

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 30, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Venetis

The steadfast love of God never ceases.

God's mercies never come to an end;

they are new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Weeping may linger for the night,

but joy comes with the morning,

for you hear us when we cry.

So we will praise you and will not be silent.

Sing praises, O you faithful ones,

and give thanks to God's holy name.

++HYMN #31[GTG] Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

These few stanzas are among the least florid of the two dozen that make up the rather flamboyant paraphrase of Psalm 136 written by the 15-year-old who would become one of the greatest English poets, John Milton. It is set here to a sprightly tune with Moravian connections.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Chris Venetis

Prayer of Confession

You shower us with blessings,

with chances to know your grace.

Still, O Lord, we twist your promises

and pray for blessings we can own.

You call us to leave our selfish ways

and follow your call to compassion.

Still, O Lord, we choose shallow belief

over transformative faith.

You have told us that your love is enough,

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

that the waters of mercy will not run dry.
Still, O Lord, we choose fear instead of trust,
hiding behind the illusion that we can survive on our own.
Forgive us, Holy One, and by your forgiveness,
offer us a chance to try again.

Assurance of Pardon

Chris Venetis

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 **#188 [GTG] Jesus Loves Me!**

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Chris Venetis

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

Chris Venetis

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 READING

Deuteronomy 34: 1- 12

Chris Venetis

³⁴Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The LORD said to

him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."

⁵Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chrisann and Fred Lowe

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Thessalonians 2: 1- 8

The Rev. Charles Herrick

²You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

SERMON "Getting Justice Done, With Gentleness"

The Rev. Charles Herrick

++HYMN #178[GTG] The Woman Hiding in the Crowd

The first three stanzas are based on the story of Christ's healing of a woman with an internal hemorrhage (Mark 5:24b-34 / Luke 8:42b-48). By expanding and applying this event, the final two stanzas provide a helpful model of how scripture can be related to our own lives.

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)

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 #568[GTG]

568 Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

A - men, a - men, a - men!

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b Dm7 G

A - men, a - men, a - men!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984
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AMEN (Haugen)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Music

Offering

++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

++HYMN #320[GTG] The Church of Christ in Every Age

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of “the servant church,” where the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

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

Sergei Kvitko

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Chris Venetis
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Pastor	The Rev. Charles Herrick

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, June 30

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service – Chapel

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, July 1

10:00 a.m.

Church staff meeting - Library

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

6:00 p.m.

Assembly of Lansing Pastors - Library

Tuesday, July 2

10:00 a.m. - 2

GIL Classes

6:30 p.m.

Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall

7:00 p.m.

Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, July 3

10:00 a.m. - 5

GIL Class

12:00 P.M.

Bible study – Library

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

6:00 p.m.

Mid-MI Photo Club – Litten Hall

Thursday, July 4

FOURTH OF JULY!!

7:00 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, July 5

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, July 6

Sunday, July 7

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service - Chapel

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Summer Bible Study/Fellowship Opportunity.

Come and join us. Leave confident, optimistic, and energized in your faith.

The church is now offering Wednesday Bible Study at noon, at the church and on Zoom.

Participants can review the selected readings before each Wednesday session. Start reviewing the materials on the Thursday before the session, on your own schedule.

The group will review three reflective questions and discuss other items. If a session is cancelled, a makeup time will be set for the following Sunday after church. Materials can be found:

- 1) in the Participant's Booklet passed out at church and some copies are still available in the library on the mantel)
- 2) Online on our website. There is a button to click on the home page that will take you to the Bible Study page. Scroll to the bottom and click the Class Materials link.

The **Garden Committee** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom

Our meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the year as follows:

- July 24th
- August 28th
- September 25th
- October 23rd

Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05. 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. Thank you.