

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 51 & 52

Question: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

**Answer: The second commandment forbiddeth the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in His Word.**

Question: What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

**Answer: The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, His propriety in us, and the zeal He hath to His own worship.**

**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**

*"Draw Us to You"*

Michael Burkhardt

\*The Doxology

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\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

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\*Benediction

Postlude

*"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"*

Colin Curtis

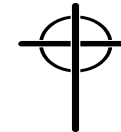
# ***The First Presbyterian Church***

***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, May 17, 2026***



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## Today, May 17

- 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. Farewell Reception for Vida Long, Fellowship Hall

## Monday, May 18

## Tuesday, May 19

## Wednesday, May 20

- 10:00 a.m. Building & Grounds Meeting, Anniversary Room

## Thursday, May 21

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Anniversary Room
- 6:30 p.m. Nursing Home Ministry, Medical Care Facility
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Anniversary Room

## Friday, May 22

## Saturday, May 23

## Next Sunday, May 24 ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY!

- 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

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### Usher Schedule

- May 24:** Bill Barron, Larry Fall, and Stuart Risedorph
- May 31:** The Cress and Portteus children

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### Worship Leaders

- May 24** Connie Hutchinson
- May 31** Lisa Roberts

# WELCOME

God created all things in six days and rested on the seventh. We welcome you heartily on this Sabbath of the Lord! Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor, we pray that you may experience refreshment of body, mind and spirit through our worship together.

**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: 83

- CHOIR/ORGANIST:** Dean James
- WORSHIP LEADER:** Nancy Ashton
- BUILDING CLOSER:** Steve Ross
- DEACONS:** Steve Ross
- USHERS:** Noël & Dan Bisher and Marty Games

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Beverly Fall (*Surgery May 18*), Susan French, Denny Garn, Sandy Kneen, Linda & Tom Monnich, and JoAnne Rollins

**CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS:** Michael Brown (*Irma's Nephew*), Charles Cress (*Pastor's Father*), Sarah Price (*Daughter B.Barron*), 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, Lois Shrock, Theresa Tomas (*Friend C.Erholtz*), Laura VanWormer (*Friend L.Fogarty*), Amy Wright, and Elijah Wright (*Son Karen Lagasee-Wright*)

**PRAY FOR MILITARY:** SGT Ricardo Arellano (*US Arm—Grandson Janice & Steve Simons*), 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

**BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING (May 20):** There is a Building & Grounds Meeting this Wednesday, May 20th at 10 AM in the Anniversary Room. Please come prepared to give updates and any new project ideas you have. Thank you!

**CONGRATUATIONS TO CANDY & PHIL HOFFMAN who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary this week on May 14<sup>th</sup>!** Your marriage is an inspiring diamond jubilee celebration! Sixty years of love, laughter, and faith! We pray that God continues to bless them with love, health, and happiness.

**GRADUATION RECEPTION (May 31):** We are proud to share that **Ashton Cramer, Son of Margot Games**, is graduating from Hillsdale High School on May 22nd. We will honor Ashton with a Graduation Reception on Sunday, May 31st in Fellowship Hall. Let's share in Ashton's joy, as we celebrate his hard work and accomplishments, and inspire his mind and heart to focus on the hope and promise that God has for him!

**KITCHEN CLEANING DAY (June 2):** Spring Kitchen Cleaning Day! Join us on June 2nd from 9 AM until Noon to help refresh our kitchen—from scrubbing the ovens to organizing the cupboards to cleaning out the pantry. Let's keep our kitchen welcoming for everyone! Many hands make light work!

**LADIES SOCIETY (June 3):** The Ladies Society's Annual Summer Picnic is planned for 12 Noon on Wednesday June 3, 2026 at the Lochaven Community Room off Barnard Street near the home of Candy Hoffman ,1178 Lochaven Circle, Hillsdale. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. Picnic tableware and drinks will be provided by the hostesses Candy Hoffman and Faye Ross. Devotions will be given by Sheryl Sanford. Please RSVP to Candy at (517) 425-7664 so she knows how many ladies to set up for. Come for food, fun, and fellowship in the summer sun. Everyone welcome!

**MANY, MANY, MANY THANKS** to Marsha Rollins and ALL of the wonderful people who contributed to making our Friday night Soup Supper a wonderful ministry for our community. So many tasks are accomplished – menu planning, shopping, set-up, food preparation, serving, visiting with our guests, clean-up... and likely some not listed. We are so grateful that you have generously volunteered your time and service this past year! See you in September!

**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 for those who would like to help. If you are interested in this ministry, reach out to Pastor Scott or Marsha Rollins.

**SESSION MEETING (May 21):** Please be advised that the Session will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Anniversary Room. If you are unable to attend, kindly notify Pastor Scott. Thank you!

**PENTECOST SUNDAY IS MAY 24!** Plan to **WEAR RED** as we recognize this important day in the history of the Christian Church, which is known as the "Birthday of the Church."

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. **NOTE: Gluten free bread will be available on the back table for those who would prefer to use it.** Please remember that the loose offerings in next Sunday's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.



**After 60 years of faithful service, we announce that Vida Long will be leaving this congregation and moving to Grand Rapids by her daughter and family. We are deeply grateful for all the love, care, nurturing, and commitment she has given to our FPC family.**

**Please join us for a Farewell Reception in the Fellowship Hall today following the service to express our gratitude.**

**Though farewells can be bittersweet, we want to remind you, Vida, that although you are moving away, you'll always have a special place in our heart. May God bless you and keep you, filling your heart with peace and your life with happiness.**

*we will miss you*