

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed Page #14
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 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

"Before God's Throne We Bow Our Heads" Johann Reimann
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*The Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* Page #747

*Benediction

Postlude *"On My Heart Imprint Thine Image"* Johann König

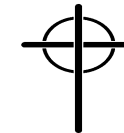
The First Presbyterian Church

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.***



31 North Street
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Sunday, July 12, 2026

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10:30 a.m. Worship

**People: Who by Thy strength hast established the mountains,
being girded with might;**

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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CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, July 12

- 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

Monday, July 13

Tuesday, July 14

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

Wednesday, July 15

- 1:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, Anniversary Room

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

Saturday, July 18

Next Sunday, July 19

- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
**Les Hutchinson preaching*
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

WELCOME

On this Sunday following our Nation’s celebration of independence, we are grateful you have come to worship Almighty God, who continues to bless our land in countless ways. 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. Attendance Last Sunday: 75

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given to the Glory of God by Nancy and Dan Ashton with gratitude for being a part of this wonderful congregation.

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| PASTOR: | Rev. Scott Cress |
| CHOIR/ORGANIST: | Dean James |
| WORSHIP LEADER: | Kevin Portteus |
| BUILDING CLOSER: | Bill Barron |
| DEACON: | Carol Ringenberg |
| USHERS: | Earla Carver, Doug French, and Pam Steiner |

PRAYER REQUESTS: Beverly Fall

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS: Susan French, Kathy Keil, Anne Root, Michael Brown (*Irma’s Nephew*), Charles Cress (*Pastor’s Father*), Sandy Kneen (*Daughter-in-law B.Kneen*), Linda & Tom Monnich (*Friends C.Ringenberg*), 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, JoAnne Rollins (*Sister-in-law M.Rollins*), 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 (*Nattional Guard--Grandson C.Dear*), and LT. Sydney Rouble (*USN RN—Granddaughter Bishers*); **PRAY FOR MISSIONS:** Lingap Children’s Foundation, Love, Inc, and Samaritan’s Purse; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames, Denny Garn, and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US AT THE LORD’S TABLE: Today, we remember and celebrate the precious gift of life Jesus gave us through the blood that He spilled by partaking in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper by intinction. Prepare your hearts as we remember His great love for us. As we leave this place, may we hold this fresh remembrance and the story that never grows old close to our heart.

- If you are unable to come to the front or if you would prefer to use the pre-packaged gluten-free communion cups, please retrieve the elements at the back table before the service begins.
- The loose offering in today’s collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.

FINANCE MEETING (July 15): The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 15 at 1:00 PM in the Anniversary Room. All members are welcome to attend as we review and plan the financial matters of the Church.

GRAB A CUP AND STAY AWHILE! The worship service may be over, but the Church family is still gathering! Join us in the Fellowship Hall right now for coffee, snacks, and great conversation. Let's take this time to catch up, encourage one another, and build our Church family. Everyone is welcome!

IMPORTANT UPDATE: CHURCH PICNIC MOVED! Due to “Back to School” planning, our annual Church Picnic has been rescheduled from July 19 to August 22. Details will come later!

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY: Join our Men’s Bible Study with Pastor Scott on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Anniversary Room. Come ready for a great time together studying the Bible and building a community of men who are committed to growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ through the study of God's Word, prayer, and fellowship. All men of the Church are invited!

SESSION MEETING CANCELLTION: The Session meeting set for July has been canceled. Please note the next meeting will take place on August 20 at 7:00 PM in the Anniversary Room. Thank you, Session members, for your continued dedication and faithful leadership!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON HIATUS! Children’s Sunday School is taking a summer break and will return in August! After all, everyone needs a break now and then—students and teachers included. We invite you to enjoy this season of rest, renewal, and time with loved ones. Stay tuned for updates on our fall kickoff. We look forward to seeing you during worship on Sunday!

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASS: Our next series on “Healthy Boundaries” started July 8 and continues through August 12. Classes are Thursdays from 6 PM to 7:30 PM 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.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our Coffee Hour relies on our wonderful volunteers. Can you help bake treats, brew coffee, or clean up? Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or contact Connie Hutchinson to join the rotation.

USHERS

July 19	Tom Fink, Vicky Hayes, and Marsha Rollins
July 26	Laureen Kimbrough and Connie Hutchinson
August 2	Earla Carver, Faye & Steve Ross
August 9	Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games
August 16	Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games
August 23	Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games
August 30	The Cress and Portteus children

WORSHIP LEADERS

July 19	Ruth Brown
July 26	Connie Hutchinson
August 2	James Brandon
August 9	Lisa Roberts
August 16	Tom Conner
August 23	Connie Hutchinson
August 30	Rich Péwé