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# SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

MARCH 16, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** What Wondrous Love is This, arr. Jason W Krug  
BELLS OF FIRST

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Lord Who throughout these Forty Days, arr. Jason W Krug  
BELLS OF FIRST

**LENTEN CANDLES** TROY FORBUSH AND KATIE

SUNDEEN

**CALL TO WORSHIP** BETHANNE JENKS

The Lord is our light and our salvation;  
whom shall we fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of our life;  
of whom shall we be afraid?**

We seek your face, O Lord.

Do not hide your face from us!

**Do not forsake us,  
O God of our salvation!**

Make us strong,  
and let our hearts take courage.

**We wait for the Lord.**

**Let us worship God!**

**++ HYMN #12[GTG]** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:1 (King James' Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

BETHANNE JENKS

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God,  
you have formed a covenant with us,  
committing yourself to us  
and inviting us to walk with you.  
Yet we have resisted,  
seeking other companions,  
going in different ways,  
thinking that we know best.  
Now we find ourselves far from life,  
further still from you.  
Have mercy on our waywardness.  
Help us find our way back.  
Give us faith so that we can hold the hand  
you have extended to us in Jesus Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BETHANNE JENKS

From generation to generation,  
God's love overcomes human sinfulness.  
God is committed to fresh starts  
and new creations.  
This is good news!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #425 [GTG] (verse 1)**

***Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,  
To your presence we have come; give us now your love.***

**++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

BETHANNE JENKS

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

BETHANNE JENKS

O Lord of light and salvation,  
let these words of Scripture  
live not only in our mouths,  
but in our hearts,  
that we will embody your truth  
and confess with our lives  
that Jesus is Lord. **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 27

BETHANNE JENKS

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold<sup>[a]</sup> of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.  
<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.  
<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.  
<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!  
<sup>8</sup> “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! <sup>10</sup> If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.  
<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup> Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. <sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.  
<sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** “When Jesus Wept” arr Karle Erickson Rose Rodrigue, soloist

*When Jesus wept, the fallen tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound:  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 13:31-35

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

**SERMON**

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

**++HYMN #213[GTG]**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*Like Issac Watts’ “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”, this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14 but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named (RATHBUN) for a soloist in the composer’s Connecticut choir.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

PRINCE SOLACE

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 #469[GTG] Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

### PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** "In His Hand" by Marty Parks

CHANCEL CHOIR

*In my darkness He is light; in my weakness He is might. In my doubting He is sure; in His hand I am secure.  
Shelter from the bitter fray, He's my refuge and my stay. In a dry and weary land I have seen His gracious hand.  
Faithful in life's deep distress; Father to the fatherless. To those ravaged by the war, He is all of these and more.  
For His goodness I will praise Him. With my song I will proclaim: He is righteous, He is holy. He is evermore the same!*

*Once a stranger, now a Friend, with me till my journey's end. He receives me as His own; never will I walk alone.  
In my darkness He is light; in my weakness He is might. In my doubting He is sure; in His hand I am secure.*

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608  
All Blessings Flow

G C Am7 Dsus D G  
 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all  
 D Am7 Dsus D Am7 D G Am7  
 peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-  
 G C Am7 G Am7 D G  
 more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore.

Prayer of Dedication

**HYMN #223 [GTG]** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.*

**BENEDICTION**

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:	BETHANNE JENKS
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:	DARIN SHOWALTER

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## This Week at a Glance

### **Sunday, March 16**

10:00 a.m.                      Worship service – Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m.                      Women’s Appreciation breakfast – GIL room  
11:30 a.m.                      Adult Forum – Litten Hall  
11:30 a.m.                      Children’s Faith Formation  
12:30 p.m.                      Victory in Jesus Ministries - Chapel

### **Monday, March 17**

9:00 a.m.                        GIL classes  
9:00 a.m.-4                      AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall  
10:00 a.m.                      Staff meeting – Library  
5:30 p.m.                        Yoga – Yoga room  
6:30 p.m.                        Bells of First rehearsal – Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, March 18**

9:00 a.m.                        GIL classes  
9:00 a.m.-4                      AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall  
6:00 p.m.                        Mid-MI Photo Officers - Library  
6:30 p.m.                        Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m.                        Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

### **Wednesday, March 19**

9:00 a.m.                        GIL classes  
10:30 a.m.                      Lectionary Bible study – Zoom  
12:00 p.m.                      Boomers/Beyond luncheon – Parlor  
4:30 p.m.                        Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Choir room  
5:30 p.m.                        Yoga – yoga room  
6:00 p.m.                        Wired Word Bible study – Zoom  
7:00 p.m.                        Session meeting – GIL room

### **Thursday, March 20**

9:00 a.m.                        GIL classes  
10:30 a.m.                      Library Committee – Library  
6:30 p.m.                        Capitol City Quilt Guild – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m.                        Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir room  
7:00 p.m.                        Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study - Library

### **Friday, March 21**

5:30 p.m.                        Yoga – Yoga room

### **Saturday, March 22**

9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.        Community Choir – Litten Hall/Sanctuary/Chapel

### **Sunday, March 23**

10:00 a.m.                      Worship service - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m.                      Adult Forum – Litten Hall  
11:30 a.m.                      Children’s Faith Formation  
12:30 p.m.                      Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### **Pottery Show and Sale Fundraiser EXTENDED**

Terri Froemel, a regular online participant in Worship and Bible Studies at our church, is donating 79 pieces of pottery she has made to benefit the Food Pantry. Her wares will be displayed in the lobby area off Molly Grove Chapel through Sunday, March 16 . The sale is “self-serve”. Simply choose a piece and make a donation using the envelope provided, or by putting cash in the box that the Food Pantry will have at the desk. Your envelope can be placed in the offering plate, the Food Pantry box, or taken to the church office. Thank you to Terri for this unique gift, and her generosity for support of the Food Pantry. THANK YOU for “shopping” and supporting both Terri and our Food Pantry.

### **Looking for ways to volunteer at Lansing First Presbyterian Church?**

The Christian Education Committees (Adult and Youth) are hoping YOU might be interested in helping shape programming, events and materials for our church family.

Please see Ceci Anderson, Alyse Collins or Megan Higle for more information. YOU are welcome and needed!

**Adult Education** (Ceci Anderson, chair) meets, currently, on the First Monday at 2:00 p.m. (in person and on zoom).

- Adult Forum Programming
- Bible Studies
- Lent & Advent Devotionals
- Library
- Book Group

**Youth Education** (Alyse Collins, chair) meets, currently, on the First Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (via zoom).

- Sunday School
- Child Care Room/Staff
- Children’s Moment
- Christmas Pageant
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Outdoor Playground
- Youth Fellowship w/Holt Presbyterian Church

**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.

## Presbyterian Youth Triennium



**WHO'S INVITED?** All current 8<sup>th</sup>-12-graders... YOU can come with your youth group, or on your own or even with a friend. You will be a part of the Lake MI delegation either way.

**WHEN WILL THIS HAPPEN? July 28-31**

You will travel to Louisville with the group from around the presbytery. There may also be a mission component offered in conjunction to the event. Details to follow.

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a tri-annual event that has been occurring since the 1980's! The last triennium in 2022 was cancelled due to COVID restrictions...BUT WE'RE BACK, and ready to show you what this is all about. Back in the day, **youth stood in lines for hours, just to get the best seats for worship!** If you have a young person, or know one who you think might like to participate, please contact **Sallie Campbell, Registrar for Lake MI Presbytery:** [salliecampbell@gmail.com](mailto:salliecampbell@gmail.com), to sign up, or answer any questions you might have. Please consider participating in this experience. It won't happen again for another three years, so this may be your only chance. **YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID IT!!** You can also hear from past participants in the event at [presbyterianyouthtrienium.org](http://presbyterianyouthtrienium.org)

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

11:15-12:30 after worship service in Litten Hall-all

Childcare is available through this time - please let Childcare staff know if this is needed.

During Lent, starting March 9, adults and children will start out together and meet up again at the end in Litten Hall for an intergenerational effort.

March 16

**Adult Forum** - "Make Disciples: Go!" - Ways of spreading the love of God. Hear how Ben Watson (cousin to Megan Hagle) spreads the love of God in China!

**Children's Faith Formation** - "Make Disciples: Go!" - Kathy Banghart, teacher.

March 23

**Adult Forum** - "Make Disciples: Be A Witness" - Let's practice this discipline in community - singing, sharing and brainstorming.

**Children's Faith Formation** - "Make Disciples: Be A Witness" - Rev. Stan Jenkins, teacher

March 30

**Adult Forum** - "Make Disciples: Baptize" - How can you share your baptism with others? Let's welcome all into God's family!

**Children's Faith Formation** - "Make Disciples: Baptize" - Pr. Bob Hagle, teacher