

\*Hymn                      *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*                      Page #92

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper by Intinction**

- *The Invitation ~ The Words of Institution*

- *Salutation and Sursum Corda*

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- *The Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

\*Affirmation of Faith    Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 97

Question: What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord’s Supper?

**Answer: It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord’s Supper, that they examine themselves, of their knowledge to discern the Lord’s body, of their faith to feed upon Him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.**

**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    *“Hail Thou Once Despiséd Jesus”*                      Michael Bedford

\*The Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn                      *“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”*                      Page #835

\*Benediction

Postlude                      *“Recessionale”*                      Edward Broughton

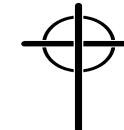
# **The First Presbyterian Church**

**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, May 21, 2023**

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 21, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship

\*Congregation May Stand

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

**Prelude** *"Christ Ascends"* Todd Kendall  
*In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.*

**Welcome and Announcements** Connie Hutchinson

**Call to Worship** 1 Peter 5:6-11

### Invocation

**\*Hymn** *"Sing Praise to the Lord"* Page #346

**\*Responsive Reading** Psalm 68:3-10, 34-35

Leader: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

**People:** Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides upon the clouds; His name is the LORD, exult before Him!

Leader: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.

**People:** God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Leader: O God, when Thou didst go forth before Thy people, when Thou didst march through the wilderness,

**People:** The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, at the presence of God; yon Sinai quaked at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Leader: Rain in abundance, O God, Thou didst shed abroad; Thou didst restore Thy heritage as it languished;

**People:** Thy flock found a dwelling in it; in Thy goodness, O God, Thou didst provide for the needy.

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and His power is in the skies.

**All:** Terrible is God in His sanctuary, the God of Israel, He gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!

**Prayer of Confession** Adapted from Peter Marshall *(unison)*

Forgive me, Lord Jesus, for the things I have done that make me feel uncomfortable in Thy presence. All the front that I polish so carefully for men to see, does not deceive Thee. For Thou knowest every thought that has left its shadow on my memory. Thou hast marked every motive that curdled something sweet within me. I acknowledge, with sorrow and true repentance, that I have desired that which I should not have. My ears have often been deaf to Thy whisper; My eyes have often been blind to signs of Thy guidance. Make me willing to be changed. Make my heart soft, that I may receive and accept now the blessing of Thy forgiveness.

**Silent Confession** *(continue in silent prayer)* ....Amen.  
**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*The Gloria Patri** Page #805

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

**First Scripture Lesson** Exodus 24:1-11 Pew Bible Page #66

**Anthem** "Beautiful Savior" David Allen

**Second Scripture Lesson** John 6:28-40, 53-58 Pew Bible Page #928

**Sermon** "The Lord's Supper as Seal" Pastor Scott Cress

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Today, May 21

- 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, May 22

## Tuesday, May 23

## Wednesday, May 24

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

## Thursday, May 25

## Friday, May 26

## Saturday, May 27

## Next Sunday, May 28 ~ Pentecost Sunday!

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday, School, Classrooms
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- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
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## What's Ahead...

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| <b>Sunday, May 28</b>    | <b>Pentecost Sunday</b> ( <i>Communion – traditional</i> ) |
| <b>Monday, May 29</b>    | <b>Memorial Day</b> ( <i>Church office closed</i> )        |
| <b>Wednesday, June 7</b> | <b>Ladies Summer Picnic</b> ( <i>Home of Barb Auseon</i> ) |
| <b>Saturday, June 10</b> | <b>Home Plate Event</b> ( <i>Comerica Park</i> )           |
| <b>Saturday, June 17</b> | <b>Deacons Cleaning Day</b> ( <i>Kitchens</i> )            |
| <b>Sunday, June 18</b>   | <b>Father's Day</b>  |

# 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). We rejoice that you are with us today!

**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: 82

**The floral bouquet this morning is to Margaret Scott in loving memory of her Husband, Edwin W. Scott.**

<b>PASTOR:</b>	Rev. Scott Cress
<b>CHOIR/ORGANIST:</b>	Dean James
<b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b>	Connie Hutchinson
<b>BUILDING CLOSER:</b>	Steve Ross
<b>DEACON:</b>	Vida Long & Kathy Keil
<b>USHERS:</b>	James Brandon, Marty Games, and Carol Ringenberg

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Mitzi & Alan Dimmers, Linda Gray, Sam Jones, Anne Paine, and Gregg Patten

**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*), 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, 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. We will partake of the Lord's Supper those Sundays.
- **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (traditional)** will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that the loose offering in that Sunday's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us. Plan to **WEAR RED** as we recognize this important day in the history of the Christian Church, which is known as the birthday of the Church. We will receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (traditional) during worship.

**CHURCH SERVICE STREAMLINE:** In order to view Sunday's service by streamline please go to [www.fpchillsdale.org](http://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.

**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!

**FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted in the hall by the Parlor. Please take a moment to sign up to provide flowers on any Sunday that is open. The Worship Committee appreciates your gifts in memory of loved ones or in celebration of your special occasion!

**KITCHEN CLEANING DAY (June 17):** It's that time of year...time to make the Church kitchens look a whole lot nicer. We could really use your help as it takes many, many hands to get this job done. The Deacons will be having a Kitchen

Cleaning Day on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM There is something for everyone... cupboard cleaning, refrigerator cleaning, stove cleaning, counter cleaning, etc. There is much to be done, so please plan on joining the Deacons on June 17<sup>th</sup>!

**LADIES SOCIETY (June 7):** The Ladies Society will not be meeting the month of May. However, the ladies will gather for a "Summer Salad Picnic" on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the 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 or live on Zoom. Check [fpchillsdale.org](http://fpchillsdale.org) for the Zoom information.

**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!

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!** Everyone is invited to the "**Home Plate**" Event & Baseball Game (Detroit Tigers vs Diamond Backs) at Comerica Park will be on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$29 with FPC sponsoring \$14—so a ticket is \$15! We are taking (2) Hillsdale College bus loads and it's going to be so much fun. We hope you are not going to miss this great opportunity for a great day with your Church family and friends. Please speak to Marty Games to see if he has any tickets left!

**THE DEPOSIT-RETURN CANS & BOTTLE COLLECTION** continues by Marty and the Cub Scouts for recycling the cans/bottles and sharing half the money with our youth! Their work is very much appreciated by all of us!

**USHERS:** Please look at the Usher Schedule below as a reminder of which Sunday you are scheduled to serve. Don't forget the Usher's duties also include being a greeter!

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## USHER SCHEDULE

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** Bill Barron, Ruth Brown, and Kevin Portteus

**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