

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 *"Blessed Jesus, We Are Here"* Rudolf Ahle
*The Doxology Page #809
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* Page #356

*Benediction

Postlude *"O Lord, Look Down From Heaven"* Martin Luther

SESSION

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

Class of 2026: Rich Péwé (*Trustee*) and Kevin Portteus
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*), Pam Steiner
Class of 2027: Earla Carver, Linda Fogarty (*Moderator*), Doug French, Nancy Veenstra
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 15, 2026

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, February 15

- 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. **Sunday Brunch, Fellowship Hall**

Monday, February 16

Church office closed

**PRESIDENTS
DAY** 

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

Tuesday, February 17

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

 **ASH
Wednesday**

Wednesday, February 18

- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 19

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Anniversary Room
- 6:30 p.m. Nursing Home Ministry, Medical Care Facility

Friday, February 20

Saturday, February 21

Next Sunday, February 22

- 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

WELCOME

We're so glad you're here for worship today. Our prayer is that you experience God's presence in a meaningful way. Take a moment to greet someone nearby — we're a family in Christ, and we're grateful you're part of this gathering. Welcome!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS worshipping 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: 69

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Connie Erholtz with deep gratitude for her family and Church family. Thankful for each one in her life!

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Rebecca Portteus
BUILDING CLOSER:	Bill Barron
DEACON:	Faye & Steve Ross
USHERS:	Noël & Dan Bisher and Marty Games

PRAYER REQUESTS: Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: 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

BRUNCH AFTER CHURCH TODAY! Join us for a cozy Sunday Brunch today after worship in Fellowship Hall! We have lots of food to share. **PLEASE STAY!!!** Join us for a great time with your Church family. Make some new memories as we share great food! Fellowship welcomes one and all

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (February 18): Join us for the beginning of our Lenten journey at the **Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. Ash Wednesday reminds us of God's mercy, redemption and the hope we have in Jesus. Come and consider inviting a neighbor for a short service focused on renewal and revival.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (February 16): The Church office will be closed on Monday, February 16th in honor of President's Day. Happy President's Day!

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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join our Men's Bible Study on **Thursday mornings at 9 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!

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 is this **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.

LENTEN DINNERS & STUDY SERIES (February 25-March 25): During Lent we are sharing a Lenten Dinner and Study with our neighbors at the First United Methodist Church. The First United Methodist Church will host three Wednesday dinners and

studies on February 25, March 11 and March 25 and we will host two on March 4 and March 18. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM followed by the study. Part of faith is sharing and getting to know each other. We are all a part of Christ's Church family. Join us and our neighbors for food and a great study!

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASSES (February 3-April 28): The Strong Foundation Classed 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026 | Worship at 6:30 PM, Sanctuary



WEDNESDAY DINNERS DURING LENT

**Followed by a Lenten Study Series*

February 25, 2026

Hosted by the First United Methodist Church

March 4, 2026

Hosted by the First Presbyterian Church

March 11, 2026

Hosted by the First United Methodist Church

March 18, 2026

Hosted by the First Presbyterian Church

March 25, 2026

Hosted by the First United Methodist Church