

Sentences of Scripture

Leader: Hear these words from Holy Scripture:  
Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**People: For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body- Jews or Greeks, slave or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Profession of Faith

Leader: Beloved people of God, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God’s kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made to be citizens of God’s kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**People: I do.**

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Leader: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**People: I will, with God’s help.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Please come forward to the Baptismal font.*

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**Offering**

***Please fill out a Communication card and put it in the offering plate every week***

**Offertory** *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* arr. by Michael Larkin

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance:*

*Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;*

*This have I done for my true love.*

*There was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took my fleshly substance;*

*There was I knit to your nature, to call my true love to my dance:*

*In a manger laid and wrapped was I, so very poor, this was my chance,*

*Between an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance.*

**++ Doxology 607[GTG]** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***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**

**++HYMN 482[GTG]** *Baptized in Water*

**++BENEDICTION**

**++BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS 306[GTG]**

*(Please join hands while the entire congregation sings)*

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:***

***The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

**++POSTLUDE**

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 12, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn your cell phone off.*

*Please fill out a Communication Card and put it in the offering plate.*

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Collins

Leader: O God, some of us are discouraged and long for your embrace.

**People: Wash us with your love.**

Leader: Some of us are weary, weighed down by the desperation of this world.

**People: Wash us with your hope.**

Leader: Some of us are anxious and seek refuge from chaotic lives.

**People: Wash us with your peace.**

Leader: Some of us are restless, yearning for renewal or transformation.

**People: Wash us with your grace.**

Leader: However we come into your presence, pour out your Spirit upon us.

**People: Let us come to the waters of baptism. Let us worship God!**

**++HYMN 11[GTG]** *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, you claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, so that our words may further righteousness and our deeds be pleasing in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life... (silent prayer)**

The Word of God's Grace

**++ Response to the Good News 583[GTG]** *Glory to God*

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!***

***Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

**++**Indicates to stand in body or spirit

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## ++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

**People: And also with you.**

*Share the passing of the peace with those near you.*

***Be still and know that I am God (sung three times)***

## ORDINATION/ INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

See insert

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 29

pg. 504, OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*Wade in the Water*

arr. by Christina M. Laberge

*Refrain*

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water

See that host all dressed in white (God's gonna trouble the water)

The leader looks like the Israelite (God's gonna trouble the water)

See that band all dressed in red, (God's gonna trouble the water)

Looks like the band that Moses led, (God' gonna trouble the water).

*Refrain*

Look over yonder, what do I see? (God's gonna trouble the water)

The Holy Ghost a-comin' on me, (God's gonna trouble the water)

*Refrain*

If you don't believe I've been redeemed (God's gonna trouble the water)

Just follow me down to Jordan's stream, (God's gonna trouble the water)

*Refrain*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

pg. 3, NT

## SERMON

*Beloved*

**++HYMN 488[GTG]** *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(Intercessory prayer)*

**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.**

## CHORAL AMEN

*Amen*

## REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

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## ORDINATION/ INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

### Constitutional Questions

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe, and do you and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

### ++Questions to the Congregation

Elder Bill Collins

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

To be installed as elder: George Bennett, Steve Fitton, Don Heck, Jim LeTourneau, Ed Purchis, Elliot Ryser,  
To be ordained and installed as deacon: Kurt Civilette and David Jackson  
To be installed as deacon, Mike Bryan, Rich Blankenship, Deb Donaldson, Christopher Venetis

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, January 12 Install/ Ordain new officers

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall  
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Room  
Leadership training - Parlor

### Monday, January 13

8a-10 NorthWest Initiative Coalition meeting – Litten Hall  
10:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Library  
6:00 p.m. LanSINGout Board meeting- Chapel  
6:00p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class  
6:45 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal

### Tuesday, January 14

10am-5 AARP training – Litten Hall  
12:10 p.m. Yoga  
1:30 p.m. ACTION Housing Task Force meeting -Library  
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting  
6:00 p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class  
6:30 p.m. Bagpiper' rehearsal - Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. LanSingOut rehearsal – Chapel

### Wednesday, January 15

10am-5 AARP training – Litten Hall  
4:15 p.m.-6:45 Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal-Choir room  
6:00 p.m. Yoga  
5:45 p.m. Northwest Initiative Focus Group meeting - Litten Hall  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 MI Pride meeting - Library

### Thursday, January 16

11:00 a.m-1 NorthWest Initiative Bread Distribution- Kitchen  
5:30 p.m. Yoga  
6p-8 Greater Lansing Quilt Guild meeting - Litten Hall  
6:00 p.m. Lansing Area Human Rights Board meeting - Library  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Friday, January 17

6:00 p.m. Yoga

### Saturday, January 18

4:00 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir Concert

### Sunday, January 19

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall  
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Room

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Bill Collins
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Videographer	Charlie Phillips
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Welcoming you at the entrance:

Chapel: Steve and Victoria Fitton

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jerry Bockes (Eaton County Health and Rehab)  
Peg Whitman (Grandhaven Living Center)  
Daisy DeHaven (Rosewood AFC in DeWitt)  
Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)  
Jean Hopkins (Story Point of Grand Ledge)  
Betty Bailey (Grandhaven Living Center)

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** (The devices have been recently checked and they DO work!) **LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE BULLETINS** (If you would like a Braille bulletin, please let the church office know ahead of time.) We also have **CUSHIONS** available if you find the pews uncomfortable! Please see one of the ushers if any of these aids to worship will enhance your participation in the service.

**FLOWER CHART** There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new price is \$45. 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 Tracy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! - Worship Committee

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Glen Erin Pipe Band again welcomes everyone to its annual Robert Burns Celebration, Saturday, January 25. It's an evening of Scottish culture with dinner, music, dancing, and raffle prizes, and featuring the Lansing Glen Erin Pipe Band. Tickets are \$45. Contact Bill Collins for tickets and First Pres table reservations: 517-230-2506 or email [bill@pipercollins.com](mailto:bill@pipercollins.com)

**KITCHEN SINKS** We are having plumbing “issues” with how the sinks in the main kitchen are being used. PLEASE rinse off all food from dishes, pots and pans in the garbage disposal area BEFORE washing them in the triple sinks. Thank you.

### SERMON NOTES:

## ADULT FORUM 2020

(11:15-12:15 Adult Ed Room downstairs)

All are welcome to join in discussion of significant and timely topics in the Adult Ed Room (downstairs) 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
(Childcare is available through this time.)

### January 12 – TODAY

Join our Director of Music/Music Minister, Megan Higle, as she explores the **Service for the Lord's Day** as put forth by the PCUSA.

*Christians meet for worship on the first day of the week, the day Christ Jesus rose from the dead. We gather to praise the triune God, confess our sin, and seek God's grace. We hear the good news of the gospel and celebrate the Lord's Supper. We go forth to glorify God through the service of daily living. The Service for the Lord's Day is a service of Word and Sacrament. Together they form a unified liturgy; one is incomplete without the other. (from Glory to God)*

### January 19

#### Vital Congregations initiative

Our Lake Michigan Presbytery is part of this new PC (USA) initiative, and our congregation will be a participant. This is from the VCI website: “The purpose of the Revitalization Initiative is to work alongside leaders of existing congregations continually assessing, discerning, and living into faithful actions that increase vitality through intentional spiritual practices that take them deeper into following Jesus Christ, so that their own lives are changed, congregations are transformed, and the mission of God spreads throughout particular communities and the world.” Learn more from our congregational representatives: Pam Blair, Sallie Campbell, and Rev. Jenkins!

### January 26

#### STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH: HEALTHY SOIL

**Vicki Morrone, MSU academic specialist**

**Vicki Morrone** is an organic field crop and vegetable outreach specialist with MSU's Department of Community Sustainability in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. As part of her work, Vicki assists farmers and educators on all aspects of organic production, including how to build healthy soil. She has served farmers across the globe, from Africa to Central California, Pennsylvania and Michigan. We are pleased Ms. Morrone can join us just as we are planning our community garden.