BOTTLES COLLECTION continues with a BIG Thank You to Marty Games and the Cub Scouts for returning the cans every month. We thank them for doing a great job of keeping the bin empty!



Before and after Sunday morning worship, we enjoy conversation and coffee. Please consider hosting on Sundays at our weekly Coffee Fellowships. Signup today in Fellowship Hall! This is your chance to serve and give back!