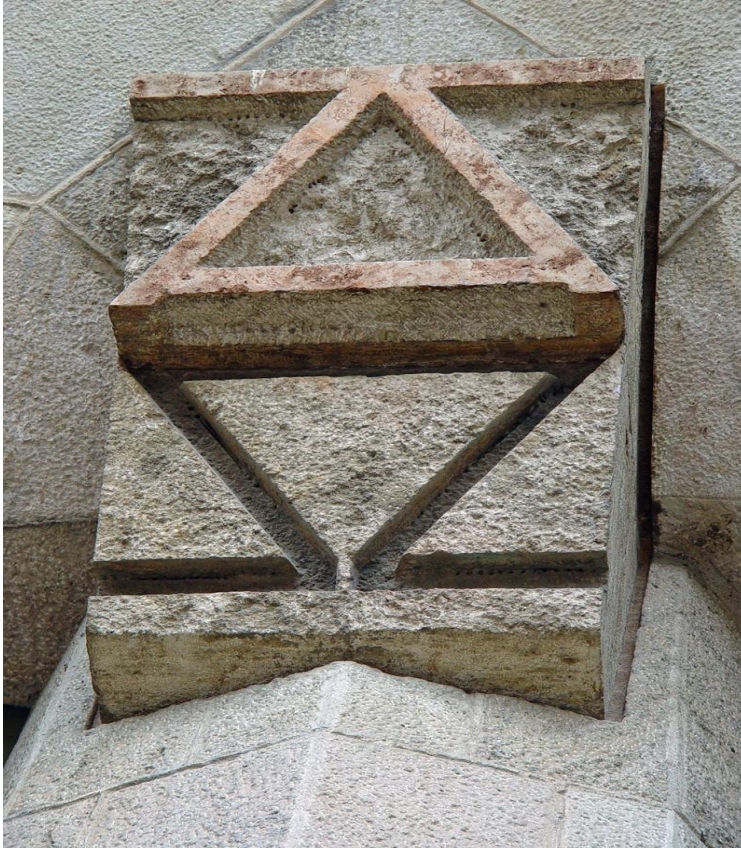


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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

Nov. 3, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATED

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

KATIE BURK

CALL TO WORSHIP

RUTH BURNET

A wandering people
wondered what their new life would be like,
and Moses said:

You shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Generations later,
leaders argued over which rules were most important,
and Jesus reminded them:

You shall love the Lord with all your soul.

And in this world that so often feels broken,
we recognize God's call:

You shall love the Lord with all your might.

With heart, soul, and might, let us worship God.

++ HYMN #326 [GTG] For All The Saints verses 1-3

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Herschel Roper
Patricia Feeley
Robert Hughes
Rose Langhart

++ HYMN #326 [GTG] For All The Saints verses 4-5

++indicates to stand in body or spirit.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

RUTH BURNET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to love you with all our heart,
and with all our soul, and with all our mind.

**Forgive us when selfishness takes up too much of our heart,
when worry seems to crowd wonder out of our soul,
when fear causes us to close our minds to anything new.**

Holy God, you call us to bear with one another in love.

**Forgive us when we cannot love our neighbors.
Forgive us when we cannot love ourselves.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RUTH BURNET

Now stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #583 [GTG] GLORY TO GOD

SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God

583

Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

The musical notation is written on two staves in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first staff contains the first two lines of the melody, and the second staff contains the next two lines. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with a consistent eighth-note pattern. The lyrics are written below the notes, with asterisks marking the beginning of each line.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RUTH BURNET

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

#414 [GTG] Be still and know that I am God (3x).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RUTH BURNET

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts
and your Spirit govern our lives
until at last we see the fulfillment
of your realm of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

RUTH BURNET

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Sing Me To Heaven" by Daniel Gawthrop CHANCEL CHOIR

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.

Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.

In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,

And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.

If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.

If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Touch in me grief and comfort; love and passion, pain and pleasure.

Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.

Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:

Sing me a love long, sing me to heaven.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

21Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++ **HYMN #833 [GTG]** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland (ST. MARGARET).

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

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

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

552

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

The Mystery of Faith (unison)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Invocation of Holy Spirit

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

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

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Responsive Prayer after the Supper

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

You have given yourself to us, Lord;

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people;

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts;

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Hark! I Hear the Harp's Eternal" arr Alice Parker

CHANCEL CHOIR

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.
And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM*

Offering

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God.

Let us then give back a portion of that goodness

to God's work in the world.

++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

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

HYMN #376 [GTG] When All is Ended (verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

This tune, YOGANANDA, named for Mahatma Gandhi's guru, was created for the text of no. 641, but its melody inspired the present text by evoking an image of

God bringing all things to a good end in spite of evil, a hope based on Christ's resurrection as reflected in acts of peace and justice.

BENEDICTION

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

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

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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:

RUTH BURNET

PRELUDE/POSTLUDE:

KATIE BURK

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

MEGAN HIGLE

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

PRINCE SOLACE

PASTOR:

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS 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, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 3

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.

Sunday service – Sanctuary
Christmas pageant rehearsal - Sanctuary
Assemble Holiday Baskets – Litten Hall
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, November 4

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
Church staff meeting – Library
Bell Choir rehearsal
Yoga – Yoga room
Association of Lansing Pastors - Library

Tuesday, November 5

7:00 a.m.-7 p.m.
9:00 a.m. -2
4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY
Polling – Litten Hall
GIL Classes
Adult Forum meeting - Library
Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel
Book Group – Library

Wednesday, November 6

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.-2
12:00 P.M.
4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.

NWI kitchen prep
GIL Class
Bible study – Library
NWI kitchen prep
Lansing Children's Choir
Mid MI Photo Club – Litten Hall
Mission Committee
Youth Education Committee – Library
Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, November 7

9:00 a.m.-2
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

GIL classes
Choir rehearsal – Choir room
Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library

Friday, November 8

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

GIL classes
Michigan United – Litten Hall
Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, November 9

Sunday, November 10

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

Sunday service – Sanctuary
Adult Forum – Litten Hall
Children's Faith Formation
Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Sanctuary
Lansing Symphony Orchestra - Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

It's Holiday Basket Time Again! The Deacons will give 100 baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving and 100 for Christmas. Recipients sign up when they visit the food pantry. We anticipate that each basket will cost \$50. Please help us with your contributions. Checks can be written to the church with Holiday Baskets on the memo line. Thank you!

The **Faith Formation** students will begin their rehearsals on "The First Christmas" this Sunday. If you are interested in helping or having your young person participate, please see Megan Higl or Alyse Collins.

The **Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan, now celebrating its third anniversary**, is sponsoring a Fall celebration dinner, **Nov. 8** at the MSU Federal Credit Union's 3775 Coolidge Road location, with Rev. Jihyun Oh as the keynote speaker. Rev. Oh is the first Korean American to serve in the highest office of the General Assembly Presbyterian Church USA, the second woman, and the first woman of color elected in PC(USA)'s 300-year history.

Many consider LINK a blessing – something not found in every church.



But what is it?

LINK stands for Linking Neighbors in Koinonia.

"Koinonia" is a New Testament Greek word meaning Christian fellowship and love. LINK is an organized expression of our love and concern for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Our purpose is to assure that all who consider First Presbyterian Church their spiritual home are part of an established group of caring friends. Since our congregation is quite spread out geographically we have identified "neighborhoods" – or LINK groups – where our congregants live.

Why do some consider LINK a blessing? Finding new friends, recognizing familiar faces at church, enjoying intergenerational relationships, and finding interests in common with church neighbors is what the original Christian fellowship of *koinonia* is all about.

What do these LINK groups do? It's totally up to the group. Some meet on a regular basis for brunch or pizza on a certain day of the month; others meet mainly for special occasions or holidays. Summer picnics and Christmas get-togethers are fun. **How to find a LINK group to connect with (if you haven't already)? It's easy. Contact Shirley Herrick at scherick42@gmail.com. We will let the LINK group in your neighborhood know you are interested.**

ADULT FORUM

(11:15-12:15 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom).
(Childcare is available through this time.)

November 3

Assembly of Thanksgiving baskets

November 10

How We Rely on Welfare

**Exploring Chapter 5 of Matthew Desmond's work titled
"Poverty, by America". Pastor Bob Higl leading**

We will be working to debunk the myth that half the country appears to believe that social benefits from the government make people lazy.

Insights from Franklin Roosevelt, Barry Goldwater, Ronald Reagan, the American Psychiatric Association, Charles Murray, President Bill Clinton, President Donald Trump's Council of Economic Advisers, Roger Marshall, and more will be helpful.

November 17

**Close Beside the Winding Cedar:
The History of the Red Cedar River with
MSU Librarian Eric Tans**

Join us for a special presentation on the history of the Red Cedar River by MSU Environmental Sciences Librarian Eric Tans. The Red Cedar has played a significant role in shaping our region, both physically and socially. In this presentation, Eric Tans will teach us about some of the fascinating history of the Red Cedar and its relationship to our community it's past, present, and future. Eric Tans has been the Environmental Sciences Librarian at the MSU Libraries for over 10 years. He lives with his family in Lansing's Eastside neighborhood and enjoys running and biking on the River Trail along the Grand and Red Cedar Rivers. In 2022, he participated in a six-month research sabbatical on the history of the Red Cedar River and its relationship to MSU.

November 24

**We'll be assembling holiday baskets
Decorating the church for Christmas
A great church family day!**