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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 @ 10:00 AM  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

SERGEI KVITKO

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

STEVE WARNAAR

In this time set apart for worship,  
the Holy Spirit invites us:

**Draw near to God,**

who is steady and sure.

**Draw near to God,**

who welcomes those often overlooked.

**Draw near to God,**

who draws us together,  
threads woven in a shared fabric of faith.

**Let us worship the Lord!**

++ **HYMN #839[GTG]** Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

*Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymn writer wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.*

**SERVICE OF RENEWAL**

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WARNAAR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CONGREGATION

**You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first  
must be last and servant of all.**

**Oh, how we long to be first, O God:**

**to climb every ladder, frame every achievement,**

++indicates standing in body or spirit

**get every promotion, and obtain every glory.  
 Oh, how we long to be first, O God,  
 and oh, how we dread being last.  
 Forgive us, O humble Christ,  
 and by your forgiveness, teach us.  
 Teach us to reframe our priorities.  
 Teach us to be servants first,  
 and to let our lives flow from a heart of faith.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

STEVE WARNAAR

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.**

**#414 [GTG] Be still and know that I am God.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

MS. MEGAN

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

STEVE WARNAAR

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 54

STEVE WARNAAR

- <sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.  
<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.  
<sup>3</sup>For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they  
do not set God before them. Selah  
<sup>4</sup>But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
<sup>5</sup>He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end  
to them.  
<sup>6</sup>With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your  
name, O LORD, for it is good.  
<sup>7</sup>For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in  
triumph on my enemies.

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

**ANTHEM** "The Lamb" by John Tavener

Chancel Choir

*Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, wooly bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?*

*Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?  
Little Lamb, I'll tell tee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee;  
He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb.*

*He is meek, and he is mild, he became a little child.  
I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.  
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!*

**GOSPEL READING:**

Mark 9:30-37

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<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

**SERMON**

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**++ HYMN #373[GTG] O Day of Peace**

*This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts pax, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes shalom, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

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

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

Offering

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

CHORAL ANTHEM “Now Thank We All Our God” setting by J.S. Bach,  
 arr. by Hal H. Hopson

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hand and voices,  
 Who wondrous things hath done in whom the world rejoices;  
 Who from our mother’s arms hath blessed us on our way  
 With countless gifts of love and still is ours today*

++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 #450[GTG]** Be Thou My Vision

*These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and wide range.*

**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**

SERGEI KVITKO

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**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS

**INFORMATION FOR THE DAY**

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	STEVE WARNAAR
ORGANIST / PIANIST:	SERGEI KVITKO
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.

**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 22**

10:00 a.m.	Sunday service – Chapel
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

#### **Monday, September 23**

9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting – library
9:00 a.m.	We The People initial gather – Litten Hall
9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
12:00 p.m.	We The People lunch – Litten Hall
5:00 p.m.	We The People parting – Litten Hall
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – Yoga room
6:30 a.m.	Bells of First Rehearsal – Choir room

#### **Tuesday, September 24**

9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
9:00 a.m.	NWI Food Truck prep
6:00 p.m.	Mid-MI Photo Club Officers – Library
6:30 p.m.	Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m.	Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

#### **Wednesday, September 25**

12:00 p.m.	Bible study – via Zoom
4:30 p.m.	Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Yoga – Yoga room

#### **Thursday, September 26**

9:00 a.m.	GIL classes
9:00 a.m.	NWI Food Truck prep
1:00 p.m.	Bridge in the Parlor
6:00 p.m.	Capital City Quilt Guild – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m.	Victory in Jesus Ministries – Library
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir room

#### **Friday, September 27**

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



**Saturday, September 28**

**Sunday, September 29**

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service – Chapel

11:30 a.m.

Adult Forum – Litten Hall

11:30 a.m.

Children’s Faith Formation

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**First Presbyterian Church Men's Group**-The Men's Group provides an opportunity for the men of the church to get together for an activity. Men of ALL ages are invited to participate. if you are interested in going to the *R. E. Olds Transportation Museum* in the downtown Lansing area sometime this fall ( date and time to be determined) Please contact Brian Koon ([b.koon@comcast.net](mailto:b.koon@comcast.net), 517 886-9801 or see me at church.. The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday.

**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 have started rehearsals. Both groups welcome new members!

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

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

**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 6, 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.

## **ADULT FORUM**

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

**September 22**

### **INTERACTION OF OUR FAITH AND OUR POLITICAL SITUATION**

**Rev. Charlie Herrick, leading**

We will begin with a quick overview of the question whether the United States was ever meant to be a “Christian nation” by its founders. In all our history, did we ever have a general consent of our national purpose? How is the less than robust situation in almost all current Christian denominations related to the current political climate? What is the appeal of the two leading presidential candidates, and where does it come from? Come listen and discuss these and other related issues in Litten Hall after a quick coffee pick-up.

**September 29**

### **BEING PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES**

**Speaker: Sherrie Loader**

Sherrie, formerly Auditor for Emergency Management and Homeland Security at [Michigan State Police](#), will discuss what everyone should do and know to be prepared for emergencies that may come up in the future.

**October 6**

**World Communion Sunday.** (No Adult Forum)

It’s time for our traditional **potluck**. Plan to come and bring a dish from your heritage or a family favorite.