

Second Scripture Lesson Romans 8:1-17 Pew Bible Page #982

Sermon “Who’s Got Your Back?” Pastor Scott Cress

*Hymn “The Day of Resurrection” Page #247

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed Page #15

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 “O Sons and Daughters of the King” Michael Burkhardt

*The Doxology Page #809

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn “Thine Is the Glory” Page #251

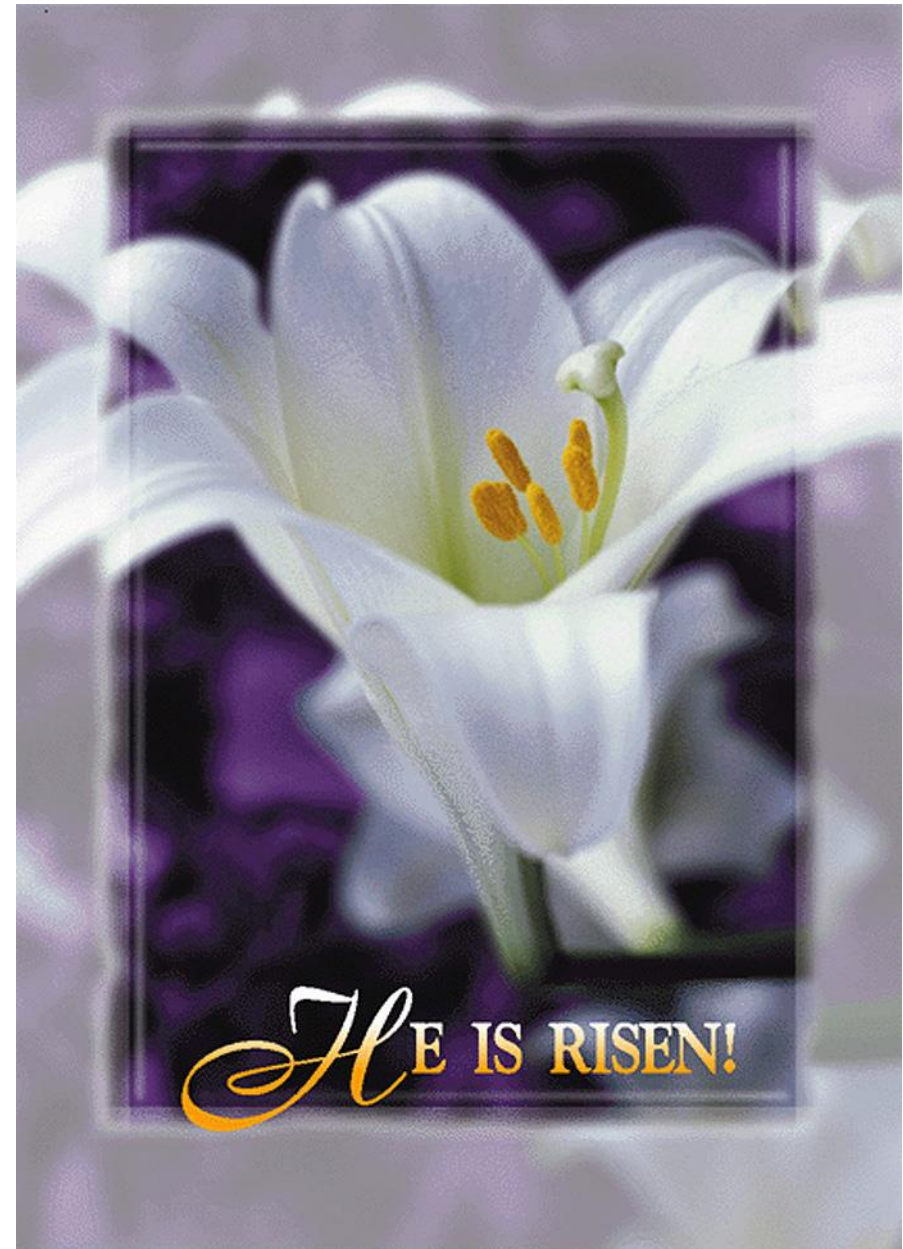
*Benediction

Postlude “Carillon Francais” Craig Penfield



Christ is Risen!
He is risen, indeed!

The First Presbyterian Church



Sunday, April 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

*Congregation May Stand

10:30 a.m. Worship



*During the first hymn, congregants are invited to come forward and place a flower on the cross.

Prelude *“Lyra Davidica”* David Lasky
In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.

Welcome and Announcements Connie Hutchinson

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Invocation

***Hymn** *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”* Page #234

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 118:14-24

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

People: **Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**

Leader: The right hand of the LORD is exalted, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

People: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

People: **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: **I thank Thee that Thou hast answered me and hast become my salvation.**

Leader: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.

People: **This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

All: **This is the day which the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we allow ourselves to be captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We disobey the clear teachings of Scripture. We overlook the needs of the poor and hurting. We abuse the blessings that You have given us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

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

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children’s Sermon *“Telling Others About Jesus”* Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 31:1-6 Pew Bible Page #679

Anthem *“With Songs of Rejoicing”* J.S. Bach

CHURCH CALENDAR



Today, April 9

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 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 10

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

Tuesday, April 11

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Book Club, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Strong Foundations Class, Anniversary Room

Wednesday, April 12

Thursday, April 13

- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Meeting, Anniversary Room
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Anniversary Room
- 6:00 p.m. Missions, Anniversary Room

Friday, April 14

- 5:00—6:30 p.m. Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 15

Next Sunday, 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

WELCOME

Today is Easter Sunday, and a great time to celebrate the very heart of our Christian faith, namely that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came not to condemn but to save the world, and that after His death on our behalf, He, the Author of Life, defeated death in His resurrection and now offers each of us that Life as well. Welcome to worship!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshipping 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: 72

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Connie Hutchinson
BUILDING CLOSER:	Steve Ross
DEACON:	Vida Long
USHERS:	Kathy Keil, Betty Kneen, and Lisa Roberts

PRAYER REQUESTS: Linda Gray, John Owen Habib (*Friend Portteus Family*)
Marge Winfield (*Sister Susie Foulke*) and Tornado victims & relief teams

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, Sam Jones (*Irma's Brother-in-law, Husband, & Nephew*), 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 FLOWERING OF THE CROSS will be included as part of this morning's service! For those of you who have never seen this done, **during the first hymn, the congregation comes forward and places a flower** on the wooden cross. In a short period of time the Cross becomes beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

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.

BOOK CLUB (April 11): The Women's Book Club resumes Tuesday, April 11th at 10 AM in the Parlor. We will discuss Chapter 6 on "Goodness" from Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit. Ladies wanting to join the Book Club are most welcome! See you April 11th!

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Time is quickly running out for the Committee Chairs to submit an end-of-the-year report for the Annual Report. Please submit them to Irma in the Church office no later than this week, if possible. Thank you!

DEACONS MEETING (April 13): The Deacons meeting is this Thursday, April 13th at 5 PM in the Anniversary Room.

EASTER OFFERING: All Easter Offering envelopes and loose offerings collected today will be given to the Salvation Army for their work to help the many in need within our community. Easter Offering envelopes will be accepted throughout April.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING (April 13): The Fellowship Committee will meet at 10 AM this Thursday, April 13th in the Anniversary Room.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY (April 19): Join us for our Wednesday evening Bible study starting up again on 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.

MISSIONS MEETING (April 13): There will be a Mission Committee Meeting this Thursday, April 13th at 6 PM in the Anniversary Room.

ORGAN RECITAL (April 18): On 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 (April 11): Our first Strong Foundations session for this year begins this Tuesday, April 11th. This is a 6-week class which continues through May 16th. 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: There is no Sunday school today. But we ask that you please join us for Sunday school at 9:40 a.m. next Sunday morning your the classrooms!

VBS MEETING CANCELLED: The VBS Planning Meeting for April 15th has been cancelled. Please stay tuned for information on summer outreach programming!

