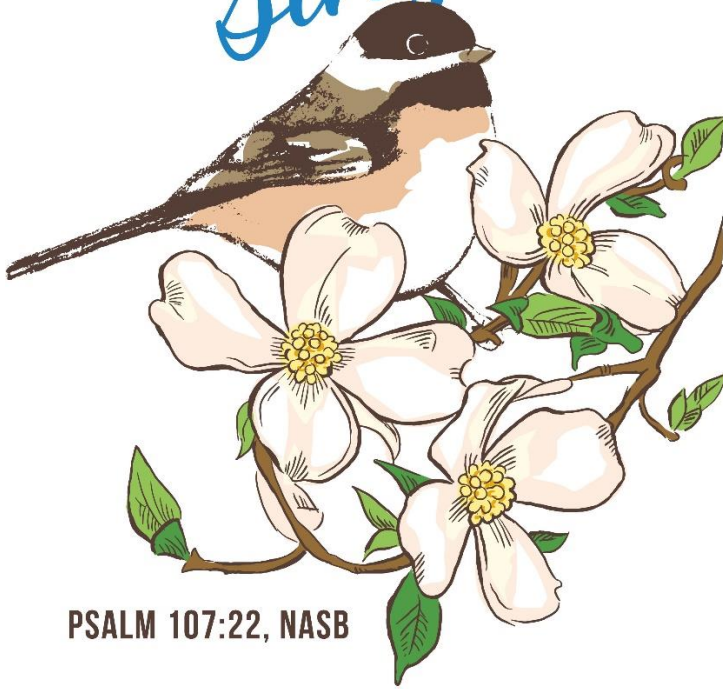


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*joyful
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PSALM 107:22, NASB

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 10, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

LENTEN CANDLE

Fred and Chrisann Lowe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Harvey

We enter into worship together,
reflections of God's glory.

**Inspired by God's presence,
we gather to join in praise.**

In joy, we lift our voices.

With adoration, we express our gratitude.

++HYMN #624 [GTG] I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Ann Harvey

Unison Prayer of Confession

**By the gift of your grace we are saved, O God,
from all that separates us from you.**

Still, we would rather believe that we can earn your love.

Still, we would rather believe that we are in ultimate control.

**Forgive us when we do not recognize the radical gift of your grace;
have mercy when we fail or refuse to share that grace with another.**

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

Ann Harvey

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

Ann Harvey

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

Ann Harvey

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 107:1-3, 17-22

Ann Harvey

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; ¹⁸they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. ¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; ²⁰he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. ²¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ²²And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM "I Believe" by Mark A. Miller With Annie Rowbal, soloist

*I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun, even when, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, I believe in love, even when, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, I believe in God, even when, even when He is silent.*

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:14-21 Rev. Stanley Jenkins

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

SERMON Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++HYMN #416 [GTG] O Come Into the Lord

This text by a Korean Presbyterian minister is directed to those who have wandered from the ways of God and feel that their sins disqualify them from returning to seek forgiveness. They (and we) are assured that there is no limit to God's love made known through Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

George Bennett

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

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"God So Loved the World" from The Crucifixion by John

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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 #749 [GTG] We Are Called

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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

Organist/Pianist

Director of Music

Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach

Pastor

Bell Choir Director

Ann Harvey

Sergei Kvitko

Megan Higle

Prince Solace

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

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 for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 10

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

Monday, March 11

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
9:00 a.m.-2 AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Church staff meeting - Library
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room
7:00 p.m. Greater Lansing Area Moms – Litten Hall

Tuesday, March 12

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 13

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
12:00 p.m. Boomers/Beyond luncheon – parlor
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting - Zoom

Thursday, March 14

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
10:00 a.m.-3 NWI Food distribution – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, March 15

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, March 16

Sunday, March 17

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

CALL FOR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Today, after church.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Michigan, is called for Sunday, March 10, 2024 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting to hear the Session's reports on the life, work and financial status of the church, to receive the annual budget and review the Pastor's Terms of Call.

Easter Activities

March 24, Palm Sunday breakfast & Egg Hunt, 9 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: Throughout the season of Lent, our Adult Bible Studies will focus our time, energies, and studies on the Bible material provided through our church-wide Bible Study, which will occur daily and culminate on each of the Sundays in Lent during our Adult Education in Litten Hall. For more information, see Adult Forum article below.

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!

ACT UGANDA - Fill Up Your Easter Basket - and Provide Hope for a Community. Your purchase from our online store will go towards the vital programs of ACT Uganda. Among these many quality handcrafts are baskets and stuffed animals made by talented handcrafters that are part of ACT's Uniquely Uganda Handcraft Program. Check out all the options at our online store, and read about our Ugandan handcrafters, on our website: actuganda.org. Once there, just choose the SHOP option. *Orders need to be placed by March 12 to ensure delivery before Easter.* Thank you for considering this opportunity! (E-mail Diana at dmstubig@gmail.com if you have any questions.)

Children's Faith Formation is after service at the same time as Adult Forum

ADULT FORUM

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

MARCH 10

Week 3 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



OR pick up print materials at church.

How To Participate in the Bible Study

- 1) Starting February 19, Monday thru Saturday read the Daily Passage listed in the table.
- 2) On each Thursday ([Feb 22](#), [29](#), March 7 and [March 14](#)) read Sunday's passage and answer the three reflection questions. These reflections will be sent, as a confidential response, to the Leader for Sunday as prep.
- 3) Come to Sunday's Adult Forum for fellowship and discussion on the passage.