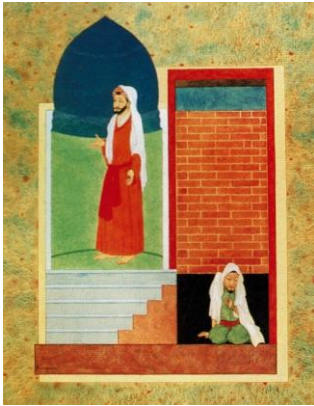




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We strive to INCLUDE ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN...

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

OCTOBER 20, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – REFORMATION SUNDAY

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR BARB

PRELUDE “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” (*HOLY MANNA*) BILL & ALYSE COLLINS

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 18:14)

DEBBIE WARNAAR

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God's truth.

++ HYMN #275 [GTG] A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PASTOR BARB

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your truth is so often sharp and unsettling. We confess the ways we skirt the hard edges of your Word, turn up the volume on lesser noises, and lean into the comfort of our own certainty rather than submit to the discomfort of your challenge. You send us messengers, and we sidestep them; you challenge us, and we defend ourselves. Again and again, Holy God, we resist what we do not want to hear. And yet you keep calling. Have mercy on us. Interrupt our evasions. Soften what pride has hardened in us. Let us hear and receive your truth. Amen.

++Indicates Congregation standing as able.

Hear the Good News!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven
and be at peace.
Amen.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #577 [GTG] KYRIE ELEISON
Kyrie eleison (four times)

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PASTOR BARB

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 (2 Timothy 4:3)

DEBBIE WARNAAR

God of Wisdom and Grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us, then, to listen well. Open our ears to your truth; open our minds to the unexpected. Humble us here, in your presence, so nothing stands in the way – not pride, not distraction, not weary hearts. Let your Word reach us as we are now. Amen.

Common English Bible Translation

God of Zion, to you even silence is praise.

Promises made to you are kept—
you listen to prayer—
and all living things come to you.

When wrongdoings become too much for me,
you forgive our sins.

How happy is the one you choose to bring close,
the one who lives in your courtyards!

We are filled full by the goodness of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.

In righteousness you answer us,
by your awesome deeds,
God of our salvation—
you, who are the security
of all the far edges of the earth,
even the distant seas.

You establish the mountains by your strength;
you are dressed in raw power.

You calm the roaring seas;
calm the roaring waves,
calm the noise of the nations.

Those who dwell on the far edges
stand in awe of your acts.

You make the gateways
of morning and evening sing for joy.

You visit the earth and make it abundant,
enriching it greatly
by God's stream, full of water.

You provide people with grain
because that is what you've decided.

Drenching the earth's furrows,
leveling its ridges,
you soften it with rain showers;
you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness;
your paths overflow with rich food.
Even the desert pastures drip with it,

and the hills are dressed in pure joy.
The meadowlands are covered with flocks,
the valleys decked out in grain—
they shout for joy;
they break out in song!

The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Highland Cathedral” by U. Roever & M. Korb SERGEI KVITKO, ORGAN
BILL & ALYSE COLLINS, BAGPIPES

GOSPEL READING Luke 18:9-14 PASTOR BARB

Common English Bible Translation

Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: “Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn’t even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, ‘God, show mercy to me, a sinner.’ I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.”

SERMON “Where We Stand” PASTOR BARB

++HYMN #451 [GTG] Open My Eyes, That I May See
The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination (Clara H. Scott). It not only asks God to help us understand scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God’s love known to others.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE GEORGE BENNETT

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

ANTHEM “Until Love Is Spoken” by Karen Marroli CHANCEL CHOIR
*Grant us gentleness in power. Grant us strength to face this hour, to forgive, to offer grace, and nurture peace in every place.
Grant us hope when all seems dire. Grant us faith to spark a fire, to fiercely burn, to drown the night, and set the world ablaze with light.
And when we meet resistance and our call puts us in danger, grant us patience and persistence to stand up for friend and stranger.
Grant us courage to be kind. Grant us singleness of mind to free the world from hate and fear, so only love is spoken here.
And when our path of justice leads to the dreadful fight, grant us vigor, and entrust us with the power to do what’s right.
Grant us courage to be kind. Grant us singleness of mind to free the world from hate and fear, so only love is spoken here.*

++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

PASTOR

BARB

HYMN #6 [GTG] I Bind unto Myself Today

The great Trinitarian text belongs to a Celtic style of hymn known as Lorica, from the Latin word for “armor” or “breastplate.” In effect, it serves as both a statement of faith and a prayer for God’s protection. The two tunes (ST. PATRICK; DEIRDRE) are named for an Irish saint and an Irish heroine.

BENEDICTION

PASTOR BARB

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

SOME OF THE LITURGIES WERE WRITTEN BY TERI MCDOWELL OTT AND PROVIDED BY THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK.

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

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PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING’S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	DEBBIE WARNAAR
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
CHOIR:	CHANCEL CHOIR
STATED SUPPLY PASTOR:	REV. DR. BARBARA EDEMA
AV PRODUCERS:	BILL COLLINS, RACHEL LUTES, ANDREW MACKOUL AND TRENTON MITCHELL

FLOWER DONATIONS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

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

YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO OUR MISSION! PLEASE SCAN THIS CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE TO GIVE SECURELY ONLINE. *Take a picture with your phone and it will take you to the website to make a donation.*



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, October 26 *NO ELEVATOR

- 9:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday School – Lower Level
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, New Member Recognition – Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Adult Forum
- 12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, October 27 *NO ELEVATOR

- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 GIL Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Library
- 5:30 p.m.-6:30 Traditional Yoga – Yoga Room
- 6:30 p.m. Bells of First Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 28 *NO ELEVATOR

- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 GIL Classes
- 6:30 p.m. – 9 Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen – Chapel

Wednesday, October 29 *NO ELEVATOR

- 8:30 a.m. Counters – Library
- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 GIL Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Boomers and Beyond Luncheon
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 Lansing Children’s Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m.-6:30	Fit Yoga – Yoga Room
6:30 p.m.	Wired Word Bible Study
Thursday, October 30 *NO ELEVATOR	
9:00 a.m. – 2:00	GIL Classes
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study – Library
Friday, October 31 *NO ELEVATOR	
5:30 p.m.-6:30	Restorative Yoga – Yoga Room
Saturday, November 1 *NO ELEVATOR	
10:00 a.m.	VIJ Music Rehearsal – Chapel
12:00 p.m. – 6:00	Jackie & Rich 50 th Anniversary – Litten Hall
Sunday, November 2 *NO ELEVATOR	
9:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School – Lower Level
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Adult Forum
11:30 a.m.	Deacon's Thanksgiving Basket Packing
12:30 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

For any bulletin, weekly e-newsletter, or monitor announcements, please send them to the church office (churchadmin@lansingfirstpres.org) by the end of Wednesday. If you want assistance composing an announcement or creating a visual slide for our screens, please reach out to Megan Higle (Communications Staff Resource) at megan.higle@gmail.com.

DEACONS

Deacons are providing holiday baskets to families in need again this year. Recipients will be food pantry clients who sign up for their choice of a Thanksgiving or Christmas basket. This year, we plan to give 75 baskets for each holiday. These are fewer baskets than we have given than in the past because we always have some "no shows" among those who sign up, and also because we anticipate that the baskets will cost more this year. Each year, the congregation give generously to help fund this project. We anticipate and appreciate your support. Checks should be addressed to "First Presbyterian Church of Lansing" with "holiday baskets" on the memo line.

WORSHIP

🌸 Flower Donations 🌸

If you are interested in contributing flowers for the Communion Table, please contact Judy Whitman (517-290-2350) to make arrangements.

FELLOWSHIP

COFFEE HOUR

Fellowship time after worship will take place in the parlor.

WOMEN OF FIRST PRES

Mark your calendars! Our next gathering will be on Saturday, November 15.

More information is coming soon – we are planning on a Paint & Sip.

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

Lansing First Pres would LOVE to support ALL of our students and young people as they embark on their journeys. If YOU have a young adult that would like to receive emails or mail, PLEASE contact Pam Blair (Membership) or Megan Hagle (Director of Christian Education) so we can give some Church Love to those who are not in the Lansing area.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

📖 Get Excited for Christian Education This Fall! 🕊️

We're exploring 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!*)
 - Oct 26 – *MORNING MOVIE in the Library!*

Adult Forum – Sundays at **11:30 a.m.**

- Oct 26 STEWARDSHIP, FINANCE, & ENDOWMENT

What do these terms *mean* within a church setting? Learn more about how your funds contribute to the ministry and growth of Lansing First Pres.

- **Lectionary Bible Study** – Wednesday mornings in person and via Zoom.
 - **10:30 a.m.**
- **Wired Word Bible Study** – Wednesday evenings in person and via Zoom.
 - **6:30 p.m.**

Questions or want to learn more?

Reach out to **Megan Hagle**, Christian Education Director

COMMUNITY EVENTS

GLEN ERIN PIPE BAND – ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION

Tickets are on sale now for the Glen Erin Pipe Band's Robert Burns Celebration on January 24, 2026 at the MSU Kellogg Center. This event with dinner, concerts, and dancing is a highlight of the Scottish cultural calendar and well attended by members of First Pres. Tickets are \$60. Please contact Bill Collins (bill@pipercollins.com) for more information to reserve a seat with the First Pres group.