

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING

**The Lamb ...
will be their
shepherd, and
he will guide
them to springs
of living water.**

Revelation 7:17, ESV

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nov. 5, 2023 10:00 a.m.

All Saints Day Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rich Blankenship

Blessing and glory and wisdom to our God!

Amen!

Thanksgiving and honor to our God!

Amen!

All power and might to our God forever and ever!

Amen and amen!

++HYMN #326 [GTG] For All the Saints verses 1-3

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of and All Saint's Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

NECROLOGY

Annette Smith, December 29, 2022

Evgeny Epshtein, January 4, 2023

Emma Lou Knight, February 26

Jack Fuller March, 18, 2023

Dorothy Foster, April 19, 2023

Joyce Oberg, April 30, 2023

++HYMN #326 [GTG] For All the Saints verses 4-6

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Rich Blankenship

++Indicates to stand in body or spirit

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of eternal life,
we gather in gratitude for all the saints of the ages and our lives.
We also confess our sorrow as we ache from their absence.
We hear you call us blessed when we mourn,
but we do not find the comfort you promise.
Be with us in our remembrance and strengthen us until the day we join them,
singing your praises in the great multitude.**

Assurance of Pardon

++Response to Forgiveness 447[GTG] We Are Forgiven

447 We Are Forgiven

The musical notation is for the song 'We Are Forgiven' in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: 'We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.' The chords are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rich Blankenship

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

People: **And also with you.**

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rich Blankenship

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.

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

Rich Blankenship

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "The Good Shepherd" by Zebulon M. Highben Erin Schor, flute

*"My sheep hear my voice and they follow me; I know them; I give them eternal life.
My sheep hear my voice and they follow me, I am the Good Shepherd of all.
My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.
In pastures green you make me feed beside the living stream.
You bring my wandering spirit back when I forsake, forsake your ways,
And lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever."*

5When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++Hymn #840 [GTG]

When Peace Like A River

This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was names for the ship that sank (VILLE DU HAVRE).

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (all bread served is gluten free)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name

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.

Leader: ... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

The Mystery of Faith (unison)

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Invocation of Holy Spirit

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.

Pastor: Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Responsive Prayer after the Supper

Leader: You have given yourself to us, Lord;

People: Now we give ourselves for others.

Leader: Your love has made us a new people;

People: As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts;

People: Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offering

Choral Anthem: "Hark! I Hear the Harp's Eternal" arr Alice Parker

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.
And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM*

++ Doxology 717[GTG] For the Life That You Have Given

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in
Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these
gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;
heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN #731 [GTG] Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues - faith, hope, and love - mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.

BENEDICTION

BLEST BE THE TIE 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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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Rich Blankenship
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higl
Bells of First Director	Darin Showalter
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY are one of our silk arrangements.

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 \$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 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.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Nov. 5

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
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
2:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Workshop

Monday, Nov. 6

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 9 GIL class
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room
7:00 p.m. Membership Committee - Zoom

Tuesday, Nov. 7

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
4:00 p.m. Adult Forum Committee – library/zoom
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band Rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Book Group - Zoom

Wednesday, Nov. 8

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study – library
4:00 p.m. Nominating Committee – Zoom
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Open Spot Theatre – Litten Hall
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting - Zoom

Thursday, Nov. 9

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
12:00 a.m.-2 p.m. NWI Food Distribution – Litten Hall
6:30 p.m. Mission Committee
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, Nov. 10

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, Nov. 11

Sunday, Nov. 12

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship - Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

SILVER BELLS on Friday, November 17! Our church will be a warming center between 5 - 8 p.m. Join us for cookies, hot chocolate, fellowship as you walk to and from the festivities in Downtown Lansing! We will have a couple of fire pits, music and fellowship in the Memorial Garden.

If you would like to help out with decorating (Jackie Blankenship); if you want to help with day of set up (Ann Harvey); if you want to help with singing carols (Megan Higle).

NAME TAGS: Would you like a name tag? Or does your old one need to be replaced? Please email Pam Blair blairkids3@yahoo.com or call/text 517-281-9099. The deadline to get names to the printer is November 12, 2023.

Children's Faith Formation after service at the same time as Adult Forum

November 5

Join Miss Megan in the Beatitudes (Page 324 "A Blessings Map"). Snack, Coloring and a Beatitudes Wheel is on deck!

November 12

So Exciting! We will begin our work on our Christmas Pageant, "The King's Birthday" - songs, spoken lines, costumes!

November 19

So Exciting! We will continue our work on our Christmas Pageant, "The King's Birthday"

November 26

Decorate the Church Day! We will have OUR Christmas Tree to decorate (Parlor) and then will go into the Sanctuary to rehearse our Christmas Pageant.

Handbell choir rehearsals are Mondays, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! Contact Darin Showalter for more information.

Adult Bible Study: occurs Wednesdays at 10:30 AM by ZOOM. All are welcome as we explore two readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. Here is a link to the lectionary: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> Here is the Zoom link to connect: <https://bit.ly/3Q2iBKZ> Meeting ID: 832 1565 8039, Passcode: 661418
Pastor Bob Higle / bob.higle@gmail.com / 517-512-8018

ADULT FORUM

(11:15-12:15 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom).
(Childcare can be available through this time.)
Children's Faith Formation also happening.

NOVEMBER 5 - TODAY

Building/Emergency Procedures Drill will be given by the Emergency and Building Security Committee. This will be held in the Sanctuary right after church.
Please all stay!

NOVEMBER 12

Thanksgiving? Thanks but no thanks!

Dr. Elliot Ryser

Our traditional Thanksgiving holiday along with several others has continued to decline in popularity compared to some recently adopted holidays. However, there is at least one thing for which we are all universally thankful, namely the food that sustains us. Come and hear how many people it takes to get your Thanksgiving dinner to the table. It's more than you think.

NOVEMBER 19

The First Presbyterian Church of Lansing
Vision and Mission Statement
will be presented and questions answered.

NOVEMBER 26

Time to join the holiday fun of decorating the church.
(No Adult Forum today)