

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



Sunlight on the coast, Winslow Homer, 1890, Toledo Museum of Art, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library

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**SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY**  
AUGUST 4, 2024 @ 10:00 AM  
**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

BROOKE BROUGHTON

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

GEOFF BLAIR

All you with grumbling stomachs,  
hungry for bread, nourishment, and flourishing:

**draw near to God.**

All you with dry throats,  
thirsting for water, wisdom, and justice:

**draw near to God.**

All you with empty arms,  
searching for a warm embrace,  
a meaningful life,  
and a loving community:

**draw near to God.**

**++ HYMN #81 [GTG]** Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

*The Nazi appropriation of this tune (AUSTRIAN. HYMN) for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.*

**SERVICE OF RENEWAL**

CALL TO CONFESSION

GEOFF BLAIR

++indicates to stand in body or spirit.

**You are the Bread of Life, O God,  
and you promise that we will never hunger again,  
but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong  
things.**

**You feed us with grace, but we hunger for  
achievements.**

**You offer us peace, but we hunger for control.**

**You bless us with plenty to share,  
but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours.**

**Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness  
teach us to hunger for things that you do:**

**to hunger for justice, to long for equality,**

**to work for the common good**

**until none of your children have to hunger for bread.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GEOFF BLAIR

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

GEOFF BLAIR

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**

GEOFF BLAIR

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.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 97**

GEOFF BLAIR

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!  
<sup>2</sup>Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of his throne. <sup>3</sup>Fire goes before him, and consumes his  
adversaries on every side. <sup>4</sup>His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees  
and trembles. <sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the  
Lord of all the earth. <sup>6</sup>The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the  
peoples behold his glory. <sup>7</sup>All worshipers of images are put to shame, those  
who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.  
<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your  
judgments, O God. <sup>9</sup>For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you  
are exalted far above all gods. <sup>10</sup>The LORD loves those who hate evil; he  
guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the  
wicked. <sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.  
<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Deep River” arr Moses Hogan      MEGAN HIGLE - soprano

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING: MATTHEW 7:1-5**

GWEN BOTTING

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment  
you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the  
measure you get. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but  
do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your  
neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your

own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

**SERMON** "THE WONDERS OF A WEEK WITH NO INTERNET SERVICE" GWEN BOTTING

++ **HYMN #504 [GTG]** We Come as Guests Invited

*Without attempting to unravel the mystery of Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the central stanza of this text affirms that we are nourished by faith rather than by understanding. This hopeful text is reinforced by a gentle 16th-century tune created for a secular text.*

**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) #565[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.***

... 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

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** “Nocturne” from *A Midsomer Night’s Dream* by Mendelssohn Brooke Broughton & Megan Higle, piano-four-hand

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** “At the River” arr Aaron Copland Megan Higle, soprano

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 blessing 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 #313 [GTG]** Lord, Make Us More Holy

*Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is*

*notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.*

**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**

BROOKE BROUGHTON

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## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST: GEOFF BLAIR

ORGANIST: BROOKE BROUGHTON

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: MEGAN HIGLE

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH: PRINCE SOLACE

PRESIDING MINISTER: REV. STANLEY JENKINS

PREACHING: GWEN BOTTING

**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, August 4**

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sunday service – Chapel

Summer Potluck

Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

### **Monday, August 5**

10:00 a.m.-5

10:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

GIL classes

Church staff meeting – Library

Yoga – Yoga room

### **Tuesday, August 6**

ALL DAY

10:00 a.m. -2

9:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Election polls, chapel entrance

GIL Classes

NWI Food Truck prep - kitchen

Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall

Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

### **Wednesday, August 7**

10:00 a.m.-5

12:00 P.M.

5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

GIL Class

Bible study – Library

Yoga – Yoga room

Mid-MI Photo Club – Litten Hall

### **Thursday, August 8**

9:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

NWI Food Truck prep – kitchen

Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library

### **Friday, August 9**

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

### **Saturday, August 10**

### **Sunday, August 11**

10:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Sunday service – Chapel

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**ACT Uganda** is Seeking Funds to Save Lives - In Muko, Uganda, lives can be saved by simply providing health education to those most in need. In partnership with the Uganda Ministry of Health, ACT's HEAL Manager, Judith Tukahirwa, who received her degree using ACT's Maverick Scholarship, is trusted by community members and travels to villages untouched by modern science or technology. There she provides education sessions to expecting mothers about nutrition, immunizations, basic physiology and infant care. These simple lessons prevent deaths during childbirth and also result in healthier babies. **HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Your gift of only \$40 will enable the entire cost of an additional health education session in one of the 74 villages which ACT serves. Make your check payable to ACT Uganda (with a note in the memo field - HEAL Expectant Moms) and mail it to ACT Uganda, P. O. Box 2565, Midland MI 48641; or donate online at [actuganda.org](http://actuganda.org). Questions? Contact Diane Busch or Robin Stottlemeyer at [agapecommunitytransformation@gmail.com](mailto:agapecommunitytransformation@gmail.com) or visit our website to learn more. THANK YOU!

### **Summer Bible Study/Fellowship Opportunity.**

**Come and join us. Leave confident, optimistic, and energized in your faith.**

The church is now offering Wednesday Bible Study at noon, at the church and on Zoom. Participants can review the selected readings before each Wednesday session. Start reviewing the materials on the Thursday before the session, on your own schedule.

The group will review three reflective questions and discuss other items. If a session is cancelled, a makeup time will be set for the following Sunday after church. Materials can be found:

1. In the Participant's Booklet passed out at church. (some copies may still be available in the library on the mantel)
2. Online on our website. There is a button to click on the home page that will take you to the Bible Study page. Scroll to the bottom and click the Class Materials link.

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:

- August 28<sup>th</sup>
- September 25<sup>th</sup>
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**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. We have raised about \$3,000 so far. Last year, we paid the Presbytery dues of about \$11,000. Thank you.