

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | February 22, 2026

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
- **LIVESTREAM** online at **9:30 am on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/HillsdaleFirstUMC>
- on **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/@hillsdalefirstumc-45nmanni2>
- on **our church website** <https://hillsdalefirstumc.com/>

Please stand as you are able during parts of the service indicated with an asterisk. * | Congregation responses indicated in **bold print**.

Gathering

Prelude

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

G. Shearing
A. Wyton

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

For forty days our Lord fasted and prayed in the wilderness.

He was driven by the urge to draw close to his heavenly Father.

So, too, do we set aside this season for fasting and prayer,

trusting in the promise of God:

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

*Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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1. Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.

2. As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

4. And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

5. Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

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*Prayer of Confession

O God our deliverer,

for forty years, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

Many times they rebelled against your leadership, but you proved faithful to them.

Now, your Church journeys through a different kind of wilderness.

And wandering through this troubled and confusing landscape, we sometimes lose our way.

Sometimes, we rebel against your leadership, and seek to discover our own ways.

We take the smooth and easy road of the prodigal, instead of the ancient path of the pilgrim.

We have become scarred and soiled;

We are hungry and afraid.

May God extend his peace to his people.

Forgive us, and heal us, O Lord!

*Kyrie Eleison

Pastor:

All:

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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*Words of Assurance

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Proclamation

New Testament Reading – Colossians 3:1-4, 12-14

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Anthem

More Like You, Lord

J. Althouse

Psalms 22:11-19

*¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.*

*¹² Many bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;*

*¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.*

*¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;*

*my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;*

¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,

*and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.*

*¹⁶ For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they bound my hands and feet.*

¹⁷ I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

*¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.*

*¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!*

Sung Response

***Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?***

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Sermon Text – Matthew 20:20-23

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

Response to the Scripture *This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!*

Message

John, the Fisherman

Pastor Tomasino

Response

*Hymn of Response

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

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1. Ask ye what great thing I know,
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

2. Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

3. Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right,
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

4. This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save,
him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

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Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Sung Prayer Response

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.***

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Offertory and Church Family News and Notes

*We invite you to sign the attendance pads and pass them to others in your pew.
An offering plate is located at the back of the sanctuary for you to use for your giving.*

*Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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*Prayer of Dedication

***O Lord our God,
in Jesus Christ, you gave us the great example of humility and sacrifice.
He was willing to lay aside his majesty and the adoration of angels,
so that he could become the lowly Son of Man.
He learned obedience through the things he suffered,
so that we might learn to follow him in self-sacrifice and compassion.***

**In this Lenten season, we strive even more to emulate his example in our daily walk.
May our offering be a token of our desire to deepen our commitment to Christ.
May we be transformed through our giving, weaned from worldly ambition,
and better fitted for our eternal home.
In the name of Jesus our Lord, amen.**

Sending

*Hymn

My Jesus, I Love Thee

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1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*Benediction

Postlude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

D. Hustad

*After the pastor and liturgist have recessed and the altar candles are extinguished,
you may stay seated or quietly leave your seats during the postlude.*

Prayer Requests | Prayers for anyone in need of God's comfort and peace.

Colleen Fadden, Pat Bowditch, Gail Clow, Joyce Potter, David Knowles, Liam Trombly, friend of Robin Curtis (health), and Anna Hatfield (Robin Curtis's niece)

(Please contact the office to add or remove a request from our list.)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, February 22	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Ad Board	7:00 pm	Monday, February 23	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Lenten Study with supper	6:00 pm	Wednesday, February 25	HFUMC Fellowship Hall
• Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Thursday, February 26	In person – Music Room
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, March 1	In person – Sanctuary and Online

MISSIONS | The Mission Team's focus in February has been the CWS Blankets+ Program.

During Winter Storm Fern, Church World Services was pre-positioned in South Carolina, Tennessee, and multiple locations that were heavily impacted with power outages due to the heavy snow and brutal cold.

Because of donations from congregations like ours, CWS was able to supply thousands of blankets and hygiene kits and provide temporary housing for many who were displaced by the storm. Your gifts and compassion made it possible for CWS to respond quickly, meet emergency needs, and offer hope—one blanket, one kit, one safe place at a time.

Thank you for your contributions this month in support of the Church World Services Blankets+ Program.

LENTEN STUDY SERIES | We are joining with First Presbyterian Church for a combined Lenten Study Series. The venue will alternate each week and **the first session will be held here on Wednesday, February 25.** A light supper will be served at 6:00 pm followed by a video lesson and discussion.

Lenten Study Series

A Joint Study with Hillsdale First UMC and First Presbyterian Church

Heroes of the Faith

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

At 45 N Manning: Feb 25, Mar 11, Mar 25

At 31 North Street: Mar 4, Mar 18

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