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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY
JAN. 5, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVIKTO

CALL TO WORSHIP

BETHANNE JENKS

*Come, let us praise our God and Creator,
**who has given us every spiritual blessing
in Christ.***

*Come, let us praise Christ our savior,
**who has redeemed us
by the riches of God's grace.***

*Come, let us praise the Spirit,
who marks us as beloved heirs of God.*

*Come with wisdom and understanding;
**let us hope in Christ together
and praise God forever. Amen.***

++ HYMN #147[GTG] The First Nowell

"Nowell" is the English form of the French, "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale:), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (natus / ne) as well to "news" (nova / nouvelle).

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

BETHANNE JENKS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gather us, your children who run and hide,
ashamed, afraid, apathetic.**

We trade your goodness for ashes.

We trade your peace for control.

++indicates to stand in body or spirit.

**We trade your promise for certainty.
Gather us to you
and return us to your abundant mercy;
may it flow over us,
renewing our weary souls.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BETHANNE JENKS

The light of all life
and the breath of all creation claims you,
calling you “good” from the very beginning, very good.
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #447 [GTG] WE ARE FORGIVEN

447 We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
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WE ARE FORGIVEN
10.8.10.8

++ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

BETHANNE JENKS

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
#752 [GTG] *Dona nobis pacem*

Dona nobis pacem 752

Sim shalom

Rabbi habna salamann tamman

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (A) C

Latin Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.
 Hebrew Sim sha - lom, sim sha - lom, sim sha - lom.
 Arabic Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - man tam - man.

11 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

12 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

13 Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

(G) B⁹ (D) F (A) C (D) F

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
 Sim sha - lom a - lei - nu.
 Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - man.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

BETHANNE JENKS

O God,
 through your mighty acts
 we receive grace upon grace.
 From your fullness,
 feed us with your life-giving Word,
 that our lives, like bread,
 may feed a hungry world. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

BETHANNE JENKS

⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with

consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The Word Was God" by Rosephanye Powell CHANCEL CHOIR

In the beginning was the word and the word was with God, and the word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made, that hath been made.

Nothing was made, He has not made.

All things were made by Him.

LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

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1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came

into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

SERMON

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++ **HYMN #142 [GTG]** 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

This English text preserves the earliest known Canadian hymn, originally written in the Huron (Wendat) language by a missionary, later translated into French, and eventually paraphrased in English. It is set to a French noel tune old enough to have been used for the original version.

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

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

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
 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.

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

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The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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Unison Prayer after Communion

**Strengthen us, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring good
 news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains
 that bind and claim your blessing for all people. Keep us faithful
 in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast
 with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.**

Through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Song of the Wise Men" arr. Alan Bullard
George Bennett, Rachel Showalter & Joseph Frick, solos

From a far-off land we come to find a new king, following a star with light so brightly gleaming.

O glistening star that hears a new dawning, O beauteous light from heaven so brightly beaming!

Glory to the Son: we celebrate His birth, Glory in the heavens and peace to all on earth.

My gift is gold for Jesus Christ so holy, to affirm for us his power and his glory. Frankincense, my gift so fragrantly delighting, telling of our prayers forever upwards rising.

My gift is myrrh, so precious yet so bitter, to declare to us the pain that he will suffer.

O glistening star that hears a new dawning, O beauteous light from heaven so brightly beaming!

Glory to the Son: we celebrate His birth, Glory in the heavens and peace to all on earth.

Offering

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

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

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with chords G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, and G above it. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics, with chords D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, and Am7 above it. The third staff concludes the piece with the final line of lyrics, with chords G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, and G above it.

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

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HYMN #151 [GTG] We Three Kings

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries

(Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings, perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

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:

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| LITURGIST: | BETHANNE JENKS |
| PRELUDE/POSTLUDE: | SERGEI KVITKO |
| DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: | MEGAN HIGLE |
| DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH: | PRINCE SOLACE |
| PASTOR: | THE 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, January 5

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| 10:00 a.m. | Sunday service – Sanctuary |
| 12:30 p.m. | Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel |
| 1:30 p.m. | Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall |

Monday, January 6

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| 9:00 a.m. | GIL classes |
| 10:00 a.m. | Church staff meeting – Library |
| 1:00 p.m. | Greater Lansing Area Moms – Litten Hall |
| 2:00 p.m. | Adult Forum Committee – Library |
| 6:00 p.m. | Area Lansing Pastors – Library |
| 6:30 p.m. | Bell Choir rehearsal |
| 5:30 p.m. | Yoga – Yoga room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Membership Committee |

Tuesday, January 7

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

Wednesday, January 8

9:00 a.m.-2
12:00 P.M.
4:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 9

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

Friday, January 10

5:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 11

Sunday, January 12

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

GIL Classes
Building and Grounds Committee – Library
Adult Forum Committee
Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
Book Group - library
Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

GIL Class
Bible study – Library
Lansing Children's Choir
Mid MI Photo Club – Litten Hall
Yoga – Yoga room
Deacons meeting

NWI Food Distribution – Litten Hall
GIL classes
Choir rehearsal – Choir room
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library

Yoga – Yoga Room

Sunday service – Sanctuary
Adult Forum – Litten Hall
Link group - Parlor
Children's Faith Formation
Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Sanctuary

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

ADULT FORUM

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

Adult Forum resumes January 12, 2025