

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Jan. 14, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kurt Civilette

The boy Samuel heard God's voice in the night.

We come listening for God's voice.

God knew us before we knew ourselves.

We come listening for God's voice.

Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

We come listening for God's voice.

We come to this place to listen and follow.

Let us worship God!

++HYMN #450 [GTG] Be Thou My Vision

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Kurt Civilette

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of abundant mercy. You embodied love for us in the life of Jesus Christ.

You ate with sinners and shared with outcasts.

You loved with boldness and healed with grace.

Forgive us, O God, when we do not trust your love:

when we doubt whether we are worthy of your care.

Forgive us, O God, when we try to cheapen love:

when we limit it to shallow feelings instead of bold actions.

Help us, O God, when we cannot feel your love,

when we are isolated, afraid, and unable to see your presence.

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.

Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way.

Assurance of Pardon

Kurt Civilette

Those who trust in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will rise up to fly like eagles,
they will run and not be weary,
they will walk and not grow faint.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

++Response to Forgiveness **#598 [GTG]** Amen, Praise Your Name

***Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

++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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kurt Civilette

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

Kurt Civilette

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Come and See” by Karen Marrolii Stefan Koch, cello

Come and see. Love is here now. Free your soul. Let judgement go.

Come and see. Lay your heart down. Simply be, that you may see.

Only light can drive away the dark. Only mercy dampens hatred's spark.

Where compassion reigns, only love remains.

Come and see. Peace is here now. Just reach out and conquer doubt.

Come and see. Lay your fear down. See what you find with opened mind.

Where we tend to turn toward force or fight, shouting who is wrong and who is right,

Nurture opened hearts from whence healing starts.

Come and see, come and see, come and see.

Come and see. We can build a world where all are know, where all are home.,

Where you don't need to carry guilt or shame, you don't need to carry hurt or pain,

Where the fires of grace burn in every place.

Come and see, come and see, come and see.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

Rev. Stan Jenkins

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw

you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

SERMON

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++HYMN #701 [GTG] Lord, Prepare Me

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth that “[they] are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in [them].”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

George Bennett

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]

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Salve Regina” by Giacomo Puccini

Stefan Koch, cello

Offering

++Doxology #607 [GTG]

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN #69 [GTG] I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call.

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 
MATTHEW 25

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Kurt Civilette
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Choral Director	Colin DeWitt
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins
Bell Choir Director	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.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jan. 14

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship - Chapel

Monday, Jan. 15

Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, Jan. 16

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
2:30 p.m. Building and Grounds Committee – library
6:00 p.m. Mid-MI Photo Officers – library
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, Jan. 17

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal - chapel
5:00 p.m. Open Spot Theatre – Litten Hall
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
6:00 p.m. Elder Training (kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Session meeting – GIL room
4:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom

Thursday, Jan. 18

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
12:00 a.m.-2 p.m. NWI cooking demo – kitchen
6:00 p.m. GL Quilt Guild – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, Jan. 19

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, Jan. 20

3:30 p.m. Recital – chapel

Sunday, Jan. 21

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

Rev. Stanley Jenkins will be master of ceremonies for the following forum on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



GLEN ERIN PIPE BAND ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION

Tickets are on sale now for the Glen Erin Pipe Band's Robert Burns Celebration January 27, 2024, at MSU's Kellogg Center. This event with dinner, concerts, and dancing is a highlight of the Scottish cultural calendar and well attended by members of First Pres. Tickets are \$55. Contact Bill Collins for more info or to reserve a seat with the First Pres group: bill@pipercollins.com

Camp Greenwood Summer Camp 2024 is here! Registration is open and a 10% discount on all Summer Registrations is active through the end of January. Use the link below to see our schedule and register your camper and family! 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! Find a direct link to register below.

See you at Camp! As Always, Camp Greenwood Forever!

Jake Dayringer -Camp Greenwood Director

Our Church received notice of an important "Books for Babies Ministry". Christian Services and also a few Lansing churches designate January as the month to highlight the need for children's books for low income families. Board books for the very young and new or slightly used children's books for those in the Head Start programs are needed. Call Michael Welch at Christian Services at 394-5413 for suggestions for books to purchase or for locating a Head Start program. Thank you for considering this !

Children's Faith Formation 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 / 517-512-8018

ADULT FORUM

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

January 14

Slavery to Freedom Art Installation at MSU
Mila Lynn

January 21

Yuta Matsubara
Sister City in Japan

January 28

Middle East Conflict