

***Hymn**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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*Affirmation of Faith - Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 76 & 77

Question: Which is the ninth commandment?

Answer: The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Question: What is required in the ninth commandment?

Answer: The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.

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

“Pleading Savior”

Robert Powell

*The Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

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“For the Life That You Have Given”

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***Benediction**

Postlude

“Epilogue”

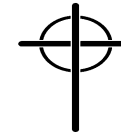
Tom Birchwood

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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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Welcome and Announcements Tom Conner

Invocation

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 138

**People: I bow down toward Thy holy temple
and give thanks to Thy name for Thy steadfast love and Thy
faithfulness;
for Thou hast exalted above everything
Thy name and thy word.**

People: All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of Thy mouth;

People: For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly;
but the haughty He knows from afar.

All: **The Lord will fulfil His purpose for me;
 Thy steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.
 Do not forsake the work of Thy hands.**

Thou, O Lord, hast promised; That if we will confess our sins Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins. We come in penitence seeking Thy forgiveness; That we may know the joy of Thy presence; And the light of Thy face. Thou alone knowest how often we have offended Thee; And hurt the lives of others. Forgive us, O Lord; For every unkind thought; Every untrue word; Every wrong act. Forgive us; For we have been selfish; And have not thought of the needs of others. Forgive us; For our ingratitude; Our neglect of prayer; Our carelessness in the use of money; Our forgetfulness of our sacred vows. O God, have mercy upon us. Create in us clean hearts; And renew a right spirit within us. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Sermon Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Exodus 1:8-2:10 Pew Bible Page #46

Second Scripture Lesson Hebrews 7:1-28 Pew Bible Page #1047

Sermon A Priest Like No Other Pastor Scott Cress

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, August 23

- 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, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

Wednesday, August 26

Thursday, August 27

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

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

Next Sunday, August 30

- 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. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall

WELCOME

The psalmist reminds us that God's name is majestic in all the earth (see Psalm 8:9, NRSV). With love for God and for one another, let us approach the throne of grace from which all blessings flow. Welcome, friends!

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: 68

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given by Laureen Kimbrough with great gratitude for her Church, Pastor and Church family.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Tom Conner
BUILDING CLOSER:	Steve Ross
DEACON:	Faye & Steve Ross
USHERS:	Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games

PRAYER REQUESTS: Beverly Fall and the Waters Family

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

LADIES SOCIETY FALL KICK-OFF LUNCHEON: Join us on **Wednesday, September 2** at 12:00 Noon for the Ladies Society Fall Kick-off Luncheon in the Anniversary Room. Please bring a generous passing dish to share as we welcome the autumn season. We are honored to host **Special Guest Judge Mike Nye** for an inspiring PowerPoint presentation on *'The Empty Cross'* and *'The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden.'* We will also celebrate a **90th Birthday Card Shower in honor of Pat Bowditch!** Please bring a birthday card to shower Pat with blessings on her milestone day. Everyone welcome!

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. Join us as we grow together in faith and fellowship.

NEW STARTING TIME: Men's Bible Study! Please note we will change our-time for the Men's Bible Study beginning on **Tuesday, September 17**, at **8:00 AM** in the **Anniversary Room**. We are adjusting our starting time to better welcome local college students to the weekly study group! For questions, please contact Pastor Scott.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY (August 27): Share God's love and fellowship with the residents of the Medical Care Facility on **Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 PM**. Volunteers are needed to help lead singing, chat with residents, and bring joy to their evening. All are welcome to join this vital outreach ministry! If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Pastor Scott.

PRAY 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!

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FRANK STEINER! We extend a special word of thanks and appreciation to Frank Steiner for blessing us with his beautiful special music during our worship service today. Thank you, Frank, for sharing your God-given musical gifts with our congregation!

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL! Sunday School classes for **all ages** officially resumed today! Join us at **9:40 AM** as we kick off a new season of growing together in faith, studying scripture, and building community. **Adults** will meet in the Anniversary Room. **Youth and children** have their designated classroom. Hope to see your family there!

USHERS

August 30	The Cress and Portteus children
September 6	Doug French, Vicky Hayes, and Connie Hutchinson
September 13	Bill Barron, Marty Games, and Andrew Root
September 20	Tom Fink, Patti Péwé, and Marsha Rollins
September 27	Linda & Norm Bearman, and Marty Games

WORSHIP LEADERS

August 30	Rich Péwé
September 6	Nancy Ashton
September 13	Kevin Portteus
September 20	Lisa Roberts
September 27	Rich Péwé