

**PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**Offering**

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

**Offertory**

*Ubi Caritas*

by Victor Johnson

*Ubi caritas et amor;*

*Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.*

*Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*

*Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.*

*Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love are,

there God is.

The love of Christ has gathered us into one

Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.

And from a sincere heart let us love each other

**++ 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 313[GTG]** *Lord, Make Us More Holy*

**++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**

## THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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Church Office Hours (M-F) 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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!

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 16, 2020 10:00 a.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

## 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

Linda Diepenhorst

Leader: Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—  
**People: the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness.**  
Leader: Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—  
**People: teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and nurture generous spirits within us.**  
Leader: Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord—  
**People: the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.**

**++HYMN 410[GTG]** *God Is Calling through the Whisper*

### SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession  
Prayer of Confession

**God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm? How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out with kindness? How often do we hurt those we love and tear away at relationships that give life? Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for reconciliation in our homes and our communities. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us the ways of love, so that we might hold fast to one another, and draw near to your presence... (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)***

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

pg. 186, OT

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

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace*  
Marcus Ringlever, soloist

by John Newton

*Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace, my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.  
Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come.  
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.  
The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.*

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21–37

pg. 4, NT

### SERMON

*Community*

**++HYMN 444[GTG]** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

### 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*

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## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, February 16

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP  
11:00 a.m. Education for 4 yrs. thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Fellowship Hour – Litten Hall

### Monday, February 17 Presidents' Day

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Library

### Tuesday, February 18

12:10 p.m. Yoga  
1:30 p.m. ACTION Housing meeting -Library  
6:00 p.m.-9 Global Institute of Lansing class  
6:00 p.m. Mid-Michigan Photo Club Officer meeting- Library  
6:30 p.m. Bagpipers rehearsal - Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. LanSingOut rehearsal -Chapel

### Wednesday, February 19

10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Library  
4:15 p.m.-6:45 Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal - Choir Room  
5:30 p.m. Membership Committee meeting-Library  
6:00 p.m. Yoga  
7:00 p.m. Session meeting

### Thursday, February 20

11:00 a.m.-1 NorthWest Initiative Food Distribution- Kitchen  
5:00 p.m. Yoga  
6:00 p.m.-9 Greater Lansing Quilt Guild meeting- Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

### Friday, February 21

6:00 p.m. Yoga

### Saturday, February 22

10:30am-1 NorthWest Initiative Cooking class- Kitchen/LittenHall  
4:30 p.m.-9 NorthWest Initiative dinner - Litten Hall

### Sunday, February 23

10:00 a.m. Worship/ 2 Cents a Meal offering received  
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  
3:00 p.m. Lansing Area Human Rights Board meeting - Library

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

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

Welcoming you at the entrance:

Chapel: Greg Botting

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)

**CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY** are in memory of our parents from Salim Makhoul and family.

**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

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS TODAY AFTER WORSHIP** 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.**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETINS AND AUDIO ON THE WEB** Did you know that you can view and download Sunday bulletins, and even hear audio recordings of our worship services on the church web site? Visit [lansingfirstpres.com](http://lansingfirstpres.com) and select *Bulletins* or *Sermons* from the top menu under "*Worship*". Since January this year, MP3 audio recordings include entire worship services and not just sermons. It's a great resource if you missed a Sunday, or if you just want to see the bulletin or hear the service again. Note that the church web site is often updated, and constantly in need of updates. If you'd like to share your web site expertise to update and improve the church web site, contact Brian Jackson/[brianpdjackson@gmail.com](mailto:brianpdjackson@gmail.com) or Bill Collins/[bill@pipercollins.com](mailto:bill@pipercollins.com).

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR INTERFAITH DAY 2020** Tickets are available for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Day, Tuesday, February 25, 2020. This year's theme is "50 Years of Interfaith." For the Golden Anniversary there will be presentations by representatives from Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Muslim and Baha'i faiths about how each of the faiths has changed or evolved in the face of social and technological changes. A vegetarian lunch and fellowship follow. After lunch the committee members will present a retrospective about Interfaith Day over the years. Tickets are \$12.00 each and include lunch. Hope to see you there! **Where:** Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 1701 E. Saginaw, Lansing 48912 **When:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. **For Tickets and Information: Please contact Anita Turner at 517 803 6719 or [anita.turner09@comcast.net](mailto:anita.turner09@comcast.net).** You are also welcome to discuss with Sallie in the church office. The committee also asks for a donation of a box of nutritious cereal for the Lansing Food Bank. **Deadline for ticket requests is Monday, February 17.**

**WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY – AN INVITATION** "Lenten Crossing: Intersecting with Jesus Christ" Good news! Pastor Barb Edema has written an original Lenten Bible study for any and all women who would care to attend. The meeting time is **noon on Fridays, beginning Feb 28, continuing through March, and ending on Friday, April 3** (6 sessions total). Barb says: "Let's take a look at how lives of biblical characters changed when they met Jesus in surprising places. Then let's share how our own lives continue to change as we intersect with the Good News of Jesus Christ."

**To help offset the cost of printing, a \$5 donation is requested.** All are invited to come, whether you have attended a previous Women's Bible Study or not. As always, *we come when we can and as often as we can.* See Kathy Banghart or Shirley Herrick now to sign up!

## 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 16 – TODAY**  
**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 20<sup>th</sup> century with us. Please see a separate article about the book.

**March 1**

**THE QUEST FOR PURITY IN AMERICAN UTOPIAN COMMUNITIES**

This session is a loose extension of the human – sometimes Christian – search for human perfectibility that we looked at last fall. We will concentrate on why so many early nineteenth century American communities intentionally formed with a "utopian" goal in mind. Though mostly short-lived for a variety of reasons, the movement as a whole contributed to reforms in US society, most notably the abolition of slavery. We will see how attitudes in our present social context still impel like-minded people to form themselves into exclusive, sometimes isolated communities, seeking, if not perfection, at least "to give heavenly existence an earthly embodiment." **Led by Charlie Herrick.** Join us!

**SERMON NOTES:**



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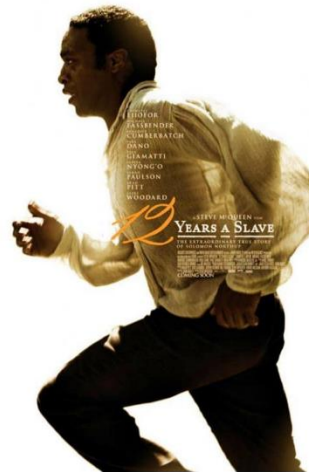


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**Chef Stef's Dinner Menu**



Chef Stef's  
Steakhouse Cream  
Butter Chicken Thighs  
with Golden Yukon  
Garlic Mash and  
Italian Sautéed Green  
Beans  
Drink Paired  
with Sparkling  
Apple Cider  
Peach  
Mocktails  
Dessert: Red  
Velvet Cake



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