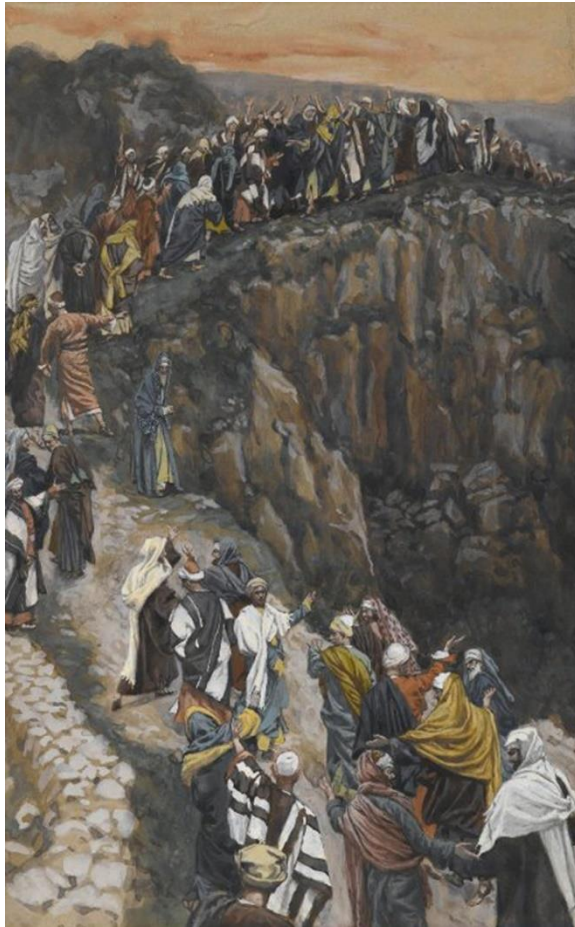


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FOR OUR LORD'S DAY
FEB. 2, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP

JOSEPHINE POWERS

In you, O Lord, let us take refuge,
so we might never be put to shame.
In your righteousness, O Lord,
let us find deliverance,
so we might experience your saving power.
In your presence, O God, let us place our trust,
so we might find confidence in you alone.
You are our rock and our refuge,
our fortress and shield.
We turn to you again this day. Amen.

++ HYMN #691[GTG] Lord, When I Came into This Life
*Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also
voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways.
The familiar shape-note tune (LAND OF REST) enhances a sense of finding our
place among God's people from all times and places.*

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

JOSEPHINE POWERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous God, when we set our tables,
we imagine who belongs.**

We are satisfied to welcome

++indicates to stand in body or spirit.

**those who we call our own.
Our boundaries are drawn
for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood.
We limit the seating to those
who make us comfortable,
and lay out the welcome mat
for those who we choose to welcome.
But your kingdom has no boundary.
Before our birth you have known, loved,
and claimed each and every one.
Soften our hearts to those we rage against.
Restore us to your vision
of who belongs at the table.
Renew us with your abundant mercy and love,
which know no end.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOSEPHINE POWERS

Jesus Christ satisfies each of our shortcomings.
It is in God we are given the full vision
of love, peace, and justice.
This good news is for you:
God claims you,
Christ welcomes you,
and the Spirit draws up your seat
at the welcome table.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored.
Thanks be to our God now and forever.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #659 [GTG]

***Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.***

++ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

JOSEPHINE POWERS

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

JOSEPHINE POWERS

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Psalms 71:1-6

JOSEPHINE POWERS

- ¹In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.
³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
⁶Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Come, Ye Disconsolate" by Thomas Moore & Samuel Webbe

CHANCEL CHOIR

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish; come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, hear tell your anguish; earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure; Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure." Here see the Bread of life; see waters flowing froth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.

²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++ **HYMN #29 [GTG]** O God, You Search Me

Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and most intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God’s presence in all aspects of one’s life. Sometime resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God’s care.

THE SACRAMENT OF OUR LORD’S SUPPER (all bread served is gluten free)

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

... who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus (sung in unison) #552[GTG] Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

The Mystery of Faith (unison)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Invocation of Holy Spirit

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

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.**

Words of Institution

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Responsive Prayer after the Supper

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

You have given yourself to us, Lord;

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people;

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts;

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Gift of Love" arr. by al H. Hopson

CHANCEL CHOIR

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed, by this we worship and are freed.
Amen.*

Offering

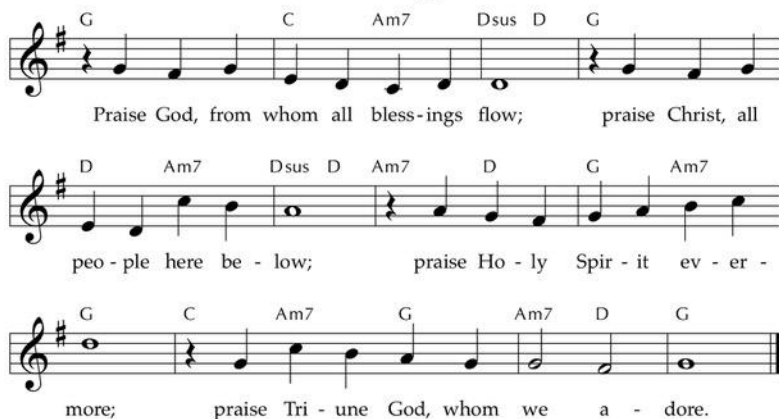
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All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God.

Let us then give back a portion of that goodness
to God's work in the world.

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608 All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-
more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore.

Prayer of Dedication

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

HYMN #726[GTG] Will You Come and Follow Me

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

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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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	JOSEPHINE POWERS
PRELUDE/POSTLUDE:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
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, February 2

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Sunday service – Sanctuary
Birthday Potluck – Litten Hall
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, February 3

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.-4
10:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall
Church staff meeting – Library
Christian Education Committee– Library
Area Lansing Pastors – Library
Bell Choir rehearsal
Yoga – Yoga room
Membership Committee

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 a.m. -2
9:00 a.m.-4
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL Classes
AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall
Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, February 5

9:00 a.m.-2
12:00 P.M.
4:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

GIL Class
Bible study – Library
Lansing Children’s Choir
Mid MI Photo Club – Litten Hall
Yoga – Yoga room
Wired Word Bible Study – Zoom

Thursday, February 6

9:00 a.m.-2
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
Choir rehearsal – Choir room
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library

Friday, February 7

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Sunday service – Sanctuary
Adult Forum – Litten Hall
Children’s Faith Formation
Finance Committee
Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Show off your talent by yourself or with a group. A **talent show** will take place on March 8, 2025, at 3 pm. If you want to be in the show please contact Pam Blair blairkids3@yahoo.com The show needs an audience too, so if you are not in the show come to be wowed and enjoy the fun.

Birthday Potluck is February 2, 2025, after worship. Come find out who celebrates a birthday in the same month you do. **Bring a dish to pass that feeds 10-12 people.** Birthday cake will be provided. Enjoy great food, good conversation, and a birthday party.

The **Capitol City Chordsmen** are presenting their big annual show on **March 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm.** “Turn Your Radio On” will include quartets, the chorus, fun times, audience participation, Steve Warnaar’s quartet and a story about Matt Ottinger trying to get his first job. Good, old-fashioned entertainment for only \$22. Call 517-896-3804 for tickets.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (INCLUDING ADULT FORUM AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION)

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

February 2

No Christian Education - Join us in Litten Hall for a Birthday Potluck! Bring a dish to pass (note - birthday cake will be provided).

Wired Word packets will be available! Ceci & Pr. Bob will be able to answer any questions you may have.

February 9

Adult Forum - "The Journey Home" - join Elder Willye Bryan as she shares her recent travels to discover her ancestors in Cameroon.

Children's Faith Formation - "Do Not Fear! Trust God's Promises" - Kathy Banghart, teacher

February 16

Adult Forum - "Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan" - hear about upcoming events, recent successes and First Pres' involvement in Repairing the Breach.

Children's Faith Formation - "Do Not Fear! One Step At A Time" - Alyse Collins, teacher