

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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# SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

Nov. 10, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

“I Choose Love” by Mark A. Miller

CHANCEL

CHOIR

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

STEVE WARNAAR

As we gather for worship,

**let us offer praise to God.**

As we join voices and hearts,

**we learn the importance of each one of us.**

As we find unity in the wider body of Christ,

**we learn that our whole is more than its parts. Let us worship God.**

**++ HYMN #348[GTG]** Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

*Despite unclear musical origins, the result here is a characteristic early Methodist hymn tune, notable for its breadth and range. It effectively sets a text of similarly mixed sources, one that Charles Wesley regarded as related to “Thy kingdom come” in the Lord’s Prayer.*

### SERVICE OF RENEWAL

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WARNAAR

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

**O Christ, you praised the gift of the widow,  
who had so little and gave it all.**

**Forgive us, O Christ, for turning our eyes away  
from people who are trapped in poverty.**

**Forgive us, O Christ, for turning our resources  
into reasons for pride or greed.**

**Forgive us, O Christ, and by your forgiveness,  
teach us to follow in your way of generosity.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

STEVE WARNAAR

++indicates standing in body or spirit

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)

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**

STEVE WARNAAR

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

***Be still and know that I am God.***

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

MS. MEGAN

What is our comfort in life and in death?  
**Knowing that we belong to God.** (*form a link with thumb and middle finger on both hands joining them together*)

What can separate us from God's love?  
**Absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love.** (*Move hands palms down at waist height from the center outward*)

Jesus is with me. (*cross right arm over chest*)  
 Jesus is within me. (*cross left arm over chest*)  
 Jesus is behind me. (*move hands down and to the back*)  
 Jesus is before me. (*move hands palms up in front of you*)

Jesus is there to comfort and restore me. (*hug yourself*)

—adaptations from the Heidelberg Catechism, question 1;  
Romans 8:35, 38–39; St. Patrick’s Breastplate

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

STEVE WARNAAR

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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** 1 Kings 17:8-16

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<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

The word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM** “Sonntagsmorgen” by Felix Mendelssohn  
Katie Sundeen & Maco Jeleniewski, sopranos

*TRANSLATION*

*This is the day of the Lord!  
I am alone on the wide meadow; yet only one morning bell,  
then silence near and far.  
Adoring, I kneel here.*

*O sweet shudder! Secret stirring!  
As if many knelt unseen and prayed with me.  
The sky near and far, it is so serene and solemn,  
Altogether as if it would open up!  
This is the day of the Lord!*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:**

Mark 12:38-44

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<sup>38</sup>As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

**SERMON**

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Litany of Discipleship

(A Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

where there is injury, pardon;

**where there is doubt, faith;**

where there is despair, hope;

**where there is darkness, light;**

where there is sadness, joy;

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

to be understood as to understand;

**to be loved as to love.**

For it is in giving that we receive;

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Amen**

**++ HYMN #708[GTG] We Give Thee But Thine Own**

*Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmations of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name (SCHUMANN), no source has been found in Schumann's works.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

PRINCE SOLACE

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)

**OUR 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<sup>b</sup> C Dm B<sup>b</sup> F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERING**

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

**CHORAL ANTHEM** “Jesu Dulcis Memoria” by T. L. De Victoria  
*Jesu dulcis memoria, dans vera, vera cordis gaudia, gaudia:*

*Sed super mel et omnia, super mel et omnia ejus dulcis presentia dulcis presentia.*

TRANSLATION

*Jesus, name of sweetest thought,  
The very thought of thee, thou joy of loving hearts*

++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**

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**HYMN #360[GTG]** Christ is Coming!

*This hymn by a 19th-century Scottish pastor is specifically based on Revelation 1:7 and 22:20, with allusions to several other New Testament passages. Unlike medieval hymns that focused on judgement, this text understands the Second Coming as an occasion of triumph and joy.*

**BENEDICTION**

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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:

STEVE WARNAAR

ORGANIST / PIANIST:

KATIE BURK

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

MEGAN HIGLE

DIRECTOR OF BELLS OF FIRST:

DARIN SHOWALTER

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

PRINCE SOLACE

PASTOR:

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS** are available.

**Flowers today are donated by Sue Carey in honor of her husband, Mike Carey's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

**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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*Take a picture with your phone and it will take you to the website to make a donation*



## **This Week at a Glance**

### **Sunday, November 10**

10:00 a.m.	Sunday service – 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 – Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Lansing Symphony Orchestra– Chapel

### **Monday, November 11**

9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting – Library
9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
11:00 a.m.	NWI kitchen class
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – Yoga room
6:30 p.m.	Bells of First Rehearsal – Choir room
7:00 p.m.	Membership Committee
7:00 p.m.	Greater Lansing Moms Demand Action - Litten

### **Tuesday, November 12**

8:00 a.m.	NWI Kitchen class prep
9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
4:00 p.m.	NWI Kitchen class clean up
6:00 p.m.	Mid-MI Photo Officers - Library
6:30 p.m.	Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m.	Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

### **Wednesday, November 13**

8:00 a.m.	NWI Kitchen class prep
4:00 p.m.	NWI Kitchen class clean up



4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal – Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

**Thursday, November 14**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
10:00 a.m. NWI food distribution  
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal -

**Friday, November 15**

10:00 a.m. GIL classes  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

**Saturday, November 16**

**Sunday, November 17**

10:00 a.m. Sunday service – 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 – Chapel

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Friday November 22 is Silver Bells and we are a warming station! Yes, we are expecting 500 people. We are passing out hot cocoa and candy canes. We need parking lot help, greeters, and clean-up help. Please see Pam Blair or email [blairkids3@yahoo.com](mailto:blairkids3@yahoo.com)

**It's Holiday Basket Time Again?** The Deacons will give 100 baskets to needy families for Thanksgiving and 100 for Christmas. Recipients sign up with 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!

## ADULT FORUM

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

**November 10**

**How We Rely on Welfare**

**Exploring Chapter 5 of Matthew Desmond's work titled  
"Poverty, by America" Pastor Bob Higle, 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 AND  
Decorating the church for Christmas.**

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](mailto:scherick42@gmail.com).  
We will let the LINK group in your neighborhood know you are interested.