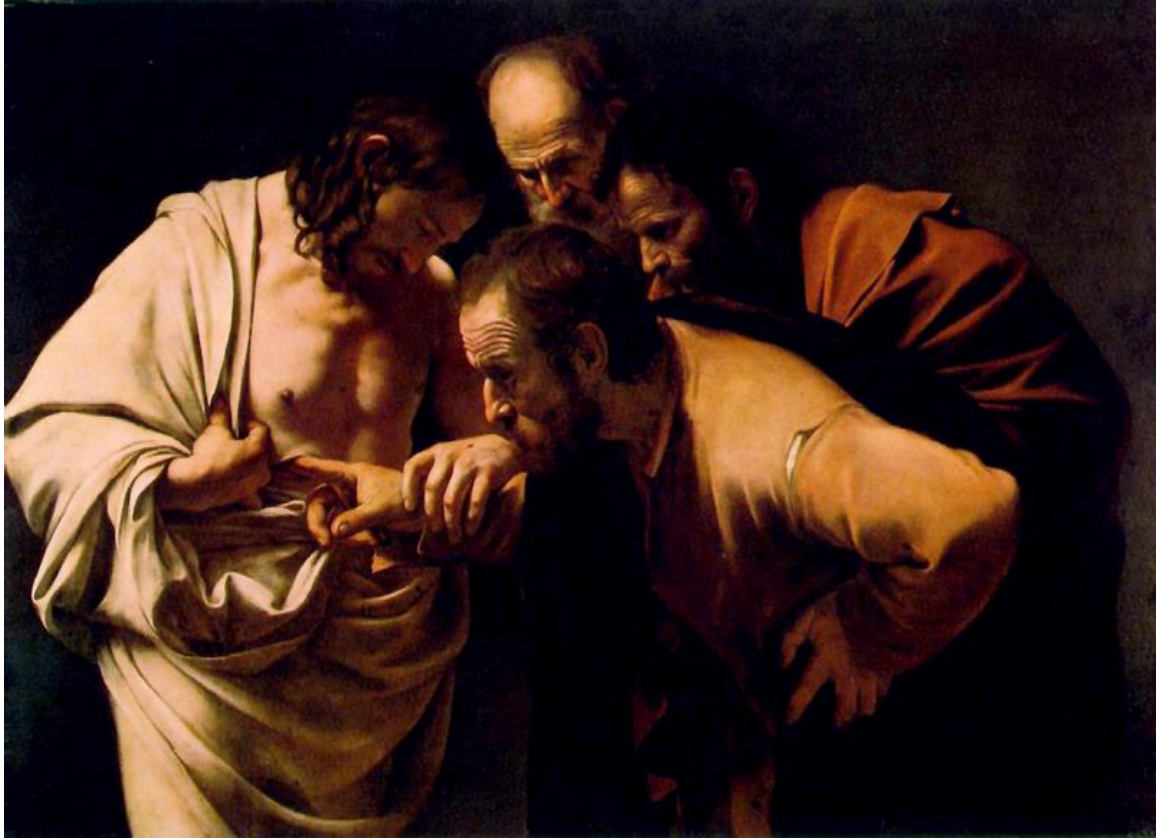


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



The Incredulity of Thomas, Caravaggio, 1601, Divinity Library, Vanderbilt University

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 OUR LORD'S DAY

APRIL 27, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

MUSIC SUNDAY

Pre-service music: Now the Green Blade Rises, arr. Jason W Krug Bells of First

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Christ the Lord is Risen Today, arr. Jason W Krug

BELLS OF FIRST

CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 150)

CHRISTOPHER VENETIS

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Praise God in God's sanctuary!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Praise God for God's mighty deeds!

Praise God according to

God's surpassing greatness!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Hallelujah!

Let us worship God!

++ HYMN #254[GTG]

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

CHRISTOPHER VENETIS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

**O God, your love is boundless
and your grace exceeds our imaginations.
You keep finding ways to be among us,
even when the doors of our hearts are locked.
Graciously, you seek us out.
We cannot hide,
but we can confess that sin has us in its grip.
It has led us from your ways
and corrupted our best intentions,
tempting us to believe that you don't notice,
that you aren't even present.
Correct our vision.
Cleanse our hearts.
Create in us a place where we can welcome you
and receive the fullness
of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHRISTOPHER VENETIS

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
the power of sin has been defeated.
God's love is stronger still.
This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #591 [GTG]
*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah***

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHRISTOPHER VENETIS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHRISTOPHER VENETIS

Gracious God, Living Word,
as you revealed yourself to Mary

that Easter morning,
so reveal yourself to us.
By the power of your Spirit,
give each of us faith,
that hearing your Word
we, too, may proclaim,
“I have seen the Lord!” **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 150

CHRISTOPHER VENETIS

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty firmament!
² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
 praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
 praise him with lute and harp!
⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
 praise him with strings and pipe!
⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;
 praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

CHORAL PRESENTATION “Gloria” RV 598 by Antonio Vivaldi CHANCEL CHOIR
(See insert for translation)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GWEN BOTTING

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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 #554[GTG]

554

Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

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

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995

Music Arr. © 1995 GIA Publications, Inc.

LAND OF REST

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608
 All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo-ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
 more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #366 [GTG]

Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful” - HYFERYDOL) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

BENEDICTION

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

*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."

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING’S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	CHRISTOPHER VENETIS
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR:	DARIN SHOWALTER

INSTRUMENTALISTS

SOLOISTS

CHRIS PIKE, TRUMPETS
 MIKE EMERSON, TROMBONE
 EMILY QUINTANA, OBOE
 XIN YU, VIOLIN (CONCERTMASTER)
 TIGRAN SHIGANYAN, VIOLIN
 OLEG BEZUGLOV, VIOLA
 YU-CHEN LIN, CELLO
 SERGEI KVITKO, ORGAN

KATIE SUNDEEN, SOPRANO
 MACO JALENWESKI, SOPRANO
 ROSE RODRIQUE, ALTO

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

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 website to make a donation*



the

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 27

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Worship service – Sanctuary

Children’s Faith Formation

Adult Forum – Litten Hall

Victory in Jesus Ministries - Chapel

Monday, April 28

9:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

GIL classes

Yoga – Yoga room

Bell Choir rehearsal – Chapel

Tuesday, April 29

9:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

GIL classes

Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall

Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, April 30

9:00 a.m.-4

8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Senior Caucus Lobby Group – Litten Hall

Counters – Library

GIL classes

Youth Volunteers – Library

Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom

Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Choir room

Yoga – yoga room

Wired Word Bible study – Zoom

Thursday, May 1

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

GIL classes

Food Pantry Board – Library

Victory in Jesus Bible Study – library

Chancel Choir rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, May 2

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

Saturday, May 3**Sunday, May 4**

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Worship service - Sanctuary

Children’s Faith Formation

Adult Forum – Litten Hall

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The next **Church Men's activity will be on May 10**, helping build beds with the local "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" group. The time is from 8 to noon. Contact Rich Blankenship for information.

Join the Chancel Choir today, April 27th for Choral Sunday!

10 am Worship Service

"Gloria" by A. Vivaldi

Chancel Choir, Soloists, Chamber Ensemble

"Good morning and Welcome!" If you would be willing to say this phrase on a Sunday morning then please come to a short **greeter organizing meeting** after worship Sunday May 4, 2025, in the elevator lobby. Let's greet everyone on a Sunday.

Calling all 2025 Graduates! High School and College!

We need to hear from you by April 30th.



FPC wants to celebrate you on Sunday, May 18th.

If you are or a close family member is graduating and you want your church family to know, please:

1. Send a photo or two.
2. Your degree information (if you are a college grad)
3. Your immediate plans.

All information (including photos) can be sent to Megan Higle, Christian Education Director: Megan.higle@gmail.com or mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org

We will recognize you during our 10:00 a.m. worship service AND there will be a potluck after service in Litten Hall!

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (INCLUDING ADULT FORUM AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION)

11:15-12:30 after worship service in Litten Hall-All

Childcare is available through this time - please let Childcare staff know if this is needed.

April 27

Adult Forum - Care for Creation Hear from our GREEN TEAM on our "green" initiatives, including Community Garden, Solar Panels, Recycling, "Green" paper usage, etc.

Children's Faith Formation - "Care for Creation: Water" - Ms. Alyse, teacher

May 4

Care for Creation. "Recycling" Join the FPC Green Team on ways to recycle, how recycling is helping creation and what you can do in our church, our homes and in our communities.

The team will give insights on navigating the different recycling programs in the area; and will also cover disposal of Household Hazardous Waste including electronics, fluorescent lights, paint, pesticides and other toxic chemicals.

Children's Faith Formation - "Care "Grow & Till" Ms. Kathy, teacher

May 11

Adult Forum - Care for Creation "History of the Red Cedar". Join FPC Green Team as we learn about the history of the Red Cedar River and what programs are available to help care for this part of our community

Children's Faith Formation - "Care for Animals" Mr. Bob, teacher