

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



Moses detail, Gentile da Fabriano, 1432, Uffizi Gallery, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library

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**SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 @ 10:00 AM  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

SERGEI KVITKO

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

GWEN BOTTING

God teaches us the way of righteousness,  
**the way of love, the way of peace.**  
We glorify God,  
**gathering to hear God's word.**  
We glorify God,  
**enacting God's word in the world.**

**++ HYMN #308[GTG]** O God in Whom all Life Begins

*Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.*

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**SERVICE OF RENEWAL**

CALL TO CONFESSION

GWEN BOTTING

++indicates standing in body or spirit

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

**You tell us, O Lord, who may abide in your presence,  
who may dwell on your holy hill:  
those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and who speak the truth from their heart.  
And yet, O Lord, we do not walk blamelessly.  
So often we stumble on the path of faith.  
The truth makes us nervous,  
and we pretend not to know what is right.  
Have mercy, O God.  
Convict us by your wisdom,  
cleanse us by your grace,  
challenge us by your presence,  
and, by your forgiveness, free us to try again.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON      GWEN BOTTING

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 #188 [GTG] JESUS LOVES ME!**

***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**++ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

GWEN BOTTING

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

Faithful God, how blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit  
so that we may glorify you  
in the company of the faithful;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**FIRST READING:            Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

GWEN BOTTING

<sup>7</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,  
‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’  
<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Megan Higle, Soprano

**SECOND READING:****Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

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Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup>The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”

<sup>5</sup>Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. <sup>6</sup>He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. <sup>8</sup>The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

<sup>9</sup>Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. <sup>11</sup>He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

**SERMON**

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**++ HYMN #703[GTG]** Jesus, Thou Boundless Love to Me

*John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr (ST. CATHERINE), comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.*

**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)

**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 #568 [GTG]**

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Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)  
Gm F B<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm D E<sup>b</sup> F C

A - men, a - men, a - men!

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)  
Gm F B<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm D E<sup>b</sup> Dm7 G

A - men, a - men, a - men!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984  
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AMEN (Haugen)

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

Offering

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++Doxology #607 [GTG]

***Praise God, from whom all blessing 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 #295[GTG]** Go to the World!

*Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.*

**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**

SERGEI KVITKO

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**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	GWEN BOTTING
ORGANIST / PIANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS
SOLOIST:	MEGAN HIGLE

**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, September 1**

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service – Chapel

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

### **Monday, September 2**

10:00 a.m.-5

GIL classes

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

### **Tuesday, September 3**

10:00 a.m. -2

GIL Classes

9:00 a.m.

NWI Food Truck prep

6:30 p.m.

Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall

7:00 p.m.

Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

### **Wednesday, September 4**

10:00 a.m.-5

GIL Class

12:00 P.M.

Bible study – via Zoom

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

6:00 p.m.

Mid-MI Photo Club – Litten Hall

6:30 p.m.

Mission Committee

### **Thursday, September 5**

9:00 a.m.

NWI Food Truck prep

7:00 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library

### **Friday, September 6**

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

### **Saturday, September 7**

### **Sunday, September 8**

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service/ Communion served – Chapel

11:30 a.m.

Tailgate Sunday

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Calling all students and teachers!  
Bring your backpacks and teaching bags to church on Sunday, September 8 for our Blessing of the Backpacks.



**Volunteers are needed.** Our young learners are looking for a few people to be “helpers” during their learning time. They need help with cutting, gluing, snacks, etc. (You will be aided by the teacher for that day, so no preparation is required.) Contact Megan Higle at [mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org](mailto:mhigle@lansingfirstpres.org).

**Music Ensembles** Chancel choir and handbell choir will start rehearsals at the beginning of September! Both groups welcome new members!

Chancel Choir Director, Megan Higle, [megan.higle@gmail.com](mailto:megan.higle@gmail.com)

Bell Choir Director, Darin Showalter, [darinshowalter@gmail.com](mailto:darinshowalter@gmail.com)

The **Garden Committee** meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom. Our meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the year as follows:

- September 25
- October 23

**Per Capita Reminder:** The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05 per member. Hopefully every member can pay that amount. The check can go to the church noting “per capita.” Please consider paying the per capita for those who cannot afford to. Last year, we paid the Presbytery dues of about \$11,000.

**World Communion Sunday Potluck October 4, 2024,** after worship. Bring a dish to share that represents your heritage or a dish that is a family favorite. If you are able, please label the country or area your dish represents. There will be carts at the main entrance to take your dish downstairs. Drinks and place settings will be provided.