

\*Affirmation of Faith      Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 27 & 28

Question:    Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

Answer:    Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Question:    Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

Answer:    Christ's exaltation consisteth in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

#### 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    *"The Lord's My Shepherd"*

Kevin Hildebrand

\*The Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*"O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus"*

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\*Benediction

Postlude

*"Thy Strong Word"*

Kevin Hildebrand

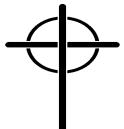
# ***The First Presbyterian Church***

***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 26, 2026***

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 26, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship  
\*Congregation May Stand

**Prelude**      *"Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice"*      Kevin Hildebrand

**Welcome and Announcements**      Rich Péwé

**\*Call to Worship**      Psalm 40:1-3

**Invocation**

**\*Hymn**      *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*      Page #130

**\*Responsive Reading**      Psalm 40:11-17

Leader: Do not thou, O Lord, withhold  
Thy mercy from me,  
let Thy steadfast love and Thy faithfulness  
ever preserve me!

People: For evils have encompassed me  
without number;  
my iniquities have overtaken me,  
till I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of my head;  
my heart fails me.

Leader: Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me!  
O Lord, make haste to help me!

People: Let them be put to shame and confusion altogether  
who seek to snatch away my life;  
let them be turned back and brought to dishonor  
who desire my hurt!

Leader: Let them be appalled because of their shame  
who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

People: But may all who seek Thee  
rejoice and be glad in Thee;  
may those who love Thy salvation  
say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

All: As for me, I am poor and needy;  
but the Lord takes thought for me.  
Thou art my help and my deliverer;  
do not tarry, O my God!

**Prayer of Confession**      Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*      (unison)

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*The Gloria Patri**      Page #805

**First Scripture Lesson**      Deuteronomy 31:1-8      Pew Bible Page #180

**Anthem**      *"The Heavens are Telling"*      Cristi Miller

**Second Scripture Lesson**      Hebrews 13:5-6      Pew Bible Page #1053

**Sermon**      Jeffery Rogers,  
Associate Dean of Men at Hillsdale College

**\*Hymn**      *"Trusting Jesus"*      Page #526

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Today, 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  
    • **Jeff Rodgers, Guest Speaker**  
11:30 a.m.      Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, January 26

6:00 p.m.      Boy Scouts Banquet, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m.      Arts Chorale Practice, Sanctuary

## Tuesday, January 27

## Wednesday, January 28

## Thursday, January 29

9:00 a.m.      Men's Bible Study, Anniversary Room

## Friday, January 30

## Saturday, January 31

## Next Sunday, 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

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## USHER SCHEDULE

**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

Today we celebrate the precious gift of life — each person wonderfully made and deeply loved by God. Whether you are young or old, joyful or weary, know that your life has purpose and value in His eyes. May we honor God by cherishing the lives He has created.

**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: 83

<b>PASTOR:</b>	Rev. Scott Cress
<b>GUEST SPEAKER:</b>	Jeffery Rogers
<b>CHOIR/ORGANIST:</b>	Dean James
<b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b>	Rich Péwé
<b>BUILDING CLOSER:</b>	Steve Ross
<b>DEACON:</b>	Carol Ringenberg
<b>USHERS:</b>	Bev & Larry Fall and Sheryl Sanford
<b>PRAYER REQUESTS:</b>	Mary Sanderson & Family

**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, 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

**WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING JEFFERY ROGERS!** He is the Associate Dean of Men at Hillsdale College visiting us today. Please greet him and make him comfortable among us!

**ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 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](mailto:hfpchurch@comcast.net)) by March 1st. Thank you!

**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 in this new year. 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:** We're back this Thursday at 9:00 AM for our Men's weekly Bible Study 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!

**SAVE THE DATE! DINNER IS ON US!** The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a "Spaghetti Dinner" on Sunday, February 15th after the service in Fellowship Hall. The Church will provide everything. Come join us! Fellowship welcomes one and all!

**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:** Let's start February off right by joining 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!



**DONALD L. SANDERSON**  
*August 4, 1945 - January 15, 2026*

Please join us for a **MEMORIAL SERVICE** to honor and celebrate the life of Donald Sanderson on **Thursday, February 12th 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.

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**I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,**

*I have kept the faith.*

**2 Timothy 4:7 (NKJV)**