

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 21, 2024 10:00 a.m.

MUSIC SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Easter

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Bunessan, arr. Jason W Krug

Bells of First

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRELUDE

Classical Easter, arr. Michael Helman

Bells of First

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Harvey

We come to God, our holy shepherd,  
as we come to a green meadow.

**God prepares a place for us,  
and we give glory in God's presence.**

How excellent is this dwelling place  
under the eyes of God's care.

**We turn to God in joy.**

**Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.**

## ++HYMN

#394[GTG]

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

*Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the deice where the composer served as organist and is buried (WESTMINSTER ABBEY).*

## SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Ann Harvey

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, you have called us to love,  
not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**

**You have laid down your life for us  
and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another.**

**Still, O Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers  
when the world needs our hands and our feet.**

**Still, O Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world,**

++ indicates to stand in body or spirit

**hiding behind a myth of independence.  
Forgive us, we pray, and by your forgiveness,  
raise us to new life in you.**

Assurance of Pardon

Ann Harvey

Hear the good news of God's promise:  
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.  
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
will be saved.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

++Response to Forgiveness #544 [GTG] Bless the Lord

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

**++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Ann Harvey

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Ann Harvey

Living God, with joy we celebrate  
the presence of your risen Word.  
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit  
so that we may proclaim the good news  
of eternal and abundant life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Acts 4:5-12

Ann Harvey

<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how

this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

John 10:11-18

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

## **CHORAL PRESENTATION**

"Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré

(Translation of Latin below)

### I. Introit and Kyrie

*Rest eternal grant them, Lord, and may light perpetual shine on them,  
A hymn becomes You, God, in Zion, and to you may be paid a vow in Jerusalem.  
Hear my prayer, to You all flesh shall come.  
Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy.*

### II. Offertory - with Colin Dewitt, bass soloist

*O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,  
deliver the souls of the departed from the punishment of hell  
and from the deep pit, from the mouth of the lion,  
nor may they be absorbed by hell, nor may they fall into darkness.  
Sacrifice and prayer to You, Lord, in praise we offer:  
receive for those souls whom today we commemorated.  
Allow them, Lord, to pass from death to life, which once to Abraham You  
promised to his seed. Amen.*

### III. Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.  
Full are the heavens and the earth of your glory.*

- Hosanna in the highest.*
- IV. Pie Jesu - soprano solo, Katie Sundeen  
*Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest;  
grant them everlasting rest.*
- V. Agnus Dei  
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant them everlasting rest.  
Light eternal - may it shine on them, Lord, with your saints in eternity,  
You who are merciful.  
Rest eternal grant them, Lord, and light perpetual - may it shine on them.*
- VI. Libera Me - with Colin Dewitt, bass soloist  
*Deliver me, Lord, from death eternal in that terrible day,  
when the heavens shall be moved and the earth,  
when You shall come to judge the world by fire.  
With trembling I am seized and with fear, until the trial to come,  
also with the coming wrath.  
That day, day of wrath, calamity and misery, that day, great day,  
and exceedingly bitter.  
Rest eternal grant them, Lord and light perpetual - may it shine on them.*
- VII. In Paradisum  
*To paradise may the angels lead you;  
at your coming may the martyrs receive you and bring you to the holy city,  
Jerusalem.  
May the angel chorus receive you and with `Lazarus, once a pauper,  
eternally may you have rest.*

## 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 #568[GTG]**

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## Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)  
 Gm F B<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm D E<sup>b</sup> F C

A - men, a - men, a - men!

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)  
 Gm F B<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm D E<sup>b</sup> Dm7 G

A - men, a - men, a - men!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984  
 Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

AMEN (Haugen)

## PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

## 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 #757 [GTG] Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples

*This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign entitled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name (KINGSFOLD) recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.*

## 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**  
PRESBYTERIANS

## INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Ann Harvey
Organist/Pianist	Megan Higle
Choir Director	Colin DeWitt
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
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)

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS** are available.

**FLOWER CHART** There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The 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, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.



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# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## **Sunday, April 21**

10:00 a.m. Sunday service - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

## **Monday, April 22**

9:00 a.m. GIL classes  
10:00 a.m. Church staff meeting - Library  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room  
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal - Sanctuary

## **Tuesday, April 23**

9:00 a.m. GIL Classes  
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

## **Wednesday, April 24**

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
12:00 p.m. Boomers/Beyond Luncheon – Parlor  
4:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom  
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal – Choir Room  
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

## **Thursday, April 25**

9:00 a.m. GIL Class  
9:00 p.m. NWI Food Distribution – Litten Hall  
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

## **Friday, April 26**

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

## **Saturday, April 27**

## **Sunday, April 28**

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall  
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel



# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**(FPC) MEN'S GROUP ACTIVITY** The annual ADOPT A RIVER clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 with registration at the *Impression 5 Science Center* in downtown Lansing beginning at 8:30 AM and lunch provided beginning at 11 AM. Our group will be assigned a section of the Grand River in Lansing to clean up by picking up trash and putting into plastic bags that will be provided. Please contact Brian Koon (517 886-9801 or [b.koon@comcast.net](mailto:b.koon@comcast.net)) if you can help with the river clean-up.

On **Saturday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m.**, the **Capitol City Chordsmen** will present a concert here at our Church. We will feature popular Disney songs, with quartets and the chorus performing. As a thank you for allowing us to rehearse here at Church, the ticket price is waived for church members. We will all have fun.

## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hope in One Golf Outing, Aug. 7, Groesbeck Country Club.**

This is a special year and North Westminster Presbyterian Church is recognizing those who have been a part of the golf event for 8 or 9 years. LFPC is one of them. Donors have contributed over \$50,000 for the missions of Advent House and North Westminster Presbyterian. LFPC will be highlighted in the event program and in announcements.

**Reminder:** The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05. Hopefully every member can pay that amount. The check can go to the church noting per capita. If you can, please consider paying the per capita for those who cannot afford to. Thank you.

# ADULT FORUM

11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom  
Childcare is available through this time

**APRIL 21**

## **Earth Care Sunday**

**Barb Amundsen, Carol Wallace, Mike Bryan leading**

Earth Day is April 22. The First Presbyterian Church Green Team invites all on this 54th anniversary of this celebration to learn Presbyterian Mission Agency's Earth program. More specifically discover become certified as an Earth Care becoming more involved in being through completing activities and worship, education, facilities and churches that participate in community ours, or promote Fair Trade Coffee or Sunday gain points towards qualifying.



about the PC USA Care Congregations how our church can Congregation by stewards of God's earth projects in the fields of outreach. For example, garden programs like use Eco-Palms for Palm The ECC program

started with a few churches in 2007. Today there are over 276 churches that have been certified. In addition, come learn about our **First Pres Community Garden** – its history, opportunities to volunteer, and how to rent a garden space – will all be discussed.

**APRIL 28**

Come enjoy watching an "Old School" video of a Christmas pageant from our Church's past.  
**Host Russ Jenkins**

**MAY 5**

**Justine Achuonjei**  
My Faith Journey