

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMBINED WORSHIP – JESUS & JUSTICE CONFERENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

KATIE BURK

CALL TO WORSHIP (sung)

BETSY SNELLER

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)
B $\flat$ F Gm Dm

*1.
What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.
Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.
To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm F B $\flat$ Repeat as desired

What does the Lord re - quire of you?
walk hum - bly with your God.
and walk hum - bly with your God.

++ HYMN #712 [GTG] As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought
This text by a Presbyterian pastor in California expresses the conviction that being a good steward is an essential part of the Christian life, for self-giving is God's own nature. The tune is named for the village in Surrey where the arranger collected this tune in 1903.

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

BETSY SNELLER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BETSY SNELLER

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #577 [GTG] KYRIE ELEISON
Kyrie eleison (four times)

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BETSY SNELLER

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

BETSY SNELLER

God of wonder, as we hear your Word for us today, fill us with holy imagination. Help us hear your holy invitation and ignite within us a passion to live your truth and follow your way. Amen.

“With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Al Sholsha D’varim” by Allan E. Naplan

CHANCEL CHOIR

(Translation: On three things the world stands: truth, justice, peace)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 23:23-24

REV. JIMMIE HAWKINS

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

SERMON

“Jesus and Justice Go Together”

REV. JIMMIE HAWKINS

++HYMN #700 [GTG]

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

This African American spiritual has more depth than may first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God’s use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

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]** Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Live Christ" by Cecil Whitler

CHANCEL CHOIR

*Live Christ, love Christ, share Christ be Christ
All these things do today. All these things along your way.*

Live Peace..., Live Hope..., Love Love..., Love Christ...

++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
HAWKINS

REV. JIMMIE

HYMN #765 [GTG]

May the God of Hope Go with Us

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

BENEDICTION

REV. JIMMIE HAWKINS

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

KATIE BURK

SOME OF THE LITURGIES WERE WRITTEN BY REV. RAE WATSON AND PROVIDED BY THE
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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

GUEST PREACHER: THE REV. JIMMIE HAWKINS

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, advocacy director for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and leader of both the Office of Public Witness and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, has been named Union Presbyterian Seminary's 2024 Distinguished Alum.

A longtime pastor and justice advocate, Hawkins has led congregations in North Carolina and Virginia and has been active with the Moral Monday Movement, the Poor People's Campaign, and numerous interfaith and ecumenical boards. His acclaimed book, *Unbroken and Unbowed: A History of Black Protest in America* (2022), reflects his lifelong commitment to justice as a central expression of faith.

Hawkins holds degrees from North Carolina Central University, the Interdenominational Theological Center/Johnson C. Smith Seminary, and Union Presbyterian Seminary, where he also teaches as adjunct faculty. He will be recognized on May 8 during the seminary's Sprunt Lectures.

He and his wife, Sheinita Hampton Hawkins, are the parents of two children.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	BETSY SNELLER
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	KATIE BURK
CHOIR:	CHANCEL CHOIR
PASTOR:	REV. JIMMIE HAWKINS
SOUND AND AV SYSTEM:	BILL COLLINS, ANDREW MACKOUL AND TRENTON MITCHELL

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 28

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School – Lower Level
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Combined with Jesus and Justice
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Sanctuary

Monday, September 29

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, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

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. – 6:00 GIL Night Classes
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 Lansing Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.-6:30 Fit Yoga – Yoga Room
6:00 p.m. Mid MI Photo Club – Litten Hall
6:30 p.m. Wired Word Bible Study

Thursday, October 2

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 GIL Classes
3:30 p.m. NWI Resource Fair
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study – Library
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 GIL Night Classes

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 5 (World Communion/Potluck)

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

WORSHIP

Congregational Meeting – October 12th after Worship

Sunday October 5th is WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

After our 10am Worship Service, Join us for a Potluck in Litten Hall. Due to the kitchen renovations, all hot dishes will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert that feeds 10-12 people. There will be carts at the main entrance to take your dish downstairs. Drinks and place settings will be provided. If you have any questions, please ask Pam Blair.

Name Tags

Would you like a name tag? Does your old one need to be replaced? Please email Pam Blair (blairkids3@yahoo.com) or call/text 517-281-9099. The deadline to get names for the printer is October 19, 2025.

Flower Donations

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

FELLOWSHIP

YOUTH AT FIRST PRES

Join our combined youth group to help assemble a haunted golf course from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. See Pam Blair for more information.

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

Lansing First Pres would LOVE to support ALL of our students and young people as they embark on their journeys. If YOU have a young adult that would like to receive emails or mail, PLEASE contact Pam Blair (Membership) or Megan Hagle (Director of Christian Education) so we can give some Church Love to those who are not in the Lansing area.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Get Excited for Christian Education This Fall!

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!*)
 - *Sept 21 & Sept 28* “Joseph and His Brothers”
 - **Adult Forum** – Sundays at **11:30 a.m.**
 - *Sept 21: WIRED WORD with Pr. Bob Higle*
- Join us to discuss current events through a Christian lens.
 - *Sept 28: JESUS + JUSTICE*
 - How do Christians advocate change in our current time?
- **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.

Lectionary Bible Study

Led by Bob Higle and Terri Froemel.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., in the FPC Library or by Zoom.

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26; Psalm 137:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

The Wired Word

Looking to find ways to have meaningful conversation about current events through a Christian lens? Join the Wired Work on Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. on Zoom, as we focus on the power of speech and the danger of censorship. Our second lesson explores how the Bible defines true and false religion. Contact Pr.

Bob Higle (bob.higle@gmail.com) for more information.