

Prayers of God’s 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	“Pleading Savior”	Robert Powell
*The Doxology		Page #809
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	“For the Life That You Have Given”	Page #813
*Benediction		
Postlude	“Ye Servants of God”	Douglas Wagner

SESSION

Pastor Scott Cress, *Moderator*
Tom Conner, *Clerk of Session*

Class of 2026
Rich Péwé (*Trustee*) and Kevin Porteus
Class of 2027
Tom Conner (*Trustee*) and Les Hutchinson
Class of 2028
Gregg Patten (*Trustee*) and Marsha Rollins

DEACONS

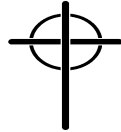
Class of 2026
Patti Péwé, Faye Ross, Steve Ross (*Co-Moderator*), and Pam Steiner (*Treasurer*)
Class of 2027
Earla Carver, Linda Fogarty (*Moderator*), Doug French, and Nancy Veenstra (*Secretary*)
Class of 2028
Beverly Fall, Sue Hayes, Carol Ringenberg, and Sheryl Sanford

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, February 1, 2026

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

Welcome and Announcements Nancy Ashton

Invocation

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 15

People: He who walks blamelessly, and does what is right,
and speaks truth from his heart;

**People: in whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
 but who honors those who fear the Lord;
 who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

All: Who does not put out his money at interest,
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Sermon How Did Jesus Know What God Wanted Him to Do? Pastor Scott

First Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Pew Bible Page #991

Anthem “*Lord, Who Shall Be Welcome?*” Steven Warner

Second Scripture Lesson Numbers 12 Pew Bible Page #125

Sermon Aaron and Miriam: Portrait of Rebellion Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** “*At the Cross*” Page #512

***Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 29 & 30
Question: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

Answer: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit.

Question: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

Answer: The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, , February 1

- 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, February 2

- 7:00 p.m. Arts Chorale Practice, Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

Thursday, February 5

- 9:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Anniversary Room
- 4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 7

Next Sunday, February 8

- 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

- February 8** Tom Fink, Patti Péwé and Carol Ringenberg
- February 15:** Noël & Dan Bisher and Marty Games
- February 22:** Bev & Larry Fall and Marsha Rollins
- March 1:** Nancy Ashton, Ruth Brown and Doug French

WELCOME

Family of Christ, welcome to worship! We come as God’s children to praise Him for the blessings of children and families. We thank Him for the love and nourishment we receive from the people in whose presence He’s placed us.

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. Last Sunday’s attendance: 61

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Tom Conner in loving memory of his niece Beth Conner Kohan, and his brother Ed, who died at this time of year in 2020 and 2025 respectively.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Nancy Ashton
BUILDING CLOSER:	Marsha Rollins
DEACON:	Faye and Steve Ross
USHERS:	Laureen Kimbrough and Faye & Steve Ross

PRAYER REQUESTS: Charles Cress (*Pastor’s Father*)
Family Patricia Wenner (*Sister Barb Lipps*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Aiden James Weigle (*Great Grandson Bev & Larry Fall*), Sarah Price (*Daughter Bill Barron*), Marlene Risedorph (*Wife Stuart*), Barbara Craine & Susan Wilson (*Sisters C.Hoffman*), Nancy Leutheuser, Andre Portteus (*Father Kevin*), Tom Osborn (*Brother-in-law B.Kneen*), Norma Baldwin, Melinda Foulke-Beckwith, Carissa Benavides, Jack Bowles (*Cousin Vida*), Keith Brown (*Friend H.Wood*), Elizabeth Burke (*Friend B.Kneen*), Kimberly Burlew, Rosie Dryer (*Friend S.Kinney*), Kevin & Bridget Fowler (*Parents B.Portteus*), Maxine & George Gaffney & Snookie Ham (*Friends B.Kneen*), Sheila Hall (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Ashley Hightower, Robert Jones (*Husband Irma*), Shirley McIntyre, JoAnne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), John Scott (*Friend C.Ringenberg*), Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright (*Son Karen Lagasee-Wright*); **PRAY FOR MILITARY:** LT. Andrea Cornett (*USN*); First Lieutenant Spencer Eves (*USN-Grandson Judy & Ron Adams*); LT. Col. Garron Garn (*US Marines*), Commander Zachary Laden (*US Navy—Grandson B.Taylor*), Major Ben Larson (*Nat’l Guard--Grandson C.Dear*); Army First Lt. Cheryl Jackson (*Granddaughter W.Schneider*), and LT. Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Children’s Foundation, Father’s Table Food Pantry, King’s Cupboard, Love, INC, Salvation Army, Samaritan’s Purse, and Share the Warmth; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS: It is necessary for the Annual Reports (2025) to be ready for distribution at the Annual Meeting on May 3, 2026. All Committee Reports are now due to Irma in the Church Office hfpchurch@comcast.net no later than March 1st. Thank you!

DEACONS MEETING (February 5): The Deacons will have their monthly meeting this **Thursday, February 5 at 4:00 PM** in the Anniversary Room.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join our Men's Bible Study on **Thursday morning at 9:00 AM** in the Anniversary Room. Come ready for a great time together studying the Bible with Pastor Scott. We hope you will join in!

NURSING HOME MINISTRY (February 19): First Pres has partnered with other local churches to minister at the Medical Care Facility at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings on a rotation basis. The next ministry time will be on **Thursday, February 19th at 6:30 PM** for those who would like to help. If you are interested in this ministry, reach out to Pastor Scott or Marsha Rollins.

SOUP SUPPER (February 6): 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. We can use anyone in a variety of positions and times. Please be sure to sign up today if you'd like to help! This is a joyful way to serve the Lord as we feed our neighbors!

SPAGHETTI DINNER (February 15): The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a "Spaghetti Dinner" on **Sunday, February 15th**, immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall. The Church will provide everything. Dinner is on Us! Come join us! Fellowship welcomes one and all!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Join us for Sunday School! Classes are available for all ages each Sunday morning from **9:40-10:20 AM** before worship. It's a wonderful opportunity to study God's Word, ask questions and grow in faith together. Whether you're brand new or returning after a break, there's a place for you. Come learn, connect and be encouraged as we dive deeper into Scripture this year!

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASSES (February 3-April 28): The next 12-week Class "Affirming Potential" starts **February 3rd and continues through April 28th** and are sponsored by Love, INC. Classes are **Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** with dinner

included in the Anniversary Room. If you or someone you know would like to attend or you'd like to see your Church support this transformational ministry through volunteers, dinner, or incentives, speak to Pastor Scott.

WE HAVE A NEW CHRISTIAN MINISTRY DIRECTOR! We trust you'll notice that this is a Church where children are cherished. Because they are we've created a new position and hired Rebecca Portteus as our new Christian Ministry Director! Becca has proven she is passionate about children's ministry, nurturing children's faith, and developing a deep love for Jesus Christ. We are grateful for all the ways she'll make a difference in our children!



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Barbara and David Lipps at the loss of her sister **PATRICIA (Gunn) WENNER**, on **January 24, 2026** at the age of 83 in Bowling Green, Ohio.

During this difficult time, we lift up her family and friends in our prayers.

Please join us for a **MEMORIAL SERVICE** to honor and celebrate the life of **DONALD L. SANDERSON** on **Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 2:00 PM** with Pastor Scott Cress officiating in the sanctuary.

Immediately following the service, the Deacons will provide **LIGHT REFRESHMENTS** for any family and friends who would like to join them for fellowship and sharing good memories of our dear friend and member, Don.

The Sanderson family are thankful for his life and the love of family and friends. They gratefully acknowledge and appreciate your kindness, friendship, and prayers.