

***Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 43 & 44

Question: What is the preface to the ten commandments?

Answer: **The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.**

Question: What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?

Answer: **The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all His commandments.**

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

"Prospect"

Southern Harmony

***The Doxology**

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***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#60

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Foundation"

Southern Harmony

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, April 12, 2026

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 12, 2026

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

Prelude "Beach Spring" *The Sacred Harp*

Welcome and Announcements Tom Conner

***Call to Worship** Psalm 18:1-3

Invocation

***Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" #21

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 16:1-8

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in Thee I take refuge.

People: I say to the LORD, "Thou art my Lord;
I have no good apart from Thee."

Leader: As for the saints in the land,
they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

People: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their libations of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.

Leader: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
Thou holdest my lot.

People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Leader: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

All: I keep the LORD always before me;
because He is at my right hand,
I shall not be moved.

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

Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare Your justice, mock Your mercy, jeer Your patience, slight Your power, and show contempt for Your love. We even say "I'm sorry" insincerely and confess our sin flippantly. We plead Your help to own up carefully to how we have wronged You, to admit honestly how we have grieved You, to plead penitently for Your mercy and pardon. We beg Your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Silent Confession (continue in silent prayer)Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** #805

Children's Sermon Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Ezekiel 36:22-28 Pew Bible Page #746

Anthem "Pass It On" Kurt Kaiser

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 24:13-35 Pew Bible Page #920

Sermon The Burning Heart Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" #452

Today, April 12

- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

- 9:00 a.m. AED/Usher Training – **Canceled!**

Next Sunday, April 19

- 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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WELCOME

Welcome! We're so glad you're here for worship today. Our prayer is that you experience God's presence in a meaningful way. It's a delight to be together to praise God and share in His love. Welcome!

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: **114**

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given today by Vida Long in memory of her husband John who went to be with the Lord two years ago.

PASTOR: Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST: Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER: Tom Conner
DEACONS: Steve and Faye Ross

PRAYER REQUESTS: Robert Jones and Herb Flowers

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Sarah Price (*Daughter Bill Barron*), 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*), 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

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 morning at 9:00 AM** in the Anniversary Room. Come ready for a great time together studying the Bible with Pastor Scott. We hope you will join in!

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASSES (February 3-April 28): The next 12-week Class "Affirming Potential" starts **February 3rd and 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 Scott.

AED/USHER TRAINING CANCELED! Due to the unavailability of a presenter from the Reading Emergency Unit, the AED training for April 18th has been **canceled**. The event will be rescheduled.

LOVE INC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:

Love INC is seeking Christian men and women who would be willing to connect with a designated client by phone for about 20–30 minutes, a couple of times each month. This is a simple yet meaningful way to serve, offering an easy entry point into volunteering since it can be done from home and scheduled at the volunteer's convenience. The Love INC Companionship Ministry exists to share the love of Christ by bringing hope, comfort, and connection to individuals who may feel isolated or forgotten. It primarily serves the elderly, shut-ins, veterans, and those facing limited mobility due to illness or disability—neighbors who deeply value a caring voice and a consistent connection.

A **Memorial Service** to honor the life of Alexis Kozub will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at the Eagle Funeral Home in Jonesville, with Pastor Erik Christensen of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church officiating. Visitation will take place before the service from 1:00-2:00 PM. Interment will follow the service at Sunset View Cemetery in Jonesville.

Many members of our church remember Alexis from her time at the "High Rise," and her participation in the soup supper ministry. We are thankful for Alexis's testimony of faith in Jesus Christ, and we celebrate her passing to be with her Lord and Savior.

