

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

"Cantilena"

Edward Broughton

- *The Doxology

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- *Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

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*Benediction

Postlude

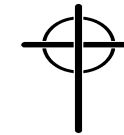
"Recessionale"

Edward Broughton



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 3, 2026

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
*Congregation May Stand

May 3, 2026
10:30 a.m. Worship

**All: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord!**

Prelude "Trumpet Tune" Anthony Giamanco

Welcome and Announcements Steve Ross

***Call to Worship** Psalm 30:4-5

Invocation

***Hymn** "In Christ There is No East or West" Page #695

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 31:19-24

Leader: O how abundant is Thy goodness,
which Thou hast laid up for those who fear Thee,
and wrought for those who take refuge in Thee,
in the sight of the sons of men!

**People: In the covert of Thy presence Thou hidest them
from the plots of men;
Thou holdest them safe under Thy shelter
from the strife of tongues.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord,
for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me
when I was beset as in a besieged city.

**People: I had said in my alarm,
"I am driven far from Thy sight."
But Thou didst hear my supplications,
when I cried to Thee for help.**

Leader: Love the Lord, all you His saints!
The Lord preserves the faithful,
but abundantly requites him who acts haughtily.

Prayer of Confession Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook* (unison)
**Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our
age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering
sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please
ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we
know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all
because of Your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Silent Confession (continue in silent prayer)Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

Children's Sermon Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10 Pew Bible Page #1058

Anthem "Beautiful Savior" David Allen

Second Scripture Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-14 Pew Bible Page #319

Sermon Elijah: Portrait of Letting Go Pastor Scott Cress

***Hymn** "Let Us Break Bread Together" Page #776

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, May 3

- 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. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Pizza Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 4

Tuesday, May 5

Wednesday, May 6

- 12:00 p.m. Ladies' Society, Anniversary Room

Thursday, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Anniversary Room
- 4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Anniversary Room
- 6:30 p.m. Nursing Home Ministry

Friday, May 8

- 1:00 p.m. Presbytery of the Midwest Meeting

Saturday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Presbytery of the Midwest Meeting

Next Sunday, May 10

- 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 – Lord's Supper!
- 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: 86

THE FLOWERS on the Communion table today are given by **Betty Kneen** in thanksgiving for all the blessings from her church family!

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Steve Ross
BUILDING CLOSER:	Bob Roberts
DEACONS:	Bev Fall
USHERS:	Nancy Ashton, Ruth Brown, and Doug French

PRAYER REQUESTS: Susan French, Bev Fall, Anne Root

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

LORD'S SUPPER (May 3): We will take the sacrament of the Lord's Supper this morning. Please prepare your hearts and minds to commune with your Lord and your church family next week. Please note that pre-packaged elements are available on the back table.

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 today in the sanctuary, immediately following worship. Join us downstairs after the meeting for pizza and salad.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: There will be interrupted office hours during Irma's leave. Reach out to Pastor Scott if you need assistance.

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 7): 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 7th at 6:30 PM** for those who would like to help. **Please note that we were asked to fill in this Thursday, so the rotation schedule is out of sync.**

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!

MOTHER'S DAY (May 10): Join us after worship for punch and extra treats in celebration of the wonderful women of our congregation.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Please remember to use the "children's sermon" microphone during the offering prayer. Thank you for your service.

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