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SERVICE FOR OUR LORD'S DAY

FEB. 23, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SERGEI KVITKO

CALL TO WORSHIP

DEB DONALDSON

God of the mountaintop, you call us to journey with you.

**Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination;
dazzle us with your beauty and glory.**

In the midst of our weary souls and exhausted bodies,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.

In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.

In the midst of crushing disasters, natural and humanmade,

Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.

Move us from scarcity and cynicism and transfigure our lowly visions
to reveal the abundant life of your realm.

**Help us to keep watch so that we might leave the mountaintop
inspired to do your work of transformation in the valley below.**

Amen.

++ HYMN #193[GTG]

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9 / Mark 9:2-9 / Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

CALL TO CONFESSION

DEB DONALDSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord,

we confess that we do not always seek

++Indicates Congregation standing as able

**the light of your way.
We are satisfied to dwell in darkness,
holding fast to the comforts of material fortune.
We ignore the needs of others,
and selfishly look the other way
when our neighbors are oppressed.
In your merciful way,
help us to establish your equity in the world.
Move us to protect creation and ensure equality,
that all of our siblings
may have a share of your abundance
and the safety of your peace,
and that the light of your face
may shine upon all creation.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DEB DONALDSON

The Lord our God answers our prayers.
The Holy One forgives us of our sin.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

++ RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #659 [GTG]

***Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.***

++ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

DEB DONALDSON

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MS. MEGAN

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS Darla Jackson and Dan DeYonke

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?

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?

++Questions to the Congregation

Clerk of Session Carol Wallace

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?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DEB DONALDSON

God of shining splendor,
your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Overshadow us with your Spirit
so that we may hear your Word
and live as faithful disciples
and covenant people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 99

DEB DONALDSON

¹The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! ²The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. ³Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! ⁴Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! ⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. ⁸O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. ⁹Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Ave verum Corpus (K. 618)” W.A. Mozart, arr. by Franz Liszt
SERGEI KVITKO, PIANO

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-43

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They

appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

SERMON

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

++HYMN #192[GTG]

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

While the reference to Jesus as the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) can be understood generally, this hymn is perhaps best understood as a response to the Transfiguration. This is the most popular of the author / composer's many songs.

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

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus (sung in unison) #552[GTG] Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

The Mystery of Faith (unison)

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

Invocation of Holy Spirit

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

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.**

Words of Institution

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

Responsive Prayer after the Supper

REV. STANLEY JENKINS

You have given yourself to us, Lord;

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people;

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

Your glory has filled our hearts;

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Be Thou My Vision” arr Jay Althouse

CHANCEL CHOIR

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou, only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

++Doxology #608 [GTG]

Praise God, from Whom 608
All Blessings Flow

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (half), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter). Chords above are G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G. The second staff continues: G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (half), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Chords above are D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7. The third staff continues: G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). Chords above are G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore."

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN #853 [GTG]

We Are Marching in the Light of God

This lively Zulu / Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men’s group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other

languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

BENEDICTION

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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INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

LITURGIST:	DEB DONALDSON
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	MEGAN HIGLE
ORGANIST:	SERGIE KVITKO
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE / COMMUNITY OUTREACH:	PRINCE SOLACE
PASTOR:	REV. STANLEY JENKINS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 2

10:00 a.m.	Worship service – 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 - Chapel

Monday, March 3

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
 9:00 a.m.-4 AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall
 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting – Library
 5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room
 6:00 p.m. Association of Lansing Pastors – Library
 6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Membership Committee meeting

Tuesday, March 4

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
 9:00 a.m.-4 AARP Tax assistance – Litten Hall
 6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe band rehearsal – Litten Hall
 7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal - Chapel

Wednesday, March 5

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
 10:30 a.m. Lectionary Bible study – Zoom
 4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – Choir room
 5:30 p.m. Yoga – yoga room
 6:00 p.m. Wired Word Bible study – Zoom
 6:30 p.m. Mission Committee meeting
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 6

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
 7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Bible Study - Library

Friday, March 7

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Saturday, March 8

3:00 p.m. Talent Show – Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Chordsmen concert - Chapel

Sunday, March 9

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**Pottery Show and Sale Fundraiser**

Terri Froemel, a regular online participant in Worship and Bible Studies at our church, is donating 79 pieces of pottery she has made to benefit the Food Pantry. Her wares will be displayed in the lobby area off Molly Grove Chapel through Sunday, March 9. The sale is “self-serve”. Simply choose a piece and

make a donation using the envelope provided, or by putting cash in the box that the Food Pantry will have at the desk. Your envelope can be placed in the offering plate, the Food Pantry box, or taken to the church office. Thank you to Terri for this unique gift, and her generosity for support of the Food Pantry. THANK YOU for “shopping” and supporting both Terri and our Food Pantry.

Show off your talent by yourself or with a group. A **talent show** will take place on **March 8, 2025, at 3 pm**. If you want to be in the show please contact Pam Blair blairkids3@yahoo.com The show needs an audience too, so if you are not in the show come to be wowed and enjoy the fun.

Looking for ways to volunteer at Lansing First Presbyterian Church?

The Christian Education Committees (Adult and Youth) are hoping YOU might be interested in helping shape programming, events and materials for our church family.

Please see Ceci Anderson, Alyse Collins or Megan Higle for more information. YOU are welcome and needed!

Adult Education (Ceci Anderson, chair) meets, currently, on the First Monday at 2:00 p.m. (in person and on zoom).

- Adult Forum Programming
- Bible Studies
- Lent & Advent Devotionals
- Library
- Book Group

Youth Education (Alyse Collins, chair) meets, currently, on the First Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (via zoom).

- Sunday School
- Child Care Room/Staff
- Children’s Moment
- Christmas Pageant
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Outdoor Playground
- Youth Fellowship w/Holt Presbyterian Church

The **Capitol City Chordsmen** are presenting their big annual show on **March 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm**. “Turn Your Radio On” will include quartets, the chorus,

fun times, audience participation, Steve Warnaar's quartet and a story about Matt Ottinger trying to get his first job. Good, old-fashioned entertainment for only \$22. Call 517-896-3804 for tickets.

Per Capita Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery for 2025 is **\$42 per member**. This is for every member to consider. The check can go to the church noting "per capita." Please consider paying a per capita for those who cannot afford to.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (INCLUDING ADULT FORUM AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION)

11:15-12:15 (ish) after worship service in Litten Hall (adults) and Sunday School room (children)

Childcare is available through this time - please let Childcare staff know if this is needed.

March 2 (today!)

Adult Forum - Are you ever in the church building? Then make sure that you join the EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GROUP, led by Elder Mike Bryan, as we practice a Tornado Drill, prepare for weather events and have discussion on how to best respond while at the church building and/or in the church parking lot.

Children's Faith Formation - Library & Story Time with Ms Megan (library). Children will also see where their Food Bank donations go.

March 9

Adult Forum - "Make Disciples: Live As A Disciple" - Join Elder Ceci Anderson and Director of Christian Education, Megan Hagle, as we begin our Multi-Generational Bible Study for the season of Lent. (Fruits of the Spirit)

Children's Faith Formation - "Make Disciples: Live As A Disciple" - Pam Blair, teacher

March 16

Adult Forum - "Make Disciples: Go!" - Ways of spreading the love of God. Hear how Ben Watson (cousin to Megan Hagle) spreads the love of God in China!

Children's Faith Formation - "Make Disciples: Go!" - Kathy Banghart, teacher