

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

- *The Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication

“Chanson”

Gordon Young
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*Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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*Benediction

Postlude

“Cortège”

Gordon Young

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*)

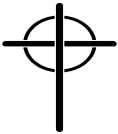
Class of 2028
Beverly Fall, Sue Hayes, Carol Ringenberg, and Sheryl Sanford

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, August 30, 2026

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Sunday, August 30, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

Prelude	<i>“Praeludium”</i>	Gordon Young
Welcome and Announcements		Rich Péwé
Call to Worship	Psalm 25:4-5	
Invocation		
*Hymn	<i>“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”</i>	Page #702
*Responsive Reading	Psalm 26:1-7	
Leader:	Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.	
People:	Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.	
Leader:	For Thy steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to Thee.	
People:	I do not sit with false men, nor do I consort with dissemblers;	
Leader:	I hate the company of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.	
People:	I wash my hands in innocence, and go about Thy altar, O Lord,	
All:	Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all Thy wondrous deeds.	

Prayer of Confession	<i>(unison)</i>	
	We confess to Thee, O God, that we have sinned against heaven and in Thy sight; And are not worthy to be called Thy children. We have forgotten Thee; And have broken Thy holy laws; We have been wayward and disobedient; We have been selfish and unkind. For the sake of Thy dear Son our Saviour we beseech Thee to pardon our sins; To make clear our hearts within us; And to grant us Thy peace.	
Silent Confession	<i>(continue in silent prayer)</i>	Amen.
Assurance of Pardon		
*The Gloria Patri		Page #805
Children’s Sermon		Pastor Scott Cress
First Scripture Lesson	Exodus 3:1-15	Pew Bible Page #47
Interlude	<i>“Sarabande”</i>	Gordon Young
Second Scripture Lesson	Hebrews 8:1-13	Pew Bible Page #1048
Sermon	The New Covenant	Pastor Scott Cress
*Hymn	<i>“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling”</i>	Page #441
*Affirmation of Faith - Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 79 & 80		
Question:	Which is the tenth commandment?	
Answer:	The tenth commandment is, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is thy neighbor’s.	
Question:	What is required in the tenth commandment?	
Answer:	The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.	

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, August 30

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 31

7:00 p.m.	Arts Chorale Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, September 1

Wednesday, September 2

12:00 p.m.	Ladies Society Fall Kick-off Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
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Thursday, September 3

4:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting, Anniversary Room
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Friday, September 4

5:00-6:30 p.m.	Soup Supper, Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, September 5

Next Sunday, September 6

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



LABOR DAY - Monday, September 7
(Church office closed)

WELCOME

With gratitude we come to give thanks to the Lord for God's boundless grace. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we extend the hand of friendship and love to all who have come.

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: 90

The flowers on the altar today are given by Nancy and Dan Ashton to honor the Deacons for their hard work, dedication, and faithful service to our Church family.

PASTOR:	Rev. Scott Cress
CHOIR/ORGANIST:	Dean James
WORSHIP LEADER:	Rich Péwé
BUILDING CLOSER:	Marsha Rollins
DEACON:	Carol Ringenberg
USHERS:	The Cress and Portteus children

PRAYER REQUESTS: Brian Auseon, 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 (*National 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

DEACONS MEETING: The Board of Deacons will meet on **Thursday, September 3** at **4:00 PM** in the Anniversary Room. Please arrive on time as we discuss current ministry needs.

LADIES SOCIETY FALL KICK-OFF LUNCHEON! Join us for our Ladies' Society **Fall Kick-off Luncheon!** We will gather on **Wednesday, September 2 at 12:00 Noon** in the **Anniversary Room** to catch up, welcome the autumn season, and extend a warm welcome to our **Special Guests, the Methodist Church women!**

- Our hostesses, Connie Erholtz and Mary Sanderson will provide a hot tater tot casserole and all tableware. We are counting on you to round out the meal with generous vegetable side dishes and desserts.
- 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 be hosting a **90th Birthday Card Shower** in honor of **Pat Bowditch**, so please bring a card to bless her on this milestone birthday!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our weekly Bible study will be cancelled for a couple of weeks. Let's resume on **Thursday, September 17 at 8:00 AM** in the Anniversary Room. This special starting time is to welcome college students to the weekly study group! For 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 September 25-26. Don't forget that we will be hosting the Presbytery meeting in May 2027!

SOUP SUPPERS RETURN! Join us in Fellowship Hall on the first Friday of each month from September through May, beginning **Friday, September 4, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**. Enjoy a warm, rotating menu of homemade hearty soups, fresh sandwiches, refreshments, and desserts. We need volunteers to plate desserts, serve,

and clean up! To get involved, there is a **Sign up Sheet** in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to come to this **no cost meal** for food and for fellowship and friendship!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for **all ages** have officially resumed! Join us at **9:40 AM** for a new season of growing together in faith and studying scripture. **Adults** will meet in the Anniversary Room. **Youth and children** meet in their designated classrooms. There's a place for everyone and we can't wait to see you grow in your faith through Sunday School!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated next **Sunday, September 6** as part of our worship together. All who trust in Christ are invited to participate. The *loose offering* in that Sunday's collection will be given to the **"Father's Table Food Pantry"** for their work in our community.

TODAY'S MUSIC: All of the organ music in today's service is by Gordon Young (1920-1998). Mr. Young was organist at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit for many years.

We want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who made this year's Church picnic such a memorable day . . .



Thank you to everyone who came and for bringing your energy, smiles, and appetite. Your presence made the day truly special. A special thank you to all the volunteers who set up tables, grilled the food, and cleaned up afterward.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Fellowship Committee for the countless hours spent organizing, coordinating logistics, and making sure everything ran smoothly. We loved sharing great food and fellowship with our Church family!

We are so grateful for the incredible people of our Church and look forward to more fellowship together soon!

USHERS

September 6	Doug French, Vicky Hayes, and Connie Hutchinson
September 13	Bill Barron, Kathy Keil, and Andrew Root
September 20	Tom Fink, Patti Péwé, and Marsha Rollins
September 27	Linda & Norm Bearman, and Marty Games