

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- *The Invitation ~ The Words of Institution*
- *Salutation and Sursum Corda*
- *The Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

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*Affirmation of Faith Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 88-89

Question: What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

Answer: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption are, His ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Question: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

Answer: The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

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.

Our Tithes and Offerings

"Dialogue"

Gilles Jullien

*The Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

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*Benediction

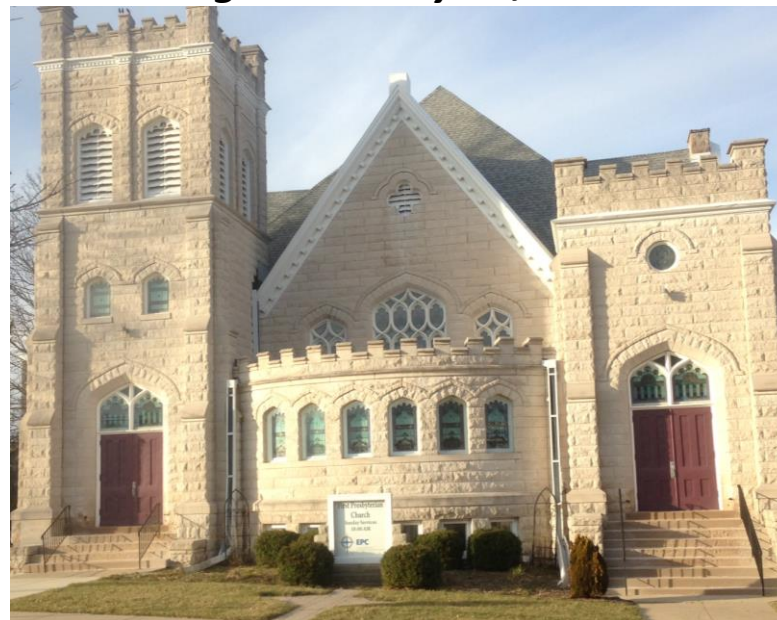
Postlude

"Ebenezer"

Kevin Hildebrand

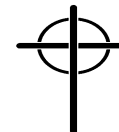
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MISSION STATEMENT

***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.***



31 North Street
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Sunday, April 16, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 16, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

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

Prelude *"Gaudeamus Pariter"* David Lasky
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements Steve Ross

Call to Worship 1 Peter 1:3-5

Invocation

***Hymn** *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* Page #26

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 16

Leader: Preserve me, O God: for in Thee do I put my trust.

People: **O my soul, Thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to Thee;**

Leader: But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.

People: **Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.**

Leader: The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: Thou maintainest my lot.

People: **The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

People: **I have set the LORD always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

People: **For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.**

All: **Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.**

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

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

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Sermon *"Through Jesus"* Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Pew Bible Page #157

Anthem *"Wayfaring Stranger"* Larry Shackley

Second Scripture Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Pew Bible Page #1034

Sermon "What is a Sacrament?" Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** *"This Is My Father's World"* Page #384

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, April 16 ~ Communion

- 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 17

- 7:00 p.m. Arts Chorale Practice (Last), Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 18

- 6:00 p.m. Strong Foundations Class, Anniversary Room
- 7:00 p.m. Organ Recital, Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 19

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22

Next Sunday, April 23

- 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

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 to worship on this beautiful spring day that the Lord has made! *“Let us rejoice today and be glad”* (Psalm 118:24, NIV).

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: 123

The FLOWERS on the Communion table today are given by Faye and Steve Ross celebrating the birth of their first Great-grandson, Coleson Edward.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family of John Owen Habib (*Friends Portteus Family*)

Linda Gray, Sam Jones (*Irma's Nephew*), Marge Winfield (*Sister Susie Foulke*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Brenda Barron, Joyce Benzing, Earla Carver, Alan Dimmers, John Long, Phil Hoffman, Mary Sanderson, Margaret Scott, Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin J.Long*), Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Kara Dietrich, Jim Elliott (*Friend Pastor*), Brynn Ferguson, Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney (*Friends B.Kneen*), Tim Gordon (*Cousin M.Rollins*), Bill Gunn (*Brother B.Lipps*), Steve Hess (*Friend Irma*), Ashley Hightower, Sarah Peggs-Jetter (*Friend M.Dimmers*), JB Jenkins & Robert Jones (*Irma's Brother-in-law & Husband*), Alexis Kozub, Phyllis & John Payne, Joanne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), Tammy Rose (*Friend Irma*), Jackie Schaefer (*Friend Taylors*), Rosemarie Schneider (*Sister-in-law W. Schneider*), Sherri Selmer (*Friend Cress Family*), Tammy Simons (*Friend M.Rollins*), 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:** Curt Carver (*Countryside Care Center*), Mary Rose Dryer (*home*), Lois James (*Medical Care*), and Kit Tamblyn (*Drews Village Green*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated as part of our worship together. All who trust in Christ are invited to participate. Please remember that the *loose offering* in today's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.

SEVEN-WEEK STUDY OF THE SACRAMENTS BEGINS TODAY AND ENDS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28th! During this season, we will explore the nature of baptism and the Lord's Supper together in service and in Sunday school. We will also partake of the Lord's Supper for each of those Sundays.

ADOPT-A-STUDENT BEGINNING: We are officially beginning an Adopt-A-Student program. Folks registered to serve will be given a name and contact info. The basic commitment is for one meaningful invitation to a meal or event each month and additional encouragement at the end of each semester. Interested students can leave their contact info in the friendship pads. Interested congregants should let the office know.

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 YouTube and search First Presbyterian Church of Hillsdale.

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

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY (April 19): Join us for our Wednesday evening Bible study starting up again this Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30 PM with participation in-person in the Pastor's study (*please RSVP*) or live on Zoom. Check fpchillsdale.org for the Zoom info.

PASTOR SCOTT WILL BE CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY this week on Friday, April 21st. Be sure to share your good wishes with him!

SESSION MEETING (April 20): There is a regular Session Meeting this Thursday, April 20th at 7 PM in the Anniversary Room.

ORGAN RECITAL (April 18): This Tuesday, April 18th at 7 PM Dean Robinson will present an Organ Recital at our Church. The recital is sponsored by the U of M Club of Hillsdale County and is open to the public. Admission is free and a reception follows.

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASS began April 11th and continues every Tuesday at 6 PM through May 16th in the Anniversary Room. Please talk to Pastor Scott if you would like to help. Please refer all interested class participants to Love INC to register for the program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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 join Pastor Scott in the Anniversary Room.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports/records for the past year and to take any appropriate actions. The Annual Meeting will be in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the Annual Dinner, which follows worship. The Fellowship Committee is providing ham., potatoes and rolls. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

TODAY'S MUSIC: The Choir anthem in this morning's service was purchased with Memorial Gifts in honor of Dick Kneen. Dick was a faithful member of the Choir since his youth.



WE ARE SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS for the North Street Garden work on Saturday, April 29th (rain date 5/6), beginning at 9 AM. We will be spreading stones and completing the project begun last fall.

Bring your favorite garden rake, gloves, and shovels. Water, doughnuts, and fellowship will be furnished. Please see Lisa or Bob Roberts for questions or to sign up!