

Sermon                                      “World Building”                                      Dr. James Brandon

\*Hymn                                      “In Christ There Is No East or West”                                      Page #695

\*Affirmation of Faith                                      Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 73 & 74

Q: Which is the eighth commandment?

A: The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

Q: What is required in the eighth commandment?

A: The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

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                                      “Andante”                                      John Stainer

\*The Doxology                                      Page #809

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn                                      “We Are Called to Be God’s People”                                      Page #710

\*Benediction

Postlude                                      “Moderato”                                      John Stainer

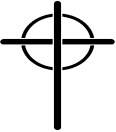
# ***The First Presbyterian Church***

***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, August 16, 2026***

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\*Congregation May Stand

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| <b>Prelude</b> | <i>“Prelude”</i> | John Stainer |
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**Call to Worship** Psalm 86:1-7

**\*Hymn** *“Morning Has Broken”* Page #362

Leader: There is none like thee among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like thine.

Leader: For thou art great and doest wondrous things;  
thou alone art God.

Leader: I give thanks to thee, O Lord my God,  
with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify thy name forever.

**People:** For great is thy steadfast love toward me;  
thou hast delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

**People:** But thou, O Lord, art a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

**All:** Show me a sign of thy favor,  
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame  
because thou, LORD, hast helped me and comforted me.

**O God, our Father in heaven; We come to Thee in penitence, confessing our sins. Create in us a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within us. Restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold us with Thy free Spirit. O Lord, open Thou our lips; And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise. Forgive us, O Lord; For the wrong we have done; For the unkind words we have said; For our evil thoughts. Forgive us, O Lord; For forgetting Thee; For our selfishness; For our neglect of others. Lord, hear our prayer; Guide us and help us; To do better and to be better; For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Assurance of Pardon

**\*The Gloria Patri** Page #805

**First Scripture Lesson**                      Genesis 45:1-15                      Pew Bible Page #40

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| <b>Anthem</b> | <i>“Allegretto”</i> | John Stainer |
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Second Scripture Lesson                      Revelation 3                      Pew Bible Page #1073

# CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, August 16

- 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, August 17

Tuesday, August 18

Wednesday, August 19

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

- 5:30 p.m. Back-to-School Church Picnic, Front Lawn

Next Sunday, August 23

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

USHERS

- August 16 Linda Fogarty, Tammy James, and Nancy Veenstra
- August 23 Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games
- August 30 The Cress and Portteus children

# WELCOME

We rejoice that you are here today. Let us join in the praise of God as we see His goodness in Word and Sacrament. Visitors, we're made especially joyful by your presence. Please come back again!

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: 73

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given by Jay and Linda Bearman in memory of family members who have passed.

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| PASTOR:          | Rev. Scott Cress                               |
| CHOIR/ORGANIST:  | Dean James                                     |
| WORSHIP LEADER:  | Connie Hutchinson                              |
| BUILDING CLOSER: | Bill Barron                                    |
| DEACON:          | Linda Fogarty                                  |
| USHERS:          | Linda Fogarty, Tammy James, and Nancy Veenstra |

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, Crossroads Farm, Lingap Children’s Foundation, Kimball Camp, Love Inc, Salvation Army, Samaritan’s Purse; Share the Warmth, and the Outreach Foundation; **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS:** Diane Eames, Denny & Jan Garn, and Warren Schneider

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE:** Interruptions to normal office hours will continue this week. For any immediate assistance or urgent matters during office closures, contact Pastor Scott at (636) 422-0075.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** Even in the heart of summer, God’s Word continues to guide and encourage us. Our Bible studies are ongoing, meeting **Thursdays at 9:00 AM** in the Anniversary Room. These studies are open to all men and provide space for learning, discussion and encouragement. Our study of Amos will conclude on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we grow together in faith and fellowship.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY TIME ADJUSTMENT:** Beginning on September 17<sup>th</sup>, the men’s Bible study will move to **8:00 AM** to better welcome college students. Guys – be prepared!

**SESSION MEETING (August 20):** The session will be held at **7:00 PM on Thursday** in the Anniversary Room.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS AUGUST 23RD!** After a refreshing summer hiatus, adult Sunday School is starting up again! Join us on **Sunday, August 23rd at 9:40 AM** as we kick off a brand-new year of learning, growth, and fellowship together.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC (August 22):** Families and students are invited to celebrate the new school year on Saturday, August 22 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM on the front lawn. Frank Steiner will be providing music, and fun games will be set up on the front lawn for the young at heart. Bring your family and join the fun!

**HELP WANTED: Back-to-School Picnic!**

- We need your help to make our picnic on Saturday, August 22 the best time ever! Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to let us know what side dish or dessert you will bring (*please prepare plenty for sharing!*). Hot dogs, Sloppy Joes, and drinks will be provided.
- **Connie Hutchinson is still looking for two pop-up canopies to shade our food and guests on Saturday, August 22. We also need a crew to move tables and chairs to the front lawn that afternoon.** Please contact Connie Hutchinson if you can spare an hour to help.

**PRAYER FOR OUR PRESBYTERY:** We have been members of the Presbytery of the Midwest (EPC) since 2015. Please pray for the peace, unity, and purity of our presbytery as we meet on August 28 and September 25-26. Don’t forget that we will be hosting the Presbytery meeting in May 2027!

**TEEN NIGHT:** We are going to hold a church Teen (and friends) get together at the Portteus house on August 21st from 6:30-9. If the weather is good, we will do outdoor games, food, and a bonfire. If it rains, we will hang out with food and games in our basement. Please contact Rebecca Portteus at 517-610-3969 with questions and to RSVP.

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