

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING

Now I appeal to you, brothers  
and sisters ... that there be no  
divisions among you, but that you

**be united**  
**in** the same **mind**  
**and** the same  
**purpose.**

1 Corinthians 1:10, NRSV

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 13, 2023 10:00 a.m.  
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.*

## PRELUDE

Chrisann Lowe

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Amundsen

O give thanks to the Lord!

**Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!**

Remember all the things God has done!

**We glory in God's holy name!**

Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

**we come to be in God's presence.**

**++HYMN #11 [GTG]** Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

*These scriptural names and images of the Triune God express a theological view reinforced by the structure the stanzas deal, in turn, with each Person of the Trinity and the refrain affirms their unity. The swirling patterns of the Welsh tune add much energy to the text.*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Barbara Amundsen

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,**

**it is easy to confess with our lips**

**that you are Lord,**

**but it is much harder to believe with our hearts,**

**to live in a way that puts you first.**

**We are quick to trust in idols.**

**We depend on what we can see, touch, and control,**

**instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice.**

**Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief,**

**so that what we confess with our lips**

**we may truly believe in our hearts.**

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

## Assurance of Pardon

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.  
There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications,  
no exceptions.

**We are saved,  
we are forgiven,  
we are freed!  
Hallelujah!**

++Response to Forgiveness

584[GTG]

Gloria

Glory, Glory, Glory

584

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!  
*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*

And on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.  
*Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.*

TEXT: Based on Luke 2:14; Pablo Sosa, 1989  
MUSIC: Pablo Sosa, 1989  
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CUEQUITA

## ++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Barbara Amundsen

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

***Be still and know that I am God (three times)***

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Barbara Amundsen

Holy, Holy, Holy One,  
guide us by the Spirit of truth  
to hear the Word of life you speak,  
and to give all glory, honor, and praise  
to your threefold name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT    1 Kings 19:9-18

Barbara Amundsen

<sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup> He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "I'm Goin Up A Yonder" arr. Martin Sirvatka, Megan Higle/Chrisann Lowe

**GOSPEL LESSON**    1 Corinthians 1:10, 12:12-13

Bill Collins

**1** <sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.

**12** <sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

**SERMON**

**“One Step at a Time...And Never Alone”**

Bill Collins

**++HYMN**

**#410 [GTG]**

God is Calling through the Whisper

*This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gwen Botting

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)

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 #598 [GTG]** Amen, “We Praise Your Name”

***Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

***Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

***Amen, amen. amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name O God!***

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" by Cesareo Gabrarin, Megan Higl & Chrisann Lowe

Offering

Barbara Amundsen

**++ Doxology #710[GTG] "We Lift Our Voices"**

**We Lift Our Voices** 710  
We Are an Offering

Chords: F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, F, C, F, C, F, G7, Em7, Asus A, Dm7, F, G, Esus E, Am, F, C, Bb, Dm, F, C, F, C, Dm7, C.

Lyrics:  
We lift our voic-es; we lift our hands; we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
voic - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
lives; they are yours: we are an of - fer - ing.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
voic - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

Prayer of Dedication

Barbara Amundsen

**++HYMN**

**#754 [GTG]**

Help Us Accept Each Other

*The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.*

**BENEDICTION**

**BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]**

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

**POSTLUDE**

Chrisann Lowe

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**MORE LIGHT**  

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**PRESBYTERIANS**



## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Barbara Amundsen
Organist/Pianist	Chrisann Lowe
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Preaching	Bill Collins

Rev. Stanley Jenkins is on a sabbatical

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)  
Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

**CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY** are silk arrangements from our Altar Committee.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available.

**FLOWER CHART** There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new 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 Tracy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! - Worship Committee.

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# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, Aug. 13

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Molly Grove Chapel  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

## Monday, Aug. 14

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
10:00 a.m. Church staff meeting, library  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – yoga room  
6:00 p.m.-9 GIL

## Tuesday, Aug. 15

8:00 a.m.-10 Mobile Farmers Market prep – kitchen  
9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
1:00 p.m. Adult Education Committee – library  
6:00 p.m.-9 GIL Class  
6:00 p.m. Mid Michigan Photo Officers - library  
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band Rehearsal – Litten Hall  
6:30 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen – Chapel

## Wednesday, Aug. 16

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

## Thursday, Aug. 17

8:00 a.m.-10 Mobile Farmers Market prep – kitchen  
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Bible Study – Library  
6:00 p.m. Greater Lansing Quilt Guild – Litten Hall

## Friday, Aug. 18

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

## Saturday, Aug. 19

## Sunday, Aug. 20

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Molly Grove Chapel  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – chapel

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The next Women's Gathering will take place on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 27, at the home of Megan Higle. Mark your calendar and get your feet ready. Theme is "Bare Feet."

Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals Thursday, Aug. 31 from 7-9 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Megan with any questions. ([mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org](mailto:mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org)).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will pick back up in September with Rev. Robert Higle.

Children's Faith Formation is looking for a few good teachers! Want to be part of the spiritual growth of our youngest members? Contact Ann Harvey or Megan Higle.

Session is on a summer break for July and August. The next meeting will be Sept. 20.

**ACT UGANDA's 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!** ACT is celebrating 20 years of working with our partners in Uganda, and your congregation has been a big part of this journey. Join us at one of our two fundraising dinners in Midland (Sept 8) or Traverse City (Sept 16) where you will enjoy a Ugandan-inspired dinner, gift basket raffle, video messages from our Ugandan partners, an overview of accomplishments, and an update on where we are headed. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased by contacting Sue Waechter at [waechtersue@gmail.com](mailto:waechtersue@gmail.com). To learn more about ACT, visit [actuganda.org](http://actuganda.org). **Please join us to celebrate this exciting milestone!**

## ADULT FORUM

Thank you for attending Adult Forum throughout this program year.  
We begin again **September 17** – See you then!