

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 94-95

Question: What is Baptism?

**Answer:** Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Question: To whom is Baptism to be administered?

**Answer:** Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to Him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

**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**

*"Trompette en Dialogue"*

Nicolas Clérambault

\*The Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

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\*Benediction

Postlude

*"Grand Chorus"*

César Franck

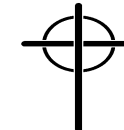
# **The First Presbyterian Church**

**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 7, 2023***

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 7, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship

\*Congregation May Stand

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

**Prelude** *"Toccata in B minor"* Eugène Gigout  
*In quiet reflection, let us turn our thoughts toward worship of Almighty God.*

**Welcome and Announcements** Tom Conner

**Call to Worship** 1 Peter 2:2-5

**Invocation**

**\*Hymn** *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* Page #99

**\*Responsive Reading** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**Leader:** In Thee, O LORD, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Thy righteousness deliver me!

**People:** **Incline Thy ear to me, rescue me speedily!  
Be thou a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

**Leader:** Yea, Thou art my rock and my fortress; for Thy name's sake lead me and guide me,

**People:** **Take me out of the net which is hidden for me, for Thou art my refuge.**

**Leader:** Into Thy hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**People:** **My times are in Thy hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors!**

**All:** **Let thy face shine on Thy servant; save me in Thy steadfast love!**

**Prayer of Confession** From Louis Benson *(unison)*

**Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon Thee; Hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Thy mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Thy holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; And all our failures and shortcomings toward Thee and our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; And of Thy great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; Through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

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

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

**First Scripture Lesson** Joshua 24:14-25 Pew Bible Page #207

**Anthem** "Bless the Lord, My Soul" Antonio Vivaldi

**Second Scripture Lesson** Romans 6:1-14 Pew Bible Page #981

**Sermon** "Baptism as Pledge" Pastor Scott Cress

**\*Hymn** "Search Me, O God" Page #458

**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, 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 (*Communion*)
- 11:30 a.m. Annual Dinner & Annual Meeting, Fellowship Hall**

## Monday, May 8

## Tuesday, May 9

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

## Wednesday, May 10

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

## Thursday, May 11

- 4:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, Anniversary Room

## Friday, May 12

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

## Saturday, May 13

## Next Sunday, May 14 ~ Mother's Day

- 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 (*Communion*)
- 11:30 a.m. "Mother's Day" Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

# WELCOME

The psalmist declares that *"the LORD takes pleasure in His people"* (Psalm 149:4). As we gather before the God who delights in us, may we also delight in God. Welcome!

**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: 88

**The floral bouquet this morning is to honor Pastor Scott Cress on the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ministry at Hillsdale First Presbyterian Church! He and his wife, Shanna, and their wonderful family have been such blessings to our Church family. Congratulations!**

<b>PASTOR:</b>	Rev. Scott Cress
<b>CHOIR/ORGANIST:</b>	Dean James
<b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b>	Tom Conner
<b>BUILDING CLOSER:</b>	Bob Roberts
<b>DEACON:</b>	Marty Games
<b>USHERS:</b>	Bill Barron, Ruth Brown, and Kevin Portteus

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Linda Gray, Mitzi & Alan Dimmers, and Sam Jones  
**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Brenda Barron, Joyce Benzing, Alan Dimmers, John Long, Phil Hoffman, Mary Sanderson, Margaret Scott, Norma Baldwin, Larry, Barron, 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

## ANNUAL MEETING

**TODAY, THE ANNUAL MEETING** of the First Presbyterian Church of Hillsdale will be held to receive reports/records for the past year and to take any appropriate actions. First, we'll have our **ANNUAL DINNER** immediately following worship. We'd like everyone to come and enjoy lunch with us!

**NOTE:** The **ANNUAL REPORTS AND THE AMENDED FINANCE PAGES** are also available to everyone today in the Alcove.

**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.

**PASTOR SCOTT'S FIFTH YEAR AT FPC!** Congratulations to Scott Cress for serving five years as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church! We appreciate you for being a blessing to this congregation!

**FINANCE MEETING (May 11):** The Finance Committee Meeting is Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM in the Anniversary Room.

**LADIES SOCIETY (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 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Barb Auseon. Ladies, mark your calendars and save the date!

**MEMORIAL SERVICE ELLIE LEUTHEUSER (May 15):** There will be a Memorial Reception for Ellie Leutheuser on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 Church website [fpchillsdale.org](http://fpchillsdale.org) for the Zoom info.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please remember to call the Church office if you know of members in the hospital or if you are going to be in the hospital. Please continue to remember all those in the hospital, in mourning, and listed in the weekly bulletin in your prayers. Also, let us know if a name should be added and/or removed from the Prayer Request list. Thank you!

**SOUP SUPPER (May 12):** FPC will host this Friday's Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall. Food is served from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to this no-cost meal for food and for fellowship and friendship.

**STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASS** continues Tuesday evenings at 6 PM through May 16<sup>th</sup> in the Anniversary Room.

**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!

**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.

**USHERS:** Please look at the Usher Schedule below as a reminder of which Sunday you are scheduled to serve. Don't forget that 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

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