

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



Baptism and leaving for the wilderness by Father George Saget, 1963

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Feb. 18, 2024 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRELUDE

Kingsfold, arr. Kathleen Wissinger

Bells of First

## LENTEN CANDLE

Gwen Botting

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Kurt Civilette

The praise we come to share is praise of thanksgiving.

**In our worship, we hold God's love close to our hearts.**

We desire to surround ourselves with community.

**As our songs echo, our prayers rise,  
claiming God as our strength.**

## ++HYMN #167 [GTG] Forty Days and Forty Nights

*This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130.*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Kurt Civilette

Unison Prayer of Confession

**In the season of Lent, O God,**

**we say lofty words about renewing our spiritual disciplines,**

**journeying with you to the cross,**

**or denying ourselves material wants for the good of the soul.**

**Forgive us, O God, if our actions are in vain:**

**if we are concerned with the good of the soul**

**rather than the good of your people;**

**if we have twisted this season of penitence**

**into a reason for praise or judgment;**

**if we are so preoccupied with the sins of the world**

**that we cannot recognize and confess the sins of our own lives.**

**Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy.**

**Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.**

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

Kurt Civilette

Listen, the time has come at last.  
Look, now is the day of salvation!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

++Response to Forgiveness      **#626 [GTG]** As the Deer

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Kurt Civilette

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

**#414 [GTG]** Be Still and Know

*Be still and know that I am God (four times).*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Ms. Megan

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Kurt Civilette

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalms 25:1-10

Kurt Civilette

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** "Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days" arr Zebulon Highben

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.*

*As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.*

*As you did hunger and bear thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord to die to self and always live by your most holy word.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through your Passion-tide, for evermore, in life and death, Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us that when this life of suffering is past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:9-15

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**SERMON**

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

**++HYMN #783 [GTG]** When We Are Tested

*Although the Temptation of Christ is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels (Matthew 4:1-11 / Mark 1:12-13 / Luke 4:1-13), this hymn is based on the Lukan version. It is notable that*

*each stanza begins with “when” not “if” ; temptation is not an optional feature of the spiritual life.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gwen Botting

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayers continue)

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.**

**Amen #472[GTG] Kum bay yah (verse 4)**

***Someone's praying, Lord, kum bay yah!***  
***Someone's praying, Lord, kum bay yah!***  
***Someone's praying, Lord, kum bay yah! O Lord, kum bay yah!***

## **PRESENTING OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Music**      “A Lenten Prayer” by Hal H. Hopson

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.*

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself, oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves; oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk to by ourselves.*

*You must go and stand your trial, you. Have to stand it by yourself, oh, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

## Offering

**++Doxology #607 [GTG]**

***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 #775 [GTG] I Want Jesus To Walk With Me**

*The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field song that were used to coordinate the efforts of enslaved peoples involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that need combined rhythmic strokes.*

## 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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**MORE LIGHT**  

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**PRESBYTERIANS**



## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist

Organist/Pianist

Director of Music

Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach

Pastor

Bell Choir Director

Kurt Civilette

Sergei Kvitko

Megan Higle

Prince Solace

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Darin Showalter

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities:

Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)

Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available.

**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 Betsy, 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.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO OUR MISSION! PLEASE SCAN THIS CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE TO GIVE SECURELY ONLINE. Take a picture with your phone and it will take you to the website to make a donation.**



# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, Feb. 18

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

## Monday, Feb. 19

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
9:00 a.m.-2 AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall  
11:30 a.m. Church staff meeting - Library  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee – library  
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room

## Tuesday, Feb. 20

9:00 a.m. GIL Classes  
9:00 a.m.-2 AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall  
10:00 a.m. Library Committee – library  
2:30 p.m. Building and Grounds – library  
6:00 p.m. Mid-Mi Photo Club Officers – library  
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

## Wednesday, Feb. 21

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
4:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study – 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. Session – GIL room

## Thursday, Feb. 22

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
1:00 p.m. Bridge in the Parlor  
1:00 p.m. Election set-up  
10:00 a.m.-3 NWI Food distribution – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

## Friday, Feb. 23

9:00 a.m.-3 Secretary of State mobile unit – chapel outer-room  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

## Saturday, Feb. 24

TBA H. Roper funeral

## Sunday, Feb. 25

8:30 a.m. Lenten Bible Study – Litten Hall  
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



# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**CALL FOR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sunday, March 10, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Michigan, is called for Sunday, March 10, 2024 immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting to hear the Session's reports on the life, work and financial status of the church, to receive the annual budget and review the Pastor's Terms of Call.

**Church Orientation** after service February 25, 2024, in the parlor. If you have questions or just want to learn more about Lansing First Pres. this is for YOU. We will discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian and what it means to be a friend or member at Lansing First Pres. Bring your questions and any ideas on February 25.

**Holy Cross Services fundraiser benefiting New Hope Community Center** will be Thursday February 29 5:30-7:30 at Lansing Shuffle, 325 Riverfront Dr., Lansing. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. New Hope is one of the region's largest homeless shelters and is the area's only "low barrier" facility.

**Women's Fellowship** will meet at the home of Christine DeYonke on Sunday, March 3 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. You do not need to be a member or an attendee of FPC to come to Fellowship. We will enjoy fellowship, food, prayer and a discussion/ study on a portion of Chapter 9 of "Celtic Ways to Pray." Come and see! Contact Megan Hagle or Christine DeYonke for more information.

**YOU HAVE TALENT** and we want to know about it. When you have a performance, a game, or an exhibit, please tell your church family, so if we are available, we can come cheer you on and be wowed by your abilities. There is a Talent Calendar on the long table in the elevator lobby, so share the when and where and your name so we can come see you in action or talk to you afterwards about it. We also would love to have photos of any events you participate in. Please submit any photos to Prince Solace, [psolace@lansingfirstpres.org](mailto:psolace@lansingfirstpres.org)

**Camp Greenwood Summer Camp 2024** is here! Registration is open. We want to see you this summer!

Before the hot weather arrives, sign up your child for our **Elementary Spring Shut-In** for ages 8-11. Join us for a single overnight of fun and games March 29-30! See you at Camp! As Always, Camp Greenwood Forever!

Jake Dayringer -Camp Greenwood Director

**How did we get here?** — Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30–8 p.m.

This panel discussion features supporters of the Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan who detail their journey to embrace reparations for descendants of enslaved African

Americans. East Lansing Public Library. Free admission. Reservations recommended.  
<https://bit.ly/ELL-JusticeLeague>

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

**Adult Bible Study:** occurs Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. 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](mailto:bob.higle@gmail.com) / 517-512-8018.  
There will be no Bible Study on Ash Wednesday.

# ADULT FORUM

(11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on Zoom).  
(Childcare can be available through this time.)  
Children's Faith Formation is also happening.

**FEBRUARY 18**

**Led by Rev. Stan Jenkins**

**HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

**FEBRUARY 25**

Our 4-week Adult Forum Lenten Bible Study begins today!

**"INHERITING THE KINGDOM"**

**Led by Ann Harvey**

**How to access Bible Study materials**  
**Go to our church's website (see below)**

**[lansingfirstpres.com](http://lansingfirstpres.com)**

**Scroll to the second section**  
**Click Adult Forum Lenten Bible study**  
**Click Materials**

**Or use the QR code**

