

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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We strive to INCLUDE ALL OF GOD’S CHILDREN...
If you are black, brown, white...
If you are straight, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning...
If you are differently abled...
If you are married, single, divorced, widowed...
If you are a believer, a questioner...
We Are So Glad That YOU Are Here!

SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 10, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

PRELUDE

MEGAN HIGLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

BARB AMUNDSEN

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

++ HYMN #403 [GTG] Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

BARB AMUNDSEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievance often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BARB AMUNDSEN

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God.
Amen.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #577 [GTG] KYRIE ELEISON
Kyrie eleison (four times)**++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

BARB 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

BARB AMUNDSEN

God, your Word directs every step we take. Help us listen closely to your Word as it is read and preached today, so we may understand your message and follow your will. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 33:12-22

BARB AMUNDSEN

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.
From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—
he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.
A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.
Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
to deliver their soul from death
and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Prelude from Suite V for unaccompanied cello by J.S. Bach
GWEN BOTTING, FRENCH HORN

GOSPEL READING John 14:1-14 REV. STANLEY JENKINS

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++HYMN #684 [GTG] Faith Begins by Letting Go

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GWEN BOTTING

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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 **#554 [GTG]** Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC Bouree I & II from Suite III by J.S. Bach

GWEN BOTTING, FRENCH HORN

++Doxology #648 [GTG] Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Dedication

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

HYMN #683 [GTG]

Lord of All Hopefulness (verses 1 and 4)

When first published in 1931, this “All-Day Hymn” (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.

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

MEGAN HIGLE

SOME OF THE LITURGIES WERE WRITTEN BY TERI MCDOWELL OTT
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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:

BARB AMUNDSEN

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

MEGAN HIGLE

ACCOMPANIST:

MEGAN HIGLE

HORN PLAYER:

GWEN BOTTING

PASTOR:

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

SOUND AND AV SYSTEM:

BILL COLLINS, ANDREW MACKOUL AND TRENTON MITCHELL

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available, please see an usher.

LISTENING DEVICES are available, please see an usher.

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Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery for 2025 is **\$42 per member**. This is for every member to consider. The check can go to the church noting “per capita.” Please consider paying a per capita for those who cannot afford to.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 10

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

Monday, August 11

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting – Library
5:30 p.m.-6:30	Traditional Yoga – Yoga Room
7:00 p.m.	Greater Lansing Moms Demand – GIL Classrooms

Tuesday, August 12

2:30 p.m.	Building and Grounds Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 9	Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m.	Capital City Chordsmen – Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Book Group – Parlor
7:15 p.m. – 9:15	GIL Night Classes

Wednesday, August 13

8:30 a.m.	Counters – Library
4:00 p.m. – 8:00	GIL Night Classes
5:30 p.m.-6:30	Fit Yoga – Yoga Room
6:00 p.m.	Mid MI Photo Club – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, Deacon's Meeting

Thursday, August 14

7:00 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study – Library
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Friday, August 15

5:30 p.m.-6:30	Restorative Yoga – Yoga Room
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Saturday, August 16

10:00 a.m.	Victory in Jesus Music Rehearsal – Chapel
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Sunday, August 17

10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship – Chapel
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
12:30 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel
3:00 p.m.	Stan's Farewell Reception – Litten Hall

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

August 17th after Worship

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is in the process of identifying nominees for church leadership terms beginning in 2026:

- Session Elders (3-year term)
- The Board of Deacons (3-year term)
- The Nominating Committee (1-year term)
- The Audit Review Committee (1-year term)

Leaders will be elected at the October meeting of the congregation. If you have a suggestion, or if you are interested in being considered for one of these elected positions yourself, please contact committee chair Bill Collins (bill@pipercollins.com) or the church office.

SNOW CONE SUNDAY!

Join us after worship for fellowship and a snow cone during the summer months – September 7!

Get Excited for Christian Education This Fall!

We're gearing up for a new season of learning, growing, and connecting—and there's something for everyone!

Here's what's happening:

- **Kids Sunday School** – Sundays at **9:00 a.m.** *(NEW TIME!)*
 - **Adult Forum** – Sundays at **11:30 a.m.**
- **Lectionary Bible Study** – Wednesday mornings in person and via Zoom
 - **Wired Word Bible Study** – Wednesday evenings via Zoom

We've got some exciting changes in store, and **YOU** are invited to be a part of it all!

Questions or want to learn more?

Reach out to **Megan Higle**, Christian Education Director.

Looking to find ways to have meaningful conversation about current events through a Christian lens? Join the **WIRED WORD** Bible Study on Wednesdays from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. Contact Pr. Bob Higle for more information (robert.higle@gmail.com)

CHILDCARE FOR UNDER FIVES

Our childcare staff is available for children under five. We have snacks, Bible stories/book reading, Montessori-based projects, and outdoor play.

Our childcare staff will have vacations planned, too! If YOU can be in the childcare room on a Sunday during the summer, please let Megan Higle know!