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We strive to INCLUDE ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN...
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 2, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – ALL SAINTS' DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR BARB

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP

GWEN BOTTING

The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures:

Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.

The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello:

Lord, your creation boasts of your love.

Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.

++ HYMN #326 [GTG] verses 1 – 3 For All the Saints

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

NECROLOGY

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++Indicates Congregation standing as able

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++ HYMN #326 [GTG] verses 4, 5

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PASTOR BARB

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the beautiful story you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of ugliness, from the macro to the mirco. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASTOR BARB

Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are. You are forgiven. We are forgiven. You are loved. We are loved. Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God's kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.

++ 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (A variation on Psalm 19:14)

GWEN BOTTING

Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of all our hearts be pleasing and acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our foundation.
Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

GWEN BOTTING

Common English Bible Translation

We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to his design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

Paul's prayer for the Ephesians

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Come, Come, Ye Saints” by John Purifoy CHANCEL CHOIR

All is well...

Come, come ye saints, no toil nor labor fear, but with joy wend your way.

Though hard to you this journey may appear, grace shall be as your day.

‘Tis better far for us to strive, our useless cares from us to drive.

Do this and joy your hearts will swell: all is well, all is well!

Why should we mourn, or think our lot is hard? ‘Tis not so, all is right.

Why should we think to earn a great reward if we now shun the fight?

Gird up your loins, fresh courage take. Our God will never us forsake.

And soon we’ll have this tale to tell: all is well, all is well!

And should we die before our journey’s through, happy day! All is well!

We then are free from toil and sorrow, too. With the just we shall dwell.

But if our lives are spared again to see the saints their rest obtain, oh, how we’ll make this chorus swell:

All is well, all is well!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:20-31

PASTOR BARB

Common English Bible Translation**Happy people and doomed people**

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“Happy are you who are poor,
because God’s kingdom is yours.

Happy are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.

How terrible for you who have plenty now,

because you will be hungry.
How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.
How terrible for you when all speak well of you.
Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

Behaving as God's children

"But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you."

SERMON

"For All the Saints"

PASTOR BARB

++HYMN #730 [GTG] I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name (GRAND ISLE) honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

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

PASTOR BARB

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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

Sanctus (sung in unison)

#552 [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! Hosanna in the highest!***

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.**

Words of Institution

PASTOR BARB

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

PASTOR BARB

++HYMN #525 [GTG] COMMUNION HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together
*This African-American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of
enslaved peoples attending early morning communion service in colonial Anglican
churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have
mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.*

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"O Taste and See" by Ralph Vaughn Williams

CHANCEL CHOIR

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

++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 #804 [GTG]

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

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 ROSE SCHROTT TAYLOR
AND PROVIDED BY THE PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK.

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	GWEN BOTTING
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
CHOIR:	CHANCEL CHOIR
STATED SUPPLY PASTOR:	REV. DR. BARBARA EDEMA
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	CHURCH ELDERS AND DEACONS
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.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 2 *NO ELEVATOR

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

Monday, November 3 *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
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee

Tuesday, November 4 *NO ELEVATOR, ELECTION DAY

6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Election
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 GIL Classes
6:30 p.m. – 9 Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Book Group

Wednesday, November 5 *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
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee

Thursday, November 6 *NO ELEVATOR

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 GIL Classes
10:00 a.m. Adult Education Meeting
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study – Library

Friday, November 7 *NO ELEVATOR, OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, November 8 *NO ELEVATOR

10:00 a.m. VIJ Music Rehearsal – Chapel
3:00 p.m. ACT Uganda Setup – Litten Hall

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

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.

WORSHIP

Flower Donations

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

FELLOWSHIP

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 2 – “How Can This Happen?” (Mr. Bob)
 - 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)

Adult Forum – Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Nov 2 – NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING BASKET PACKING!

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!

PC(USA) Lectionary Bible Study – Wednesday 10:30 a.m. in person/Zoom.
Readings for this week: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Wired Word Bible Study – Wednesday 6:30 p.m. in person/Zoom.
Topics for this week: King Charles to Pray with Pope Leo XIV; What the Increased Use of Storage Units Reveals About Our Values.
See the e-newsletter for more details.

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.