

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

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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

"Melody Piece"

Gilbert Martin

*The Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

"Jubilee"

Gilbert Martin

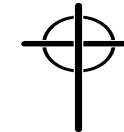
The First Presbyterian Church

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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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Sunday, August 9, 2026

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

Sunday, August 9, 2026

10:30 a.m. Worship

*Congregation May Stand

Prelude	<i>“Prelude in B minor”</i>	Gilbert Martin
Welcome and Announcements		Lisa Roberts
Call to Worship	Psalm 84:1-2	
Invocation		
*Hymn	<i>“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”</i>	Page #108
*Responsive Reading	Psalm 85:7-13	
Leader:	Show us Thy steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.	
People:	Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.	
Leader:	Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.	
People:	Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.	
Leader:	Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.	
People:	Yea, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.	
All:	Righteousness will go before Him, and make His footsteps a way.	

Prayer of Confession	<i>(unison)</i>
Lord of the morning hour, who hast often met with us at the start of the day; Be our Refuge now from the noise of the world and the care of our own spirits. Grant us Thy peace. Let not the darkness of our ignorance and folly, of our sorrow and sin, hide Thee from us. Draw near to us that we may be near to Thee. Speak to each of us the word that we need; And let Thy Word abide with us till it has wrought in us Thy holy will. Quicken and refresh our hearts, renew and increase our strength, so that we may grow into Thy likeness; And by our worship be enabled better to serve Thee in our daily life, in the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.	

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

Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri Page #805

Children’s Sermon Pastor Scott Cress

First Scripture Lesson Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Pew Bible Page #32

Anthem *“Just a Little Talk with Jesus”* Cleavant Derricks
Men’s Quartet

Second Scripture Lesson Hebrews 5:11-6:20 Pew Bible Page #1046

Sermon Strong Warnings and Strong Encouragement Pastor Scott Cress

*Hymn *“O Come to Me, the Master Said”* Page #442

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

- The Invitation ~ The Words of Institution*
- Salutation and Sursum Corda* Page #785
- The Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today, August 9

- 10:20 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer, Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion Service, Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Summer FPC Family Fellowship, Owens Park at Baw Beese Lake.

Monday, August 10

Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, August 12

Thursday, August 13

- 9:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Anniversary Room
- 4:00 p.m. Missions Meeting, Anniversary Room

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15

- 7:00 p.m. Back-to-School Worship & Prayer, Overflowing Cups & Cones

Next Sunday, August 16

- 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: 69

The FLOWERS on the Communion table are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for many blessings, given by Nancy and Dan Ashton.

- PASTOR: Rev. Scott Cress
- CHOIR/ORGANIST: Dean James
- WORSHIP LEADER: Lisa Roberts
- BUILDING CLOSER: James Brandon
- DEACON: Pam Steiner
- USHERS: Amelia, Margot, & Marty Games

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper, open to all who confess faith in Christ. Please remain seated as the elements are passed down your row. We ask that you hold the bread and cup until instructed, allowing us to partake together. Please remember that the *loose offering* in today's collection will go to the Deacons for their good work among us.

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE: Our office manager, Irma Jones, continues her visit to North Carolina this week and will return to the office on August 13. For any immediate assistance or urgent matters during her absence, contact Pastor Scott at (636) 422-0075.

COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL WORSHIP & PRAYER SERVICE: Gather as a community on Saturday, August 15 at 7:00 PM at Overflowing Cups and Cones to pray for our teachers, principals, support staff, coaches, etc as we usher in the new school year.

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.

MISSIONS MEETING (August 13): The Missions Committee will meet on **Thursday, August 13 at 4:00 PM** in the Anniversary Room. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

SUMMER FPC FAMILY FELLOWSHIP: Join us today, **Sunday, August 9th, at 5:00 PM** at Owens Park at Baw Beese Lake! We will gather picnic-style, so please bring food for your own family. Don't forget to pack your **lawn chairs, blankets, and towels!** Come ready to enjoy swimming, playgrounds, disc golf, and a wonderful time of fellowship before the new school year begins. If you have any questions, please see Rebecca Portteus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS AUGUST 23RD! After a refreshing summer hiatus, 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. We look forward to seeing all of our students and teachers back in the classrooms.

STRONG FOUNDATIONS CLASSES WRAP-UP: Life Skills classes will hold their final session on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00 PM in the Anniversary Room. Thank you to all who participated!

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.

URGENT PICNIC NEED: Canopies & Setup Crew!

- **Connie Hutchinson is still looking for two pop-up canopies to shade our food and guests on Saturday, August 22. We also desperately 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 out.



We joyfully congratulate Pam and Frank Steiner, who were married on August 14, 1976. Thank you, Pam and Frank, for blessing our Church family with a beautiful, 50-year example of Christ-centered love and commitment.

May this milestone celebration bring back your sweetest wedding memories and even more years of happiness!