

Hillsdale First United Methodist Church | January 18, 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

Deep River

S. Coleridge-Taylor

Pastoral Greeting

*Call to Worship

Come, people of God, and dare to draw near to the Holy One, who is awesome in majesty.

We come in humble reverence, for the Lord is great and greatly to be praised.

The One we fear is also the One we trust—steadfast in love, faithful through every generation.

We place our confidence in God's mercy, for the Lord's promises never fail.

God's power shakes the heavens, and God's compassion calms our hearts.

In awe we bow; in trust we rise.

Let us worship the Lord, whose power humbles us and whose grace upholds us.

With fear that honors and trust that rests secure, we worship the Lord our God.

*Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King

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1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Words: Robert Grant, 1833. Music: Attr. to Johann Michael Haydn; arr. by William Gardiner, 1815
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*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,

we confess that sometimes, we may have become too familiar with you.

Often, we fail to appreciate your power and your wisdom.

We go through our days unaware of the grace that upholds us, and the mercy that maintains us.

**Remind us, O Lord, that we have not come together to worship an idea or an image,
but a person whose love and wisdom far exceed our own.**

**Help us to be humble, and to trust that you will work all things together
for the good of those who love you and are called according to your purpose.**

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

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*and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th cent. Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851. Public Domain

Proclamation

Gospel Reading – Matthew 10:24-31

²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Sung Response

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

2146, v2

**“Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.**

Words by Civilia Martin (Luke 12:6-7; John 14:1). Music by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel. Words and Music Public Domain

New Testament Reading – 1 Peter 1:13-21

¹³ Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴ Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵ Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct, ¹⁶ for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

Anthem

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

C. Tomlin, J. Newton, L. Giglio

(Congregation joins on chorus)

**My chains are gone, I’ve been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
and like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.**

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Sermon Text – Psalm 111

¹ Praise the Lord.

**I will give thanks to the Lord
with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright,
in the congregation.**

² Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who have pleasure in them.

**3 Full of honor and majesty
are the works of the Lord
whose righteousness endures for ever,**

⁴ who has caused his wonderful works
to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

**5 The Lord provides food for the faithful
and is ever mindful of his covenant.**

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**6 The Lord has shown his people
the power of his works
by giving them the heritage of the nations.**

**7 The works of the Lord’s hands
are faithful and just;
the precepts of the Lord are trustworthy;**

**8 they are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness
and uprightness.**

**9 The Lord sent redemption to his people
and has commanded his covenant for ever.
Holy and wondrous is God’s name!**

**10 The fear of the Lord
is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it
have a good understanding.
The praise of the Lord endures for ever.**

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

Message

The Fear of the Lord

Pastor Tomasino

*Hymn of Response

I Want a Principle Within

(Sung to the tune of #152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*)

1. I want a principle within
of watchful, godly fear,
a sensibility of sin,
a pain to feel it near.
I want the first approach to feel
of pride or wrong desire,
to catch the wandering of my will,
and quench the kindling fire.

2. From thee that I no more may stray,
no more thy goodness grieve,
grant me the filial awe, I pray,
the tender conscience give.
Quick as the apple of an eye,
O God, my conscience make;
awake my soul when sin is nigh,
and keep it still awake.

3. Almighty God of truth and love,
to me thy power impart;
the mountain from my soul remove,
the hardness from my heart.
O may the least omission pain
my reawakened soul,
and drive me to that blood again,
which makes the wounded whole.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1749
Music: Trad. English melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906. Public Domain

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(Sung to the tune of #285 *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord*)

***I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.***

Words: Horatius Bonar, 1846. Music: Kingsfold, Music: Traditional English melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906. Public Domain

Response

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.***

Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, Public Domain

*Prayer of Dedication

Mighty God, so many times,

we take for granted your abundant mercies.

*But in this hour, we present our offerings before you in humble gratitude,
knowing we give you but a portion of what you have given to us.*

**Bless our gifts, that we might continue to spread the Good News of our powerful and patient God,
revealed to us in the gentle shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

In His holy name we pray, Amen

Sending

*Hymn

1. Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song
full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song
full of hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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We have come
over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come,
treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet
stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts
drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Words: James Weldon Johnson, 1921. Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921. Public Domain

*Benediction

Postlude

I Want a Principle Within

W. Held

*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.

Continuing: Colleen Fadden, Pat Bowditch, Gail Clow, Joyce Potter, David Knowles, Darlene Kizer's family
(Please contact the office to add or remove a request from our list.)

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, January 18	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• Worship with breakfast	11:00 am	Sunday, January 18	In person – Fellowship Hall
• Worship Committee	1:00 pm	Tuesday, January 20	In person – Lounge
• Bible Study	10:30 am	Wednesday, January 21	In person – Lounge / ZOOM
• Choir rehearsal	6:30 pm	Thursday, January 22	In person – Music Room
• Worship	9:30 am	Sunday, January 25	In person – Sanctuary and Online
• ArtWorks Music Competition	1-5:00 pm	Sunday, January 25	In person – Sanctuary / rehearsal rooms
• Gull Lake Music Recitals	1-3:00 pm	Saturday, January 31	In person – Sanctuary

MISSIONS | The Mission Team's focus this month is our local Share the Warmth of Hillsdale County.

Share the Warmth is a nonprofit organization that opened in 2018, declaring its mission with these words: "There will be no such thing as 'nowhere to go' in Hillsdale County." The center serves on average up to 15-20 people a night, providing warm beds, hot meals, shower and laundry facilities. All services are provided solely by volunteers, and all supplies and meals are made possible solely through donations.

Thank you for your contributions this month in support of Share the Warmth of Hillsdale County.

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