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# SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 13, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

LEXI GREEN

We gather before God together,  
imperfect but present.

**Let us worship God together earnestly,  
with our whole selves.**

We gather before God together,  
desiring deeper faith.

**Let us learn from God together  
as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.**

**++ HYMN #262[GTG]**      Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

*Drawing on several passages in Hebrews (especially 4:14-16), this hymn celebrates the culmination of the Incarnation in Christ's exaltation, a source of encouragement to all who trust in this "pioneer of our salvation" (Hebrews 2:10, 12:2) who continues to intercede for us.*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

### CALL TO CONFESSION

LEXI GREEN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

**O Lord, you are the maker of justice  
and the source of righteousness,  
the one who hears the cries of the suffering  
and who fills the hunger of the poor.  
Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love:  
when we have food and food leftover,  
yet we do not share with any in need;  
when we have power for good and power for change,  
yet we use it only for our own self-preservation;**

++indicates standing in body or spirit

**when we have the words of the prophets before us,  
yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable.  
Forgive us, O Lord,  
and teach us to follow in your way.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEXI GREEN

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 #583[GTG] GLORY TO GOD**

SERVICE MUSIC

**Glory to God 583**

*Gloria, gloria*

Capo 3: ( Bm ) ( Em ) ( A ) ( D )  
Dm Gm C F (chords continue)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

LEXI GREEN

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Be still and know that I am God.*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

MS. MEGAN

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

LEXI GREEN

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts  
and your Spirit govern our lives  
until at last we see the fulfillment

of your realm of justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Psalm 90:12-17

LEXI GREEN

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

<sup>13</sup>Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. <sup>16</sup>Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. <sup>17</sup>Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

The word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM** “Walk With Me, Lord” by Rosephanye Powell

Chancel Choir

*Walk with me, Lord. Walk with me.*

*All along this tedious journey, walk with me Lord, please walk with me.*

*When I'm burdened, walk with me.*

*When my head is bowed down in sorrow, walk with me, Lord. Please walk with me.*

*Along this tedious journey, lord, please walk with me*

*You are my shield. You are my sword. Please walk with me.*

*Until I make it safely home, please walk with me.*

*When is my head is bow'd down in sorrow, walk with me Lord. Please walk with me.*

*I am weary, lord, walk with me.*

**SECOND READING:** Mark 10:17-31

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<sup>17</sup>As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were

perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

## SERMON

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**++ HYMN #799[GTG]** I Love the Lord Who Heard My Cry

*This setting of stanzas from a metrical psalm draws on an African American singing tradition marked by a slow pace and individual improvisation. Vestiges of that practice appear here in the pattern of extended syllables occurring at regular intervals without regard to meaning.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GEORGE BENNETT

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)

## OUR 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]**

554

Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



A - men, a - men, a - men.

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERING**

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

**CHORAL ANTHEM** “Christ Be With Me” by Oliver Tarney

With Maco Jeleniewski and Rose Rodrigue, soloists

*Christ me with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in the hearts of all who love me, Christ in the mouths of friend and  
stranger.*

++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**

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**HYMN #749[GTG]** Come, Live in the Light!

*The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*

**BENEDICTION**

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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

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**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:

LEXI GREEN

ORGANIST / PIANIST:

SERGEI KVITKO

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

MEGAN HIGLE

DIRECTOR OF BELLS OF FIRST:

DARIN SHOWALTER

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, October 13**

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Chapel  
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall  
11:30 a.m. Children’s Faith Formation  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Sanctuary  
2:00 p.m. Lansing Symphony Orchestra - Chapel

### **Monday, October 14**

9:00 a.m. Staff meeting – library  
9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room  
6:30 p.m. Bells of First Rehearsal – Choir room  
7:00 p.m. Association of Lansing Pastors - Library

### **Tuesday, October 15**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
1:00 p.m. Adult Education Committee - Library  
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

### **Wednesday, October 16**

12:00 p.m. Boomer/Beyond luncheon - Parlor  
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room  
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee

### **Thursday, October 17**

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

### **Friday, October 18**

10:00 a.m. GIL classes  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

### **Saturday, October 19**

### **Sunday, October 20**

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – Chapel  
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

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**It’s Holiday Basket Time Again?** The Deacons will give 100 baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving and 100 for Christmas. Recipients sign up when they visit the food pantry in October. We anticipate that each basket will cost \$50.



Please help us with your contributions. Checks can be written to the church with Holiday Baskets on the memo line. Thank you!

**Calling all quilters!** We have a special project designed to celebrate the seamstresses and seamsters in our congregation AND help solve the echo problem in Litton Hall. We would like to hang a collection of quilts from the congregation – even if they are wall hangings or lap quilts – to 1) celebrate our creative mothers and grandmothers (and perhaps a dad or grandpa?) and 2) absorb some of the unwanted reverberation in Litton Hall to improve listening for everyone. We plan to make a plaque that names all the makers, including Daisy DeHaven. If you have any quilts that you are not using that were created by you or your ancestor, please let Gwen Botting know what you have to donate. Please let her know the approximate size (double bed, lap quilt, whatever), who created it, and any interesting tidbit of history that goes with it – for instance if some quilts in the past were donated to charity, or if the maker was also a rabid knitter and made kids mittens and hats to give away, or anything like that. We plan to make a small booklet describing the quilts and quilters if we have enough information to make it worth the effort.

If anyone knows where any quilts or banners or wall hangings might be stored in the church, please let Gwen know. Gwen Botting, [gwenbotting9496@gmail.com](mailto:gwenbotting9496@gmail.com) or 616-755-2221.

**First Presbyterian Church Men's Group**-The Men's Group provides an opportunity for the men of the church to get together for an activity. Men of ALL ages are invited to participate. If you are interested, please contact Brian Koon ([b.koon@comcast.net](mailto:b.koon@comcast.net), 517 886-9801 or see me at church.

**Volunteers are needed.** Our young learners are looking for a few people to be “helpers” during their learning time. They need help with cutting, gluing, snacks, etc. (You will be aided by the teacher for that day, so no preparation is required.) Contact Megan Higle at [mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org](mailto:mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org).

**Music Ensembles** Chancel choir and handbell choir have started rehearsals. Both groups welcome new members!

Chancel Choir Director, Megan Higle, [megan.higle@gmail.com](mailto:megan.higle@gmail.com)

Bell Choir Director, Darin Showalter, [darinshowalter@gmail.com](mailto:darinshowalter@gmail.com)

**Per Capita Reminder:** The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05 per member. 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. Last year, we paid the Presbytery dues of about \$11,000.

### **ADULT FORUM**

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

**October 13, 20, 27**

**(3-week series)**

### **THEOLOGY FOR PRESBYTERIANS**

Starting today and for the following two Sundays, **Charlie Herrick** will make use of the denominationally produced guide as well as adding his own insights and your questions as we look together at the traditional “articles” of our faith. Today we will cover (!) what we believe about the Bible and God, before moving on to Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, etc. in the coming weeks. This “refresher course” is titled “Theology for Presbyterians,” not “Presbyterian Theology,” since, of course, we share basic beliefs with all other Christians. Copies of the study guide material are available today and are on the church’s website. Come, learn, and ask questions you may have always had about the core issues of our faith.

How to access Theology for Presbyterians study materials online:

Go to [lansingfirstpres.com](http://lansingfirstpres.com). On that page see a “bubble” that says “Theology materials”. Click on that. Then you will see a page that says “Adult Education.”

Scroll down (past the photo) to where it says **Theology for Presbyterians Materials**. Then choose the lesson you want.