

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offering

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

Offertory

His Love For Me

arr. by Brian Buda

*You have heard of the story of Jesus, of His grace flowing boundless and free.
But there's no one can tell you the fullness of His wonderful love for me.
You have heard how He blessed little children. "Come all you who are weary," said He.
So I came and He gave me the blessing of His wonderful love for me.
His love for me, high as the heavens and deep as the sea.
His love for me, love that will last through eternity,
You have heard how the blind, as they sought Him,
found their sight when He bade them to see.
So my sin-blinded eyes have been opened by His wonderful love for me.
You have heard how He spoke to the tempest, how the word,
"Peace be still" calmed the sea.
So my soul found the peace it was longing for in His wonderful love for me.*

++ 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 753[GTG] *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

++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

Please join us in Litten Hall (downstairs) for a time of fellowship.
Fair Trade coffee and tea are served to enjoy and also are sold for your take-home pleasure!

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 2, 2020 10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn your cell phone off.
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PRELUDE *Prelude in B minor* by Krista Botting
Krista Botting, violin & Gwen Botting, French horn

CALL TO WORSHIP Alyse Collins

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?
People: Blessed be the Name of the Lord.
Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?
People: Blessed be the Name of the Lord
Leader: Praise the goodness of the Lord and give thanks.
People: God is the Holy One in our midst. We will lift up his name forever!

++HYMN 749[GTG] *Come! Live in the Light*

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

O Lord, as we have stood to praise You, now we also bow to confess our need of your mercy. We are often weak where You would have us be strong, and wavering where You have called us to walk the straight path. Our ears have not been tuned to the calling of your Word. We find our eyes dimmed just as You ask of us clear vision. Renew our spirits even now, O Lord, so that we may be renewed day by day, and be strengthened not only to know your will but in our desire to do it. In your mercy, Lord, hear these petitions and also now our silent prayers... (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!

++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)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

LESSON FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 5:1-12 pg. 4, NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Offertory* by John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn, for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?*

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLES I Corinthians 1:18-31 pg. 166, NT

SERMON *Embracing Our Fool and Hardy Faith*

++HYMN 172[GTG] *Blest are They*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Thanksgiving

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: The Lord's Love Is Everlasting.

Sanctus **(Sung in unison)** 572[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.

The 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.

Choral Amen *Amen*

Pastor: The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer:

Gracious God, You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to You, and ask that our daily living may be a part of the life of your Kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; for we ask it in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 2

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Communion/Deacon offering received
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12th Grade
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Room
3:00 p.m. Lansing Symphony Concert - Chapel
2:30 p.m.-9 NorthWest Initiative Super Bowl fundraiser - Litten Hall

Monday, February 3

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Library
3:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting-Library
6:00p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing Class

Tuesday, February 4

12:10 p.m. Yoga
5:30 p.m. Adult Forum Committee – Library
6:00 p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing Class
6:30 p.m. Bagpiper’s rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Book Group – Parlor
7:00 p.m. LanSingOut Rehearsal -Chapel

Wednesday, February 5

10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Library
Noon Boomers and Beyond Lunch- Parlor
2:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting - Library
4:15 p.m.-6:45 Lansing Children’s Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Mid-Michigan Photo Club Meeting – Litten Hall
6:00 p.m. Yoga
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting – Library

Thursday, February 6

11:00 a.m-1 NorthWest Initiative Food Distribution- kitchen
5:00 p.m. Yoga
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 7

6:00 p.m. Yoga

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 4th Grade
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall
11:20 a.m. Adult Forum – Reception Room
11:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning’s service:

Liturgist	Alyse Collins
Organist/Pianist	Chrisann Lowe
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Videographer	Bryse Friess
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins
Preacher	Rev. Charles Herrick

Welcoming you at the entrance:

Chapel: Jackie Blankenship

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jerry Bockes (Eaton County Health and Rehab)
Peg Whitman (Grandhaven Living Center)
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

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEACONS' FUND It is tradition at First Presbyterian to combine our celebration of Communion with a special offering to the Deacons' Fund, or a designated offering to the Deacons' Food Pantry. Both of these offerings depend entirely on the congregation's support, with the occasional fundraiser. PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY to the Deacons' offering on each Communion Sunday

PASTOR STAN WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE HOLY LAND THIS WEEK THRU FEBRUARY 6. In case of emergency, please call the office during office hours. If after office hours, or on the weekend, please call Rev. Charles Herrick at 517-628-3084 or Chris DeYonke at 517-281-3740.

CALL FOR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020 The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Michigan, is called for Sunday, February 16, 2020 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the Session's reports on the life, work and financial status of the church, and to receive the annual budget.

COPIES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE SANCTUARY AND IN THE OFFICE FOR YOUR REVIEW PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AFTER WORSHIP.

NEW YEAR, NEW NEWS! DROP OFF PAPER TO PAPERGATOR!

As you clean out and get organized for the new year, make sure to recycle with PaperGator! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3! Bring newsprint, catalogs, magazines, phone books, junk mail, hard and soft cover books, and bagged shredded paper in clear plastic bags and drop off at the PaperGator bin, located in the church parking lot. It's **THAT** simple!

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT? Visit **ACT UGANDA'S** on-line store to find a variety of beautifully hand-crafted items. Look for our **Shop** on our website (actuganda.org) for quality baskets, jewelry, carved and sewn items. They are hand made by a group of gifted women and men in Muko Sub-County, Uganda, as well as many skilled and dedicated volunteers here in Michigan. Your purchase provides income for these talented Ugandan crafters, with all remaining proceeds going back into the six programs of ACT. These programs benefit the approximately 40,000+ men, women and children living in 74 distinct villages in Muko Sub-County. Thank you for considering this opportunity next time you're looking for a quality gift that gives back to so many!

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.)

February 2 - TODAY

Words of Comfort and Hope

Chris DeYonke, LPC - Pastoral Care Assistant

Chris will review a book from our church library, "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart", by Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D. Following the review she will facilitate a conversation about ways to relate to hurting people that will reflect God's presence and love. Come prepared to share a situation where your words and/or actions offered comfort and hope to someone in distress. Please read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5.

February 9

Environmental Ethics and Selected Environmental Impacts in the Great Lakes Basin with Del Rector

The presentation will have 3 parts.

1. A brief history of Environmental Ethics, how Genesis 1, Aristotle and many others' anthropocentric view led to the development of Western Civilization and our environment problems. Rethinking "Dominion Theology" and what it means going forward.
2. Selected Environmental Impacts in Michigan
3. Climate Change Impacts in the Great Lakes Basin

February 16

Annual Meeting (no Adult Forum)

February 23

Come Meet Author Dedria Humphries Barker

Mrs. Barker, a Lansing native, is the author of *Mother of Orphans: The True and Curious Story of Irish Alice, a Colored Man's Widow*. Her story is one of a search for answers of her family's past. What happened to her great grandmother Alice's three children after her husband's death? She apparently gave them up, but why? We are pleased to have Mrs. Baker, a writer, journalist and teacher, share her story of this interracial family from the early 20th century with us.