

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 “Hornpipe” Thomas Thorley
*The Doxology Page #809
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn “Onward, Christian Soldiers” Page #748

*Benediction

Postlude “Fugue in C major” William Boyce

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, July 19, 2026

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*Congregation May Stand

Prelude	<i>“Voluntary in A minor”</i>	John Stanley
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Call to Worship Psalm 118:24

*Hymn *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* Page #99

Leader: For Thou didst gird me with strength for the battle;
Thou didst make my assailants sink under me.

Leader: He will cover you with His pinions,
and under His wings you will find refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Leader: Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me;
fight against those who fight against me!

**People: I am not afraid of ten thousands of people
who have set themselves against me round about.**

All: Some boast of chariots, and some of horses;
but we boast of the name of the Lord our God.

Eternal God our Father, who art from everlasting; Thou hast made us and not we ourselves. Thou hast set us but a handbreadth from Thee, that we, Thy children, may learn the ways of freedom and choose Thee with all our hearts. Grant us now Thy Holy Spirit; That confident in prayer, we may worship Thee with gladness and become as little children before Thee; Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession *(continue in silent prayer)* Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***The Gloria Patri** Page #805

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 59:15-21 Pew Bible Page #639

Anthem	<i>“O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord”</i>	Christopher Tye
	Men’s Quartet	

Second Scripture Lesson Ephesians 6:10-20 Pew Bible Page #1020

Sermon Putting on Christ Les Hutchinson

***Hymn** *“God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven”* Page #366

***Affirmation of Faith:** The Nicene Creed Page #15

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, July 19

- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 20

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

Next Sunday, July 26

- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- Mission Meeting, Anniversary Room

USHERS

July 26	Laureen Kimbrough and Connie Hutchinson
August 2	Earla Carver, Faye & Steve Ross
August 9	Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games
August 16	Linda Fogarty, Tammy James, and Nancy Veenstra
August 23	Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games
August 30	The Cress and Portteus children

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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 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: 81

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress	TODAY’S SERMON: Les Hutchinson
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James	
WORSHIP LEADER:	Ruth Brown	
BUILDING CLOSER:	Steve Ross	
DEACON:	Doug French	
USHERS:	Tom Fink, Vicky Hayes, and Marsha Rollins	

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:** Father’s Table Food Pantry, King’s Kupboard Food Pantry, Lingap Children’s Foundation, Love Inc, Salvation Army, Samaritan’s Purse; Share the Warmth, and the Outreach Foundation; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames, Denny Garn, and Warren Schneider

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST MINISTER (July 26): Join us next Sunday, July 26, as we welcome guest speaker **Jeremy Mason of Live Global** to the pulpit. We look forward to hearing the message God has placed on Jeremy's heart!

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Are you looking for a deeper understanding of the Bible and an opportunity to connect with others in our Church? Join our weekly **Men's Bible Study** group **Thursdays at 9:00 AM in the Anniversary Room**. We believe that studying God's Word together will strengthen our faith and build stronger relationships within our Church. So don't miss out on this chance to grow together! If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Scott at pastorscottcress@gmail.com. Hope to see you there on Thursday!

MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING (July 26): The Missions Committee will meet next Sunday, July 26, immediately following the service, in the Anniversary Room. Our special guest, **Jeremy Mason of Live Global**, will share updates on its global ministry. Whether you are a regular Committee member or simply curious about our global impact, you are invited!

PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE, HAPPENING AT COTTAGE INN! Looking for an easy and delicious Sunday dinner? The King's Kupboard's Food Pantry is hosting a pizza fundraiser! **All day TODAY, 15% of dine-in, carryout, and delivery sales will be donated to the King's Kupboard Food Pantry.** They served more than 2,000 people in June and are on track to serve a similar number again this month. This fundraiser is a simple way for people throughout our community to help feed local families!

SAVE THE DATE: Church Picnic! The All-Church picnic is happening on Saturday, August 22! Mark your calendars! Details will come later! Don't miss out on this great day of food, fellowship, and fun!

SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP & VOLUNTEERING: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for coffee, snacks, and great conversation! To keep this ministry going, we need weekly hosts and bakers. Serving is simple, fun, and a great way to bless our Church family. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall today to claim a Sunday!

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON HIATUS! 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.

THANK YOU: We extend a special, heartfelt thank you to the **Men's Quartet** for sharing their beautiful musical gifts with us today. Quartet members are **Ned Wyse, Harland Wood, Eric Leutheuser, and Dean James**. Your inspiring performance truly enriched our worship service and helped prepare our hearts for the message. We are so blessed by your dedication and the joy you brought to our sanctuary this morning!



We joyfully recognize our **183rd Church Anniversary** this week. Since **1843**, this congregation has stood as a loving, Christ-centered people of faith in Hillsdale. Long before our current stone building was built at Manning and North Streets, our early congregation actually met in the log cabin county courthouse!

We celebrate the rich history, deep roots, and bright future of our Church family. We praise God for nearly two centuries of blessings, worship, and fellowship. Let us rejoice in His never-ending blessings and look to the future with grateful hearts.

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”
– Psalm 126:3