

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 *"If Thou Wouldst Trust in God"*

Georg Neumark
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- *The Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn** *"Lift High the Cross"*

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***Benediction**

Postlude *"All Depends on God's Great Mercy"*

Johann König

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*), and Pam Steiner (*Treasurer*)

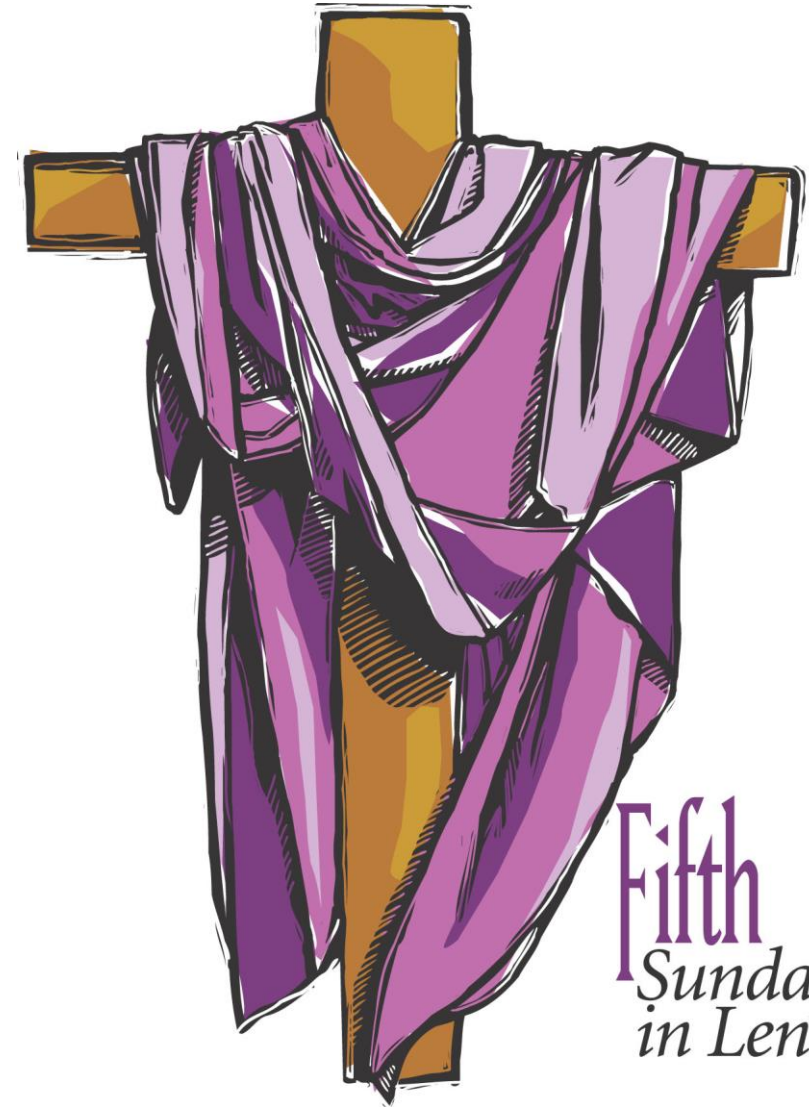
Class of 2027

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



Sunday, March 22, 2026

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, March 22 ~ Fifth Sunday of 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
- 2:00 p.m. Spring Children's Fellowship, Home of the Portteus Family**

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

Wednesday, March 25

- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner (*Last*), First United Methodist Church**

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

Saturday, March 28

Next Sunday, March 29 ~ Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice, Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
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Usher Schedule

- March 29:** The Cress and Portteus children
- April 5:** Laureen Kimbrough and Faye & Steve Ross
- April 12:** Carol Ringenberg, Marsha Rollins and Andrew Root
- April 19:** Becca & Kevin Portteus and Marty Games
- April 26:** Bev & Larry Fall and Vida Long

WELCOME

On this fifth Sunday in Lent, we welcome all who have come to praise God and remember the Lord Jesus Christ. Your presence brings us joy. May God bless us all richly.

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. Attendance Last Sunday: 75

The ALTAR FLOWERS that beautify our worship today are given by Nancy and Dan Ashton in thankfulness for gift of spring, for warmer days, vibrant colors, blooming flowers, birdsong, and the refreshing warmth that follows the winter.

- PASTOR:** Rev. Scott Cress
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Nancy Ashton
- CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James
- BUILDING CLOSER:** Steve Ross
- DEACON:** Patti Péwé
- USHERS:** Bev & Larry Fall and Stuart Risendorph

PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Brown & Robert Jones (*Irma's Nephew & Husband*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Michael Brown & Robert Jones (*Irma's Nephew & Husband*), Dennis Anders (*Brother Tammy James*), 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, 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*); 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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: This week Irma will still be home taking care of her husband Robert so again, the Church office hours will not be as normal. So, if your calls don't get answered or if the Church isn't open, please remember office is not as usual! In case of an emergency please call or email Pastor Scott at 636-422-0075 / pastorscottcress@gmail.com) or an Elder. We ask for your understanding and continued prayers for her husband and family.

CHURCH SERVICE STREAMLINE: In order to view Sunday's service by streamline please go to 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 FELLOWSHIPS: ARE YOU ABLE TO HOST? Many in our congregation enjoy conversation and coffee before and after Sunday morning worship. Please consider hosting on a Sunday at our weekly Coffee Fellowships and sign up today in Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to serve and give back!

FOR OUR WORSHIP LEADERS: When giving the offertory prayer, please grab the hand mic on the table next to the lectern to use for the prayer. Thank you for serving in this vital ministry. Upcoming Worship Leaders are: 3/29 Alan Dimmers; 4/5 James Brandon, 4/12 Tom Conner, 4/29 Rebecca Portteus; 4/26 Steve Ross. Thank you for serving!

FROM THE DEACONS: The Daily devotional booklets, *Our Daily Bread*, are now available on the tables at the Church door entrances. Please take one for your reading pleasure or give one away to a friend. They are **FREE** to you, compliments of the Deacons.

LENTEN DINNER & Study (March 25): During Lent, we have gathered with the folks from the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM for a light meal and a short video presentation. **The Methodist Church will host the last Lenten Dinner this Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 PM at their Church.** Bring friends along for fellowship and an opportunity to prepare our hearts so that the joy of Easter might then bind us more closely to God and each other. We hope that you can join us!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join our weekly 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!

SAVE THE DATE: On April 18th at 9 AM we will host a dual training session. First, we will review the tasks of the Ushers for all those involved in this ministry. Second, we will review CPR and AED procedures. Please join us. Coffee and donuts provided.

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASSES (February 3-April 28): The Strong Foundation Classes are sponsored by Love, INC and will conclude on April 28th. 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.

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!



Welcome Spring with us! After a cold winter, we are excited for the families of our Children's Ministry to join together for a time of friendship, conversation, and fun. Let's build deeper connections through our Spring Fellowship today at 2:00 PM at the home of the Portteus family. **Questions?** Please speak to Rebecca Portteus.