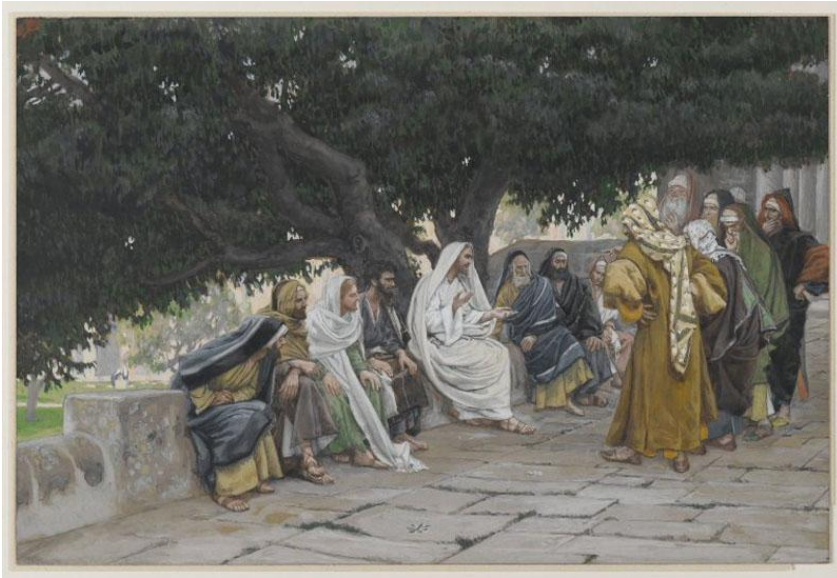




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If you are black, brown, white...
If you are straight, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning...
If you are differently abled...
If you are married, single, divorced, widowed...
If you are a believer, a questioner...
We Are So Glad That YOU Are Here!

SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. Jason W Krug
BELLS OF FIRST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PASTOR BARB

PRELUDE "Acclamation in G Minor" by Karen Thompson BELLS OF FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98) MIKE CAREY

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord;

Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;

Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

++ HYMN #234 [GTG] Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune (ST.KEVIN) was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas (Arthur S. Sullivan).

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PASTOR BARB

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 145)

PASTOR BARB

God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.

Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. 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

PAM BLAIR SERVICE AWARD**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

MIKE CAREY

God of wisdom, open your word to your people today, and open the hearts of your people to your Word. Let us receive the truth that your Spirit is speaking to the church, trusting that it will nourish and strengthen us. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

MIKE CAREY

Common English Bible Translation**Prayer of thanks and encouragement**

But we always must thank God for you, brothers and sisters who are loved by God. This is because he chose you from the beginning to be the first crop of the harvest. This brought salvation, through your dedication to God by the Spirit and through your belief in the truth. God called all of you through our good news so you could possess the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold on to the traditions we taught you, whether we taught you in person or through our letter. Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and a good hope. May he encourage your hearts and give you strength in every good thing you do or say.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus” setting by Joel Raney

CHANCEL CHOIR

Everything! Give him everything! All your worry, all your care.

God wants everything. Give him everything. Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we all bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

In his arms he'll take and shield you. Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 20:27-38

PASTOR BARB

Common English Bible Translation**Question about the resurrection**

Some Sadducees, who deny that there's a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that *if a man's brother dies* leaving a widow *but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise the children up for his brother*. Now there were seven brothers. The first man married a woman and then died childless. The second and then the third brother married her. Eventually all seven married her, and they all died without leaving any children. Finally, the woman died too. In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her.”

Jesus said to them, “People who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy to participate in that age, that is, in the age of resurrection from the dead, won't marry nor will they be given in marriage. They can no longer die, because they are like angels and are God's children since they share in the resurrection. Even Moses demonstrated that the dead are raised—in the passage about the burning bush, when he speaks of the Lord as *the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*. He isn't the God of the dead but of the living. To him they are all alive.”

++HYMN #493 [GTG] Now There is No Male or Female

Opening with an allusion to Galatians 3:28 and closing with one to John 3:5, this text is filled with specific scriptural phrases related to baptism. It also includes larger themes like the parallels with the deliverance of Israel from enslavement through the waters of the Red Sea.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

“For This Joy” by Susan Labarr

CHANCEL CHOIR, WITH ERIC CHATFIELD, CLARINET

*Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens;
Praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens;
Each glittering star shining from ages afar, driving away all that frightens.*

*Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us;
Our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently sustains us;
Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing, free us from all that restrains us.*

*Our tender hearts, which so ponderously in chambers deepening,
(Can) cherish the joys of new low and, at death's call, the weeping.
Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again; love now in memory keeping.*

*Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation!
Wondrous are all things from firmament down to foundation!
Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise, singing in glad celebration!*

++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 #409 [GTG]

God is Here!

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

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

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
CHOIR:	CHANCEL CHOIR
HANDBELLS:	BELLS OF FIRST
CLARINET:	ERIC CHATFIELD
STATED SUPPLY PASTOR:	REV. DR. BARBARA EDEMA
AV PRODUCTION:	BILL COLLINS, ANDREW MACKOUL, TRENTON MITCHELL AND RACHEL LUTES

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

LISTENING DEVICES are available, please see an usher.

Wi-Fi streaming to Bluetooth hearing aids is available by downloading the *WaveCAST* app to your smartphone and connecting to the *Hearing Assistance* Wi-Fi network in the sanctuary (password: 5174820668).

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.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 9 *NO ELEVATOR

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School – Lower Level
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. ACT Uganda Craft Fair – Litten Hall
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel
4:00 p.m. Megan Studio Recital

Monday, November 10 *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, November 11 *NO ELEVATOR

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

Wednesday, November 12 *NO ELEVATOR

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. – 6:30 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. Deacon's Meeting

Thursday, November 13 *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, November 14 *NO ELEVATOR

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

Saturday, November 15 *NO ELEVATOR

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

Sunday, November 16 *NO ELEVATOR

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School – Lower Level
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. ACT Uganda Craft Fair – Litten Hall
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Lansing Symphony String Quartet – 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.

WORSHIP

Flower Donations

If you are interested in contributing flowers for the Chancel 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Get Excited for Christian Education This November!

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!*)
THE BIRTH OF JESUS
Nov 9 – “How Can This Happen?” (Mr. Bob)
Nov 16 – “A Prophet is Born” (Ms. Kathy)
Nov 23 – “A Baby Is Born” (Ms. Kathy)

Nov 30 - MOVIE/LIBRARY DAY (Ms. Alyse)

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

Nov 9 – ACT UGANDA / CRAFT SALE hear about our mission work with ACT Uganda AND peruse/purchase crafts that will benefit this amazing non-profit.

Nov 16 – IMMIGRATION - The *real story*. What is the process to become a citizen of the United States? What U.S. funded programs are *actually* available for non-citizens? What journey is often taken by people? Resources and people on the panel to also include: *GIL*, *SAMARITAS*, *CATHOLIC SERVICES* and the *REFUGEE DEVELOPMENT CENTER*

Nov 23 – NO CLASS – DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS! Join with all the congregation on our annual “Deck the Halls” to prepare our building for the Christmas Season.

Nov 30 – NO CLASS – CHRISTMAS BASKET PACKING!

• **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

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.