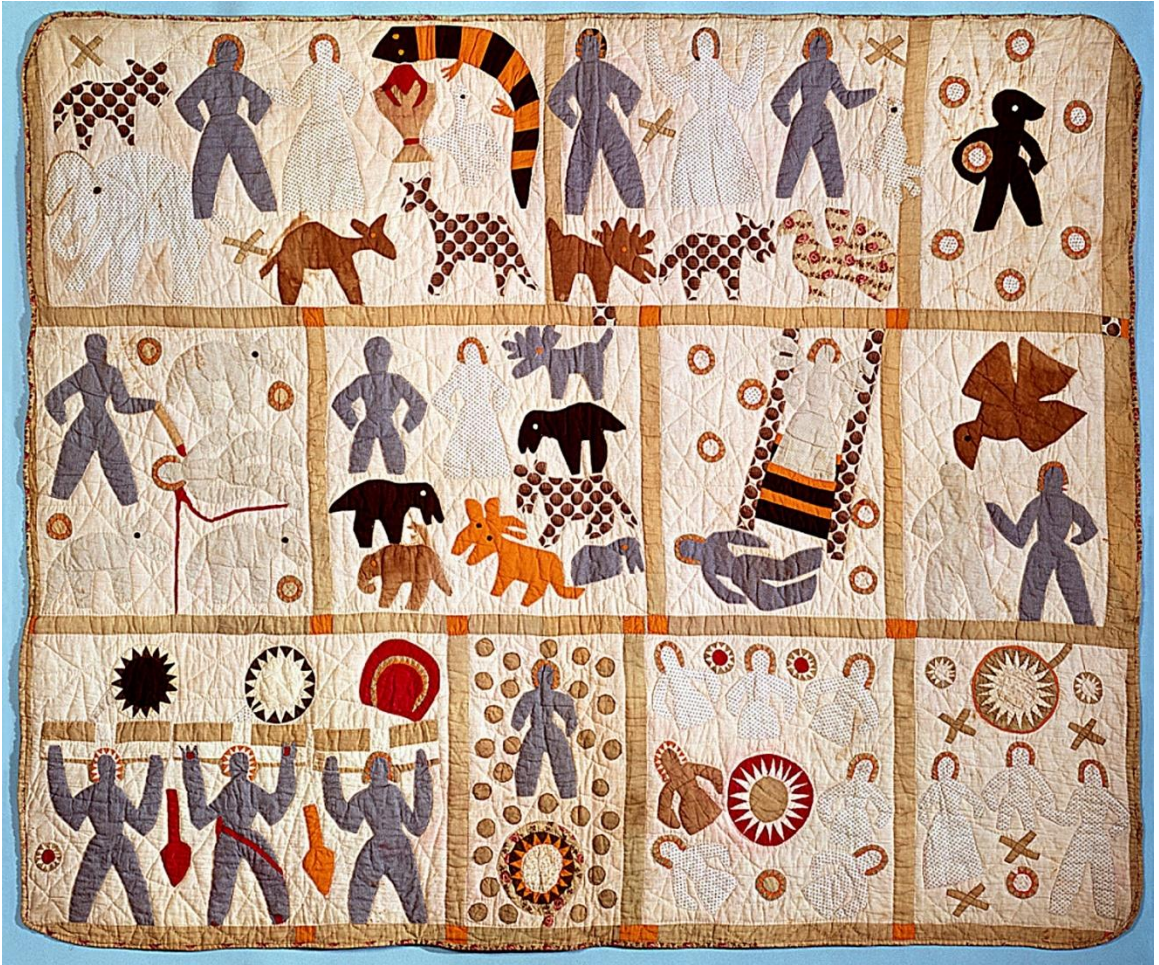


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



Bible Quilt, Harriet Powers, African American mid-1800s. Vanderbilt Collection

510 W. Ottawa Street ■ Lansing, Michigan 48933

(517) 482-0668 www.lansingfirstpres.com

Facebook – Lansing First Presbyterian

Church Office Hours (M-F) 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 17, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Kyrie by Cathy Moglebust

Bells of First

LENTEN CANDLE

Geoff and Pam Blair

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Warnaar

Let us join our voices with the saints whose lives inspire.

We are here today, aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.

We are ready to worship and give thanks

for those we are.

In our worship, we share God's message with the world.

++HYMN #826 [GTG] Lift High the Cross

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Steve Warnaar

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Through the season of Lent, O God,
we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, if we have prayed with our words
but failed to pray with our actions.**

**Forgive us of what we have done
that has contributed to the suffering of another,
and forgive us of what we have failed to do
that could have lightened a neighbor's burden.**

Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.

Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

Steve Warnaar

Listen, the time has come at last.
Look, now is the day of salvation!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

++Response to Forgiveness **#626 [GTG]** As the Deer

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Steve Warnaar

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

#414 [GTG] Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God (four times).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

MOMENT OF THANKS

Pam Blair

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Warnaar

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness,
guide us by your Word through these forty days,
and minister to us with your Holy Spirit,
so that we may reformed,
restored, and renewed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 51:1-12

Steve Warnaar

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM “Seek the Lord” by John Carter

with Erin Schor, flute

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

Let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Seek the Lord.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

MUSICAL REFLECTION ON SERMON

Megan Higle

The Lone Pilgrim (Traditional)

I came to the place where the lone pilgrim lay
And pensively stood by his tomb
When in a low whisper I heard something say
"How sweetly I sleep here alone"

"The tempest may howl and the loud thunder roar
And gathering storms may arise
But calm is my feeling, at rest is my soul
The tears are all wiped from my eyes

The cause of my Master compelled me from home
No kindred or relative nigh I met
The contagion and sank to the tomb
My soul flew to mansions on high

Go tell my companion and children most dear
To weep not for me now I'm gone
The same hand that led me through scenes most severe
Has kindly assisted me home."

++HYMN #833 [GTG] O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gwen Botting

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)

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 #472[GTG] Kum ba Yah (verse 4)

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Music

“Covenant Prayer”

by Karen Marroli

*Creator, we belong to you, and you dwell within our hearts.
Though the road be rough, we will follow you with the strength your grace imparts.
Though we be brought high, though we be brought low, though we journey far from home,
Let us always seek to grow in love, no matter where we roam.
Now let us reach out with loving hand to accept, affirm, embrace every child of God
Throughout the world and shower them with grace,
And let us reach out with grateful hearts and praise our God above through our acts
of light and justice. As we warm the world with love.*

*Creator, let us understand that our covenant with you is a covenant with humankind
To honor and pursue the road of Christ, through the rocky fields, to the broken and unshod.*

*Let us heal with love, for each soul we meet is a precious Child of God.
Now let us each out with loving hands to accept, affirm, embrace every child of God
Throughout the world and shower them with grace,
And let us reach out with grateful hearts and praise our God above through our acts
of light and justice. As we warm the world with love.*

Offering

++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

++HYMN #724 [GTG] O Jesus, I Have Promised

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

BENEDICTION

BLEST BE THE TIE 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

*PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE USE CAMERAS TO BROADCAST VIDEO OF OUR CHURCH SERVICES. Licensed music streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-731144. All rights reserved."



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Liturgist | Steve Warnaar |
| Organist/Pianist | Sergei Kvitko |
| Director of Music | Megan Higle |
| Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach | Prince Solace |
| Pastor | Rev. Stanley Jenkins |
| Bell Choir Director | Darin Showalter |

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS 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.

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.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Mach 17

| | |
|------------|--|
| 10:00 a.m. | Morning Worship – Sanctuary |
| 11:30 a.m. | Adult Forum |
| 11:30 a.m. | Children's Faith Formation |
| 11:30 a.m. | Finance Committee |
| 12:30 p.m. | Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel |

Monday, March 18

| | |
|-------------|---|
| 9:00 a.m. | GIL classes |
| 9:00 a.m.-2 | AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall |
| 10:00 a.m. | Church staff meeting - Library |
| 2:30 p.m. | Building and Grounds – Library |
| 5:30 p.m. | Yoga – Yoga room |
| 6:00 p.m. | Mid-Mi Photo officers – Library |
| 6:30 p.m. | Bells of First rehearsal - Sanctuary |
| 7:00 p.m. | Greater Lansing Area Moms – Litten Hall |

Tuesday, March 19

| | |
|-------------|---|
| 9:00 a.m. | GIL Classes |
| 9:00 a.m.-4 | AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall |
| 5:30 p.m. | Worship Committee |
| 6:30 p.m. | Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall |
| 7:00 p.m. | Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel |

Wednesday, March 20

| | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. | GIL Class |
| 4:30 p.m. | Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal |
| 5:30 p.m. | Yoga – Yoga Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Session meeting – GIL room |

Thursday, March 21

| | |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. | GIL Class |
| 5:00 p.m. | NWI Cooking demo - kitchen |
| 6:00 p.m. | GL Quilt Guild – Litten Hall |
| 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |

7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, March 22

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, March 23

Sunday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Breakfast – Litten Hall
10:00 a.m. PALM SUNDAY Worship - Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Easter Activities

March 24, Palm Sunday breakfast & Egg Hunt, 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

March 28, Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 p.m.

March 29, Good Friday service, 7:00 p.m.

March 31, Easter Service, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study will resume after Easter.

LINK NEWS

Northeast/DeWitt & All Points North LINK will be meeting **Saturday March 16th** at 1:00. for lunch at One North Kitchen & Bar. 5001 W Saginaw.

HOME LINK will meet to greet Spring on **Friday March 15** at Delhi Café in Holt @11:30. Not sure what LINK you are in? Contact Shirley Herrick at scherrick42@gmail.com.

LINK – stands for Linking Neighbors in Koinonia. Koinonia is Greek for “Christian fellowship.” In our church, LINK is an organized expression of our love and concern for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Our purpose is to assure that all who consider First Presbyterian Church their spiritual home are part of an established small group of caring friends. Because our congregation is so spread out, we have established neighborhood groupings, which we call LINK groups. Typical activities are lunch or supper dates, picnics, occasional excursions to a museum, holiday parties.

YOU HAVE TALENT and we want to know about it. When you have a performance, a game, or an exhibit, please tell your church family, so if we are available, we can come cheer you on and be wowed by your abilities. There is a Talent Calendar on the long table in the elevator lobby, so share the when and where and your name so we can come see you in action or talk to you afterwards about it. We also would love to have photos of any events you participate in. Please submit any photos to Prince Solace, psolace@lansingfirstpres.org

Camp Greenwood Summer Camp 2024 is here! Registration is open. We want to see you this summer! Before the hot weather arrives, sign up your child for our **Elementary Spring Shut-In** for ages 8-11. Join us for a single overnight of fun and games March 29-30!

ADULT FORUM

11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom
Childcare and Faith Formation available through this time

MARCH 17

Week 4 of our Adult Forum Lenten Bible Study
“INHERITING THE KINGDOM”

Led by Ann Harvey

Ways to access Bible Studies materials:

Online:

[AF Bible Study Material 2024 | Lansing First Presby](#)

OR use the QR code



MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY

No Adult Forum today

Enjoy Breakfast served by the Deacons 8:30-9:30 a.m.

MARCH 31 Easter Sunday Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

No Adult Forum today