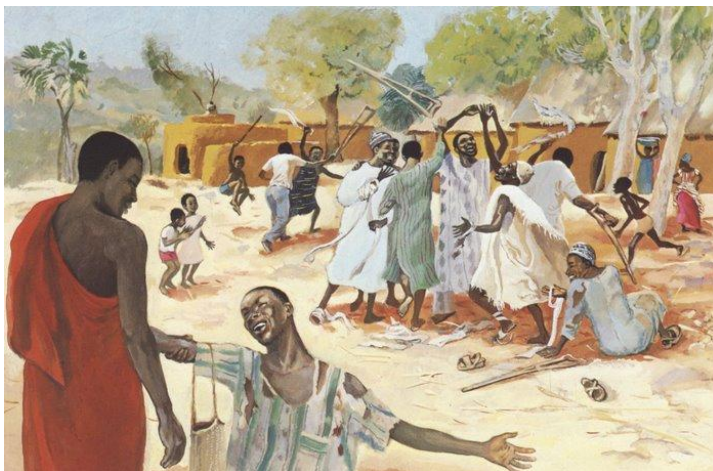




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We strive to INCLUDE ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN...
If you are black, brown, white...
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If you are differently abled...
If you are married, single, divorced, widowed...
If you are a believer, a questioner...
We Are So Glad That YOU Are Here!

SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 12, 2025 AT 10:00 AM
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Arnold B. Sherman
BELLS OF FIRST
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASTOR BARB

PRELUDE “Repton Reminiscence » arr. Timothy H. Waugh
BELLS OF FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 66) DARLA JACKSON
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
Sing to the glory of God's name.
All of creation worships, singing praise to God.
Sing to the glory of God's name.
Let us give glory to God.

++ HYMN #351 [GTG] All Who Love and Serve Your City
This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 22:37 / Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Exekiel 48:35).

SERVICE OF RENEWAL
CALL TO CONFESSION (based on 2 Timothy) PASTOR BARB

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Luke 17)
Holy God, When we are in need, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Yet, we confess that too often, we are confident in our own strength. We take the blessings to which we feel entitled and continue on our way, rather than returning to you in worship and praise. Jesus, have mercy on us! It is easy to take for granted the ease of life we so often experience, while failing to question why others are pushed to the margins and excluded. It is tempting to take pride in our health and strength rather than confronting ableism in all its forms. Jesus, have mercy on us! Help us to grow in compassion for all people. Redirect our paths so that we return to you, offering our praise and gratitude, now and always. Amen.

++Indicates Congregation standing as able.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on 2 Timothy)

PASTOR BARB

The saying is sure: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him. We are clothed with the
righteousness of Christ. Our sin is forgiven! Thanks be to God.

++ 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 AND PASTOR BARB

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DARLA JACKSON

God of Wisdom, By the power of your Holy Spirit, open us to receive your
Word today. Lead us in wisdom and courage as we seek to follow Jesus,
in whose name we pray, amen.

PSALM READING

Psalm 66:1-12

DARLA JACKSON

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

Sing praises to the glory of God's name!

Make glorious his praise!

Say to God:

"How awesome are your works!

Because of your great strength,

your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you,

sings praises to you,

sings praises to your name!" *Selah*

Come and see God's deeds;

his works for human beings are awesome:

He turned the sea into dry land

so they could cross the river on foot.

Right there we rejoiced in him!

God rules with power forever;
keeps a good eye on the nations.
So don't let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah
All you nations, bless our God!
Let the sound of his praise be heard!
God preserved us among the living;
he didn't let our feet slip a bit.
But you, God, have tested us—
you've refined us like silver,
trapped us in a net,
laid burdens on our backs,
let other people run right over our heads—
we've been through fire and water.
But you brought us out to freedom!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Praise His Holy Name!" by Keith Hampton
Conducted by Rose Rodrique

CHANCEL CHOIR

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19

PASTOR BARB

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show us mercy!"

When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

SERMON

"We All Do What We Want To Do"

PASTOR BARB

++HYMN #179 [GTG]

Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn

Each successive stanza of this text serves to retell, interpret, or apply Jesus' encounter with ten lepers outside an unnamed village on the border of Samaria and Galilee. This event, mentioned only in Luke 17:11-19, is characteristic of that gospel's emphasis on forgiveness.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GWEN BOTTING

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

OFFERTORY

"Great Day" arr. Brazael Dennard

CHANCEL CHOIR, WITH FRED LOWE, BASS

++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 #796 [GTG]

We Come To You for Healing, Lord

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

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 STEPHANIE SORGE AND PROVIDED BY THE
PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

MODERATOR: CHARLIE HERRICK

CALL TO MEETING

Session Elders:

(renewing 3-year term): Steve Campbell

(new 3-year terms): Sherri DeMarco, Summer Foster, Brian Koon

Deacons:

(renewing 3-year term): Kathy Banghart

(renewing 1-year terms): Linda Snyder, Judy Whitman

Audit Committee (1-year terms):

Ceci Anderson, Dan DeYonke, Nancy Duncan

Nominating Committee (1-year terms):

Barb Amundsen, Kathy Banghart, Bill Collins, Shirley Herrick, Bethanne Jenks

ELDER NOMINEE INFORMATION

Summer Foster has served as an elder and treasurer at the now closed Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, as well as a member of Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. She is a certified personal trainer and professional cake baker (visit her at Bath's Farmers' Market). She lives in Bath with her husband, Matt, their son, and three grandchildren.

Sherri DeMarco has been a member of Lansing First Presbyterian since December 1977. Before retiring from state government as a business analyst, she represented the State of Michigan as a delegate and board member of the International Association of Corporate Administrators. Locally, she has been a volunteer mediator for Resolution Services Center of Central Michigan for about thirty years.

Brian J. Koon has been a life-long resident of Lansing, MI. and has been a member of First Church, Lansing for over 50 years. For many years, he has been a member of the Chancel Choir, a volunteer in our Food Pantry and was an adult leader in the Youth Fellowship Program. He is a fan of Michigan State athletics and enjoys attending MSU sports events. Brian has previously been an Elder of the Session and is looking forward to again serving on the Session during this time of transition in our church.

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	DARLA JACKSON
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
CHOIR:	CHANCEL CHOIR
BELL CHOIR :	BELLS OF FIRST
PASTOR:	REV. DR. BARBARA EDEMA
SOUND AND AV SYSTEM:	BILL COLLINS, ANDREW MACKOUL AND TRENTON MITCHELL

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

LISTENING DEVICES are available, please see an usher.

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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 12

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School – Lower Level
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Congregational Meeting
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Lansing Symphony Piano Trio – Chapel

Monday, October 13 Indigenous People's Day

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

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

8:30 a.m. Counters – Library
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 GIL Classes
10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 GIL Night Classes
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
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, October 16

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 17

5:30 p.m.-6:30 Restorative Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, October 18

10:00 a.m. VIJ Music Rehearsal – Chapel

Sunday, October 19

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WORSHIP

Congregational Meeting – October 12th after Worship

Sunday October 5th is WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

After our 10am Worship Service, Join us for a Potluck in Litten Hall. Due to the kitchen renovations, all hot dishes will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert that feeds 10-12 people. There will be carts at the main entrance to take your dish downstairs. Drinks and place settings will be provided. If you have any questions, please ask Pam Blair.

Name Tags

Would you like a name tag? Does your old one need to be replaced? Please email Pam Blair (blairkids3@yahoo.com) or call/text 517-281-9099. The deadline to get names for the printer is October 19, 2025.

🌸 Flower Donations 🌸

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

FELLOWSHIP

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 Higl (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 12 & Oct 19 “*Joseph Helps His Brothers*” (Ms. Pam)
 - Oct 26 – *MORNING MOVIE* in the Library!

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

- Oct 12 *WHAT DO DEACONS & ELDERS DO?*

Join Ceci Anderson, Christine DeYonke, and Carol Wallace as we look at the roles of Deacons / Member Care / Pastoral Care / Elders within the framework of our own congregation. Be amazed at the wonderful work that happens within our congregation!

- Oct 19 *ADVOCACY WITHIN OUR CHURCH*

Hear from Darla Jackson and Bessie Roper as they share their time spent at the Gun Violence Symposium.

- 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 Higle**, Christian Education Director