

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Feb. 4, 2023 10:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Bradford

God gathers us together in this place.

**Let us sing praise to the Lord.**

God heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up our wounds.

**Let us sing praise to the Lord.**

God lifts the downtrodden  
and casts out wickedness.

**Let us sing praise to the Lord.**

We sing to God with thanksgiving.

**Let us worship God!**

## ++HYMN #327 [GTG] From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watt's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Lydia Bradford

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God you bring healing to our lives  
and comfort to our hearts.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute  
to the things that break your heart.**

**You would have us share our gifts with the world,  
but we keep our resources close and our minds closed.**

**You would have us live in faithful community,**

++Indicates to stand in body or spirit

**but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust.  
You would have us see all people as our siblings,  
but we try to separate ourselves from anyone  
whose existence challenges our comfort.  
Forgive us, O God, by your grace,  
and free us to be agents of your healing.**

Assurance of Pardon

Those who trust in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will rise up to fly like eagles,  
they will run and not be weary,  
they will walk and not grow faint.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

++Response to Forgiveness #598 [GTG] Amen, Praise Your Name

***Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!  
Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Lydia Bradford

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lydia Bradford

God of shining splendor,  
your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.  
Overshadow us with your Spirit  
so that we may hear your Word  
and live as faithful disciples  
and covenant people;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** "I Have Touched the Face of God" by Noel Goemanne

With Annie Rowbal, soloist

*I have touched the face of God; touching the wrinkled old face of woman.*

*I have touched the hand of God; holding the cold and trembling hand of a man.*

*I have looked in the eyes of God; wiping away the tears on the face of a young girl.*

*I have walked hand in hand with God; helping the blind man on his way.*

*I have seen the beauty of God; in the flowers and the trees and in the eyes of his people.*

*I have felt the greatness of God; in the mountains, in the oceans in the sky;*

*I have heard the voice of God; in the wind whispering in trees and in the noise of the city.*

*I have been touched by the love of God; in the warm embrace and the loving smile of my friends.*

*Sometimes, O my God, I turn my face away from you;*

*Sometimes, O my God, I do not want to hear your voice;*

*I do not see you in the lonely, I do not love you in the needy, I do not feed you in the hungry.*

*Give me courage, give me strength to do good, to all who need me,*

*So that one day, I may see You face to face eternally.*

<sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## Sermon

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

## ++Hymn #834 [GTG]

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (all bread served is gluten free)

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

... who forever sing to the glory of your name

Sanctus (Sung in unison) #565[GTG] *Holy, Holy, Holy*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

The Mystery of Faith **(unison)**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Invocation of Holy Spirit

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.**

Pastor: Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Responsive Prayer after the Supper

You have given yourself to us, Lord;

**Now we give ourselves for others.**

Your love has made us a new people;

**As a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Your glory has filled our hearts;

**Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen**

## **PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

### **Offering**

Choral Anthem "How Can I Keep From Singing?" Arr Gwyneth Walker

*My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real though distant song that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?  
What though the tempest loudly roars I hear the truth, it's living!  
What though the darkness round me cloud, songs in the night it's giving!  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing?  
When tyrants tremble when they hear the bells of freedom ringing.  
When friends rejoice. Both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell, in dungeon dark, our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends hold courage in their heart, how can I keep from singing?*

**++Doxology #607 [GTG]**

***Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

**Prayer of Dedication**

**++HYMN #686 [GTG] God of Our Life**

*This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor (Hugh Thomson Kerr). He wrote these words especially for this tune (SANDON), originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."*

**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

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**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS



## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Lydia Bradford
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Bells of First Director	Darin Showalter
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

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

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** (The devices have been recently checked and they DO work!) **LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE BULLETINS** (If you would like a Braille bulletin, please let the church office know ahead of time.) We also have **CUSHIONS** available if you find the pews uncomfortable! Please see one of the ushers if any of these aids to worship will enhance your participation in the service.

**FLOWER CHART** There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new 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 for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, 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, Feb. 4

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Morning Worship - Sanctuary

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship - Chapel

## Monday, Feb. 5

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.-4

10:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

GIL Class

AARP tax assistance – Litten Hall

Staff Meeting - library

Yoga – Yoga Room

Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room

Membership Committee - Zoom

## Tuesday, Feb. 6

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.-4

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

GIL Class

AARP tax assistance – Litten Hall

Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Book Group - parlor

## Wednesday, Feb. 7

9:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

GIL Class

Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal

Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom

Open Spot Theatre – Litten Hall

Yoga – Yoga Room

Mid-Michigan Photo Club – Litten Hall

Mission Committee – Zoom

## Thursday, Feb. 8

9:00 a.m.

12:00 a.m.-2 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

GIL Class

NWI Food Distribution – Litten Hall

Mayor's Budget Night – Litten Hall

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

## Friday, Feb. 9

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

## Saturday, Feb. 10

2:00 p.m.

Talent Show – Litten Hall

## Sunday, Feb. 12

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Morning Worship - Sanctuary

Adult Forum – Litten Hall

Children's Faith Formation

Finance Committee

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

BRUSH OFF YOUR TALENT! The **Church-Wide Talent Show** will take place on Saturday, February 10th from 2 - 4 p.m. Enjoy some fellowship, some snacks, some laughs, some smiles with your church family! ALL TALENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED! See Megan Higle to sign up!

**Women's Fellowship** will meet at the home of Christine DeYonke on Sunday, March 3rd from 2 - 4 p.m. You do not need to be a member or an attendee of FPC to come to Fellowship. We will enjoy fellowship, food, prayer and a discussion/study on a portion of Chapter 9 of "Celtic Ways To Pray" Come And See! Contact Megan Higle or Christine DeYonke for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Ash Wednesday** is on Wednesday, February 14th. Come and prepare yourself for our Lenten Journey with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Wednesday, February 14th 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (this service will also be live-streamed on our YouTube channel)

**Camp Greenwood Summer Camp 2024** is here! Registration is open and a 10% discount on all Summer Registrations is active through the end of January. Use the link below to see our schedule and register your camper and family! 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! Find a direct link to register below.

See you at Camp! As Always, Camp Greenwood Forever!  
Jake Dayringer -Camp Greenwood Director

How did we get here? — Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30–8 p.m.

This panel discussion features supporters of the Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan who detail their journey to embrace reparations for descendants of enslaved African Americans. East Lansing Public Library. Free admission. Reservations recommended.

<https://bit.ly/ELL-JusticeLeague>

The Haven House family shelter will hold a Pancake Palooza fundraiser on Feb. 24, 8-10 a.m., 2600 Bennett Road in Okemos.

# ADULT FORUM

(11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on Zoom).

(Childcare can be available through this time.)

Children's Faith Formation also happening.

**FEBRUARY 4**

## **JUSTICE LEAGUE OF GREATER LANSING: AN UPDATE**

Led by Elder **Willie Bryan**

An update on JLGL activities and a report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of our church's financial commitment

**FEBRUARY 11**

## **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION**

Today to commemorate African American History Month, we will have **Dr. Nakia Parker**, as our guest presenter. Dr. Parker will share on *Reconstruction: The End of Slavery and the Search for Family, Political Gains, and Social Status*.

Dr. Nakia Parker is an Assistant Professor in the History Department at Michigan State University. She is a historian of nineteenth-century U.S. slavery, African American, American Indian history, Women's and Gender Studies, and Black Life in the U.S. West. She is currently working on her book manuscript, *Trails of Tears and Freedom: Black Life in Indian Slave Country, 1830-1866* which examines the lives of enslaved and self-liberated individuals of African and Afro-Native descent in Choctaw and Chickasaw communities in nineteenth-century Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma).

Please join us for a great presentation and some stimulating follow-up discussion led by **Elder Willie Bryan**

**FEBRUARY 18**

Led by Rev. **Stan Jenkins**

## **HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

**FEBRUARY 25**

**Our 4-week Adult Forum Lenten Bible Study begins today!**

**"INHERITING THE KINGDOM"**

Led by **Ann Harvey**

More information will be coming soon.