

Prayers of the 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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Gene Clarke
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*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn**

"God of Creation, All Powerful"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

"Festival Finale"

Malcolm Archer

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

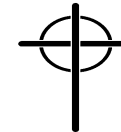
The First Presbyterian Church

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 19, 2026

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, 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

Monday, April 20

Tuesday, April 21

Happy Birthday
Pastor Scott!!!

Wednesday, April 22

- 1:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, Anniversary Room
- 2:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting, Anniversary Room

Thursday, April 23

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Anniversary Room
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

Next Sunday, April 26

- 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

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.

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. Attendance Last Sunday: 91

THE FLOWERS on the Communion table today are given by the **Rebecca & Gregg Patten** for the blessing of their children, their marriages, and for the body of Christ.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Kevin Portteus
BUILDING CLOSER:	Steve Ross
DEACONS:	Doug French
USHERS:	Becca & Kevin Portteus and Marty Games

PRAYER REQUESTS: Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Sandy Kneen (*Betty's Daughter-in-law*), and Michael Brown & Robert Jones (*Irma's Nephew & Husband*)

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Dennis Anders (*Brother Tammy James*), 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

ANNUAL MEETING (May 3): The Annual Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church to receive reports/records for the past year and to take any appropriate actions will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026 in the sanctuary, immediately following worship.

BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING (April 22): There is a Building & Grounds Meeting on Wednesday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the Anniversary Room.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 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 or an Elder. We ask for your understanding and continued prayers for her husband and family.

DUAL TRAINING SESSION CANCELLED: The April 18th Training Session is canceled due to a lack of available personnel from Reading Emergency Unit.

FINANCE MEETING (April 22): There is a Finance Committee Meeting this Wednesday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the Anniversary Room.

LADIES SOCIETY (May 6): Penny Myers will present the program on "Share the Warmth" at the Ladies Society Spring Luncheon on Wednesday May 6, 2026 at 12 Noon in the Anniversary Room. Hostesses Vida Long and Earla Carver will provide chicken roll-ups. Please bring a passing dish and your own table service. Barb Auseon will give the devotions. Please come for a fun-filled spring afternoon and learn about Ladies Society newest mission while enjoying good food and fellowship with your Church family.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor Scott for a weekly Men's Bible Study Thursday mornings at 9 AM in the Anniversary Room. Come ready for a great time together studying God's Word together. Pastor hopes to see you there!

NURSING HOME MINISTRY (May 21): 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, May 21st 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.

SESSION MEETING (April 23): Please be advised that the Session will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anniversary Room. If you are unable to attend, kindly notify Pastor Scott. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Learning for all ages happens on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:20 a.m. at Sunday School. Hope to see you at Sunday School!



Join us in wishing our beloved Pastor a very Happy Birthday on April 21st! We are grateful for his selfless service and dedication to our congregation. May God continue to bless you with wisdom, health, and joy as you lead us. Happy Birthday, Pastor Scott!

Usher Schedule

April 26:	Bev & Larry Fall and Vida Long
May 3:	Nancy Ashton, Ruth Brown and Doug French
May 10:	Tom Fink, Andrew Root and Sheryl Sanford
May 17:	Noël & Dan Bisher and Marty Games
May 24:	Bev & Larry Fall and Stuart Risedorph
May 31:	The Cress and Portteus children

Worship Leaders

April 26	Steve Ross
May 3	Connie Hutchinson
May 10	Rich Péwé
May 17	Ruth Brown
May 24	Steve Ross
May 31	Lisa Roberts