

# The First Presbyterian Church

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- *The Invitation ~ The Words of Institution*
- *Salutation and Sursum Corda*
- *The Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

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## \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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

*"Sarabande"*

Jean Leclair

\*The Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## \*Hymn

*"O Come to Me, the Master Said"*

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## \*Benediction

## Postlude

*"Recessionale"*

Edward Broughton



*First*  
Sunday  
in Lent

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***Sunday, February 22, 2026***



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Today, February 22 ~ First Sunday in Lent

- 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 & Communion Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, February 23

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

## Tuesday, February 24

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

## Wednesday, February 25

- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner, First United Methodist Church

## Thursday, February 26

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

## Friday, February 27

## Saturday, February 28

## Next Sunday, March 1 ~ Second Sunday in Lent

- 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

- March 1:** Nancy Ashton, Ruth Brown and Doug French
- March 8:** Tom Fink, Patti Pewe and Carol Ringenberg
- March 15:** Linda & Norm Bearman and Marty Games
- March 22:** Bev & Larry Fall and Stuart Risedorph
- March 29:** The Cress and Portteus children

# WELCOME

On this first Sunday in Lent, we happily welcome you to the Lord's house. During the season of Lent, may we look to Jesus, "*the pioneer and perfecter of faith*" (Hebrews 12:2), and grow in love toward God and one another.

**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: 75

<b>PASTOR:</b>	Rev. Scott Cress
<b>CHOIR/ORGANIST:</b>	Dean James
<b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b>	Tom Conner
<b>BUILDING CLOSER:</b>	Steve Ross
<b>DEACON:</b>	Beverly Fall
<b>USHERS:</b>	Beverly & Larry Fall and Marsha Rollins

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Sarah Price (*Daughter B.Barron*), Marlene Risedorph (*Wife Stuart*), Barbara Craine & Susan Wilson (*Sisters C.Hoffman*), Nancy Leutheuser, Andre Portteus (*Kevin's Father*), 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 (*Irma's Husband*), 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

**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. **NOTE:** If you would prefer to use the **pre-packaged communion cups**, please retrieve the elements at the back table before the service begins. Please remember that the **loose offering** in today's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.

**CHURCH SERVICE STREAMLINE:** In order to view Sunday's service by streamline please go to [www.fpchillsdale.org](http://www.fpchillsdale.org) and click on the "Lord's Day of Worship" click on the button or go to You Tube and search First Presbyterian Church of Hillsdale.

**COFFEE HOUR** is a special time in our Church, and a sign of the health of our congregation as members and friends stay for awhile for fellowship following most services. Coffee and snacks are provided by volunteers who sign up to host. There is a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

**FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted in the hall by the Parlor. Please take a moment to sign up to provide flowers on any Sunday that is open. The Worship Committee appreciates your gifts in memory of loved ones or in celebration of your special occasion!

**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!

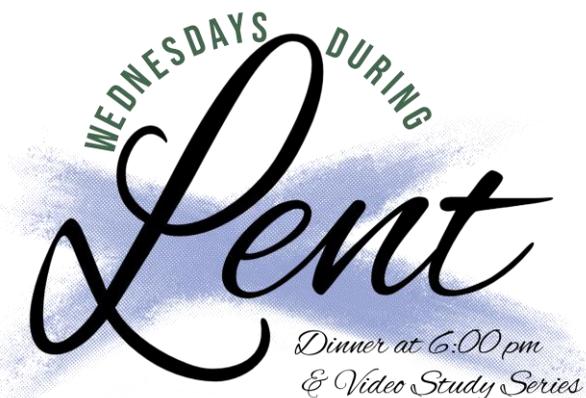
**MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY:** Join our Men's Bible Study on **Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM** in the Anniversary Room. We believe that studying God's Word together will strengthen our faith and build stronger relationships within our Church. So don't miss out on this chance to grow together!

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** It is important to pray for our members and friends of our congregation especially those who are sick, or hospitalized, home-bound, or serving our country around the world. Please notify the Church office for prayer requests/concerns, hospitalizations, illness, and anyone needing pastoral care or help from the Deacons. It is our privilege to lift you and those you love in prayer.

**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.

**LENT HAS BEGUN:** a time for both walking with Jesus toward the cross and being strengthened in our faith and knowledge of God. Lent is a good time to recall these words of Jesus: *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me"* (Matthew 16:24, NRSV).

**LENTEN DINNERS & STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS:** Again this year, we're having a Lenten Dinner and a Study with our friends at the First United Methodist Church. The dinner begins at 6:00 PM each evening and last for a total of five weeks (concluding on March 25). We will be at FUMC Wednesdays, February 25, March 11, and March 25 and at FPC Wednesdays, March 4 and March 18. Join us and our neighbors for food and a great study on "Heroes of Faith!"



February 25, 2026

March 4, 2026

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