

***Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 26

Question: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

Answer: Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies

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 *"Petite Allemande"*

Garrett Parker

***The Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

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***Benediction**

Postlude *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

Lani Smith

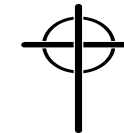
The First Presbyterian Church

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, January 18, 2026

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

January 18, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

Prelude	“Trumpet Tune in C major”	Michael McCabe
Welcome and Announcements		Tom Conner
*Call to Worship	Psalm 27:4	
Invocation		
*Hymn	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”	Page #99
*Responsive Reading	Psalm 27:7-14	
People:	Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!	
Leader:	Thou hast said, “Seek ye my face.” My heart says to Thee, “Thy face, Lord, do I seek.”	
People:	Hide not Thy face from me. Turn not Thy servant away in anger, Thou who hast been my help. Cast me not off, forsake me not, O God of my salvation!	
Leader:	For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me up.	
People:	Teach me Thy way, O Lord; and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.	

Leader:	Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.	
People:	I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!	
All:	Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord!	
Prayer of Confession	Adapted from <i>The Worship Sourcebook</i>	(unison)
	Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.	
Silent Confession	(continue in silent prayer)Amen.
Assurance of Pardon		
*The Gloria Patri		Page #805
Children’s Sermon	When Jesus Was Young	Pastor Scott Cress
First Scripture Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Pew Bible Page #991
Anthem	“As Longs the Deer”	Robert Edward Smith
Second Scripture Lesson	Exodus 32:1-14	Pew Bible Page #74
Sermon	Moses: Portrait of Intercession	Pastor Scott Cress
*Hymn	“Be Still, My Soul”	Page #530

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, January 18

- 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, January 19 – President’s Day

(Church office closed)

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

Tuesday, January 20

Wednesday, January 21

Thursday, January 22

NO Men’s Bible Study

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

Next Sunday, January 25

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- NO Sunday School**
- 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

- January 25:** Bev & Larry Fall and Sheryl Sanford
- February 1:** Laureen Kimbrough and Faye & Steve Ross
- 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

WELCOME

Welcome to worship! Whether this is your first Sunday with us or your five-hundredth, we’re so glad you’re here! Every time we gather to worship it is worth celebrating. If you’re visiting today, we extend an extra warm welcome and hope you’ll stop by for coffee and conversation after the service — we’d love to meet you!

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: 84

The ALTAR Flowers are graciously given today by Linda and Norman Bearman in memory their mothers and fathers who have passed and are forever in their hearts.

- PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress
- CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Tom Conner
- BUILDING CLOSER:** Bill Barron
- DEACON:** Beverly Fall
- USHERS:** Vida Long, Tom Fink and Marty Games

PRAYER REQUESTS: Family of Don Sanderson
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*), Charles Cress (*Pastor’s Father*), 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, Samaritan’s Purse, and Share the Warmth; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORTS (2025): It is necessary for the Annual Report to be ready for distribution at the Annual Meeting. All Committee Reports are due to Irma in the Church Office by email (hfpchurch@comcast.net) by March 1st. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (January 19): The Church office will be closed Monday, January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Tomorrow, we remember a man whose deep faith in Christ inspired a vision of justice, peace, and love. May we continue to walk humbly with God and one another. *“Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” — Micah 6:8*

COFFEE FELLOWSHIPS: ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST? Before and after Sunday morning worship, we enjoy conversation and coffee. Please consider signing up to serve coffee on Sundays at our weekly Coffee Fellowships for 2025. Sign up today in kitchen! This is your chance to serve and give back!

FLOWER CALENDAR: Help fill our sanctuary with the beauty of flowers! Dedicate them in memory, honor, or thanksgiving for a loved one. Dedications will appear in Sunday’s bulletin and flowers may be taken home after the service. The Flower Calendar can be found in the hallway by the Parlor. Your gifts of beauty are all very much appreciated!

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 the Father’s Table Food Pantry, King’s Cupboard, and 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!

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY: There will be **NO MEN’S BIBLE STUDY this Thursday, January 22.** We’ll be back the following Thursdays at 9:00 AM in the Anniversary Room. We believe that studying God’s Word together will strengthen our faith and build stronger relationships within our Church. So don’t miss out on this chance to grow together!

PULPIT SUBSTITUTE (January 25): Jeff Rodgers (“Chief”) will serve as our preacher next Sunday, January 25 during Pastor Scott’s absence.

WE WANT TO INCLUDE YOUR CONCERNS IN PRAYER! It is important to pray for our members and friends of the congregation, especially those who are sick, or hospitalized, home-bound, or serving our country around the world. Names can be added or removed from the prayer list by calling the Church office. Please notify the Church office for prayer requests/concerns, hospitalizations, illness, and anyone needing pastoral care. It is our privilege to lift you and those you love in prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:40-10:20 AM): There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL next Sunday, January 25.** Let’s start the new month of February off right by joining us for Sunday School! Classes are available for all ages each Sunday morning 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!



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Donald Sanderson, who went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at the age of 80.

Don was a loving and devoted husband to Mary and father to Leigh and Kirk Sanderson. Throughout his life Don also touched the lives of many with his kindness, generosity, and wisdom. This week we have all felt sadness and grief for his passing, yet we celebrate the remarkable life he lived!

We ask the Lord to sustain Don’s family with His peace that brings them comfort, courage to face the sad and difficult days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in their heart.
