

***Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 92-93

Question: What is a sacrament?

Answer: A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are presented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Question: Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?

Answer: The sacraments of the New Testament are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

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

"Sonata in E minor"

J.S. Bach

***The Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

"O for a Closer Walk with God"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

"From God Will Naught Divide Me"

Gottfried Walther

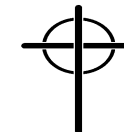
The First Presbyterian Church

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.***



**31 North Street
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Sunday, April 30, 2023

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 30, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

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

Prelude *“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”* Christian Kittel
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements Lisa Roberts

Call to Worship 1 Peter 2:2-25

Invocation

***Hymn** *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* Page #52

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

People: **He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;**

Leader: He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

People: **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.**

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

All: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Prayer of Confession

(unison)

O Lord our God, You call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to You and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of darkness. You call us to live in the truth, but we settle for the lies. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to You by the power of Your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior.

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

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Sermon “In Jesus” Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Genesis 7:6-16 Pew Bible Page #5

Anthem “*Like A Shepherd*” Mark Weston

Second Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 3:18-22 Pew Bible Page #1060

Sermon “Baptism as Seal” Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** “*The Lord's My Shepherd*” Page #330

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by Intinction

• *The Invitation ~ The Words of Institution*

• *Salutation and Sursum Corda* Page #785

• *The Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, April 30

- 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
 - *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Hillsdale Arts Chorale Concert, Christ Chapel, Hillsdale College)

Monday, May 1

Tuesday, May 2

- 6:00 p.m. Strong Foundations Class, Anniversary Room

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 6

Next Sunday, May 7

- 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
 - *Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Dinner & Annual Meeting, Fellowship Hall**

WELCOME

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd! May you experience His love today and share it with others throughout the week.

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: 76

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Georgia and Homer Bentley who have many close family members with April birthdays. They honor them for their faithful lives, words, and examples.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Lisa Roberts
BUILDING CLOSER:	Bill Barron
DEACON:	Connie Hutchinson
USHERS:	Session Members

PRAYER REQUESTS: Larry Barron and Linda Gray

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Brenda Barron, Joyce Benzing, 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, & Sam Jones (*Irma's Nephew, 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.

THE STUDY OF THE SACRAMENTS CONTINUES THROUGH PENTECOST SUNDAY! During this season, we will explore the nature of baptism and the Lord's Supper together in service and in Sunday school through Pentecost Sunday (May 28). 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.

COMING ON SATURDAY, MAY 6th: PASTOR SCOTT'S FIFTH YEAR AT FPC! Congratulations to Pastor Scott Cress on his 5th Anniversary at FPC on May 6th! He has been a wonderful Pastor and a blessing from God for all of us!

DEACONS MEETING (May 4): The Deacons are having their regular monthly meeting this Thursday, May 4 at 6 PM in the Anniversary Room.

HILLSDALE ARTS CHORALE CONCERT TODAY! The Hillsdale Arts Chorale will be celebrating 50 years with its Spring Concert on Sunday, April 30th at 3 PM at the Chapel at Hillsdale College. Admission is free.

LADIES SOCIETY PICNIC (June 7): The Ladies Society will not be meeting in the month of May. However, we will gather for a "Summer Salad Picnic" on June 7th at home of Barb Auseon. Ladies, mark your calendars and save the date!

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Join us for our Wednesday evening Bible study starting 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (May 4): Join as we pray for America on the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4th at Noon on the Hillsdale Courthouse Lawn.

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASSES are Tuesdays at 6 PM through May 16th in the Anniversary Room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Please join us for Sunday school at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning. There are classes for everyone! We hope to see you in Sunday School!

ANNUAL MEETING ♦ SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

The **ANNUAL MEETING** of the First Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, May 7th to receive reports/records for the past year and to take any appropriate actions, immediately following the **ANNUAL DINNER** in Fellowship Hall, which follows worship.

The Fellowship Committee is providing ham, potatoes, and rolls. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Let's gather together and enjoy a good meal together. Everyone is invited and welcome!

The **ANNUAL REPORTS** are 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 have been as a congregation and that you will be pleased by its content to the glory of God. Please take a moment to pick up a copy today!

***NOTE:** Please note there are amended Finance pages for the 2022 Annual Report available today on the table in the back of the sanctuary for your review. ~Dave Lipps, Treasurer*

MEMORIAL RECEPTION HONORING ELLIE LEUTHEUSER



There will be a Memorial Reception for Ellie Leutheuser on Monday, May 15th from 3-6 PM at Mauck Hall Solarium. The family welcomes Church members to come and share memories, while informally visiting with friends from near and far.