

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 @ 10:00 AM  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

SERGEI KVITKO

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

WILLYE BRYAN

We gather in this place  
seeking to live in faithful community  
and asking God to guide us.

**Lord, revive our souls,**  
that we might lift each other up.

**Lord, revive our souls,**  
that we might order our communities  
in ways that lead us toward love.

**Lord, revive our souls!**

**++ HYMN #641[GTG]** When In Our Music God Is Glorified

*Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.*

**SERVICE OF RENEWAL**

CALL TO CONFESSION

WILLYE BRYAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

++indicates standing in body or spirit

**Let the words of our mouths  
 and the meditation of our hearts  
 be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
 our rock and our redeemer.  
 For you are our rock,  
 and yet we place our faith in sinking sand.  
 You are our redeemer,  
 and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves.  
 You are our source of unity,  
 and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can.  
 You are our fount of forgiveness,  
 and yet we fear that we will be condemned.  
 Forgive us, O Rock.  
 Forgive us, O Redeemer,  
 and show us what it means to forgive one another.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WILLYE BRYAN

Now stand firm in your faith,  
 covered by the saving grace of God  
 and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.  
 In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #583[GTG] GLORY TO GOD

SERVICE MUSIC

## Glory to God 583

*Gloria, gloria*

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)  
 Dm Gm C F (chords continue)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WILLYE BRYAN

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Be still and know that I am God.*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

MS. MEGAN

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

WILLYE BRYAN

Faithful God, how blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit  
so that we may glorify you  
in the company of the faithful;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Mark 9:38-50

WILLYE BRYAN

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM** “God Be In My Head” by John Rutter Chancel Choir

*God be in my head and in my understanding.*

*God be in mine eyes and in my looking.*

*God be in my mouth and in my speaking.*

*God be in mine heart and in my thinking.*

*God be at my end and in my departing.*

**SECOND READING:** Exodus 17:1-7 REV. STANLEY JENKINS

17From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**SERMON** REV. STANLEY JENKINS

**++ HYMN #465[GTG]** What A Friend We Have in Jesus

*This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow.*

*The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

PRINCE SOLACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayers continue)

**OUR LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**AMEN: #554 [GTG]**

554

Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

Offering

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

CHORAL ANTHEM "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" by Thomas Keseeker

"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" by Thomas Kesseker  
*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

++Doxology #607 [GTG]

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

**HYMN #804[GTG]** Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart!

*These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.*

**BENEDICTION**

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Blest Be the Tie That Binds #306[GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

**POSTLUDE**

SERGEI KVITKO

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**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS

## **INFORMATION FOR THE DAY**

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	WILLYE BRYAN
ORGANIST / PIANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
DIRECTOR OF BELLS OF FIRST:	DARIN SHOWALTER
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS** are available.

**FLOWER CHART** There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~  
Worship Committee.

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## **This Week at a Glance**

### **Sunday, September 29**

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Chapel  
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall  
11:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

### **Monday, September 30**

9:00 a.m. Staff meeting – library  
9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room  
6:30 a.m. Bells of First Rehearsal – Choir room

### **Tuesday, October 1**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
4:00 p.m. Adult Forum Committee  
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

### **Wednesday, October 2**

12:00 p.m. Bible study – via Zoom  
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room  
6:00 p.m. Mid-MI Photo Club – Litten Hall  
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee

### **Thursday, October 3**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir room

### **Friday, October 4**

10:00 a.m. GIL classes  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

### **Saturday, October 5**

### **Sunday, October 6**

10:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday service – Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. World Communion Potluck  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Calling all quilters!** We have a special project designed to celebrate the seamstresses and seamsters in our congregation AND help solve the echo problem in Litton Hall. We would like to hang a collection of quilts from the congregation – even if they are wall hangings or lap quilts – to 1) celebrate our creative mothers and grandmothers (and perhaps a dad or grandpa?) and 2) absorb some of the unwanted reverberation in Litton Hall to improve listening for everyone. We plan to make a plaque that names all the makers, including Daisy DeHaven. If you have any quilts that you are not using that were created by you or your ancestor, please let Gwen Botting know what you have to donate. Please let her know the approximate size (double bed, lap quilt, whatever), who created it, and any interesting tidbit of history that goes with it – for instance if some quilts in the past were donated to charity, or if the maker was also a rabid knitter and made kids mittens and hats to give away, or anything like that. We plan to make a small booklet describing the quilts and quilters if we have enough information to make it worth the effort.

If anyone knows where any quilts or banners or wall hangings might be stored in the church, please let Gwen know. Gwen Botting, [gwenbotting9496@gmail.com](mailto:gwenbotting9496@gmail.com) or 616-755-2221.

**First Presbyterian Church Men's Group**-The Men's Group provides an opportunity for the men of the church to get together for an activity. Men of ALL ages are invited to participate. If you are interested, please contact Brian Koon ([b.koon@comcast.net](mailto:b.koon@comcast.net), 517 886-9801 or see me at church.

**Volunteers are needed.** Our young learners are looking for a few people to be “helpers” during their learning time. They need help with cutting, gluing, snacks, etc. (You will be aided by the teacher for that day, so no preparation is required.) Contact Megan Higle at [mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org](mailto:mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org).

**Music Ensembles** Chancel choir and handbell choir have started rehearsals. Both groups welcome new members!

Chancel Choir Director, Megan Higle, [megan.higle@gmail.com](mailto:megan.higle@gmail.com)

Bell Choir Director, Darin Showalter, [darinjshowalter@gmail.com](mailto:darinjshowalter@gmail.com)

**Per Capita Reminder:** The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05 per member. Hopefully every member can pay

that amount. The check can go to the church noting "per capita." Please consider paying the per capita for those who cannot afford to. Last year, we paid the Presbytery dues of about \$11,000.

**World Communion Sunday Potluck October 6, 2024**, after worship. Bring a dish to share that represents your heritage or a dish that is a family favorite. If you are able, please label the country or area your dish represents. There will be carts at the main entrance to take your dish downstairs. Drinks and place settings will be provided.

### **ADULT FORUM**

(11:15-12:15 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom).  
(Childcare is available through this time.)

### **September 29**

### **BEING PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES**

#### **Speaker: Sherrie Loader**

Sherrie, formerly Auditor for Emergency Management and Homeland Security at [Michigan State Police](#), will discuss what everyone should do and know to be prepared for emergencies that may come up in the future.

### **October 6**

### **World Communion Sunday.** (No Adult Forum)

It's time for our traditional **potluck**. Plan to come and bring a dish from your heritage or a family favorite.

### **October 13, 20, 27**

### **THEOLOGY FOR PRESBYTERIANS**

For the last three Sundays of October, **Charlie Herrick** will make use of the denominationally produced guide, "Theology for Presbyterians" as well as adding his own insights as we look together at the traditional "articles" of our faith: God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, etc. The essence of the study guide material will be available ahead of each session in print and on the website. Come, learn, and ask questions you may have always had about these beliefs.