

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 19, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Fantasy on Hyfrydol arr. Hal Hopson.

Bells of First

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ann Harvey

Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

**The Spirit of God descends upon us,
and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.**

The expression of the Spirit's power
in our community is a wonder to behold.

**We each have a different voice,
yet we witness God's joy together! Amen.**

++HYMN

#283[GTG]

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

This short gathering song from Nigeria was originally created in Yoruba, one of that country's three primary trade languages. Although it has a very different rhythm and feel, this is essentially the same sung prayer as the Taize chant, "Veni Sancte Spiritus" (no. 281).

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Ann Harvey

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day,
so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion.**

You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world.

Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written.

You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other.

Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue.

**Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow
your spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people.**

++ indicates to stand in body or spirit

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 #188 [GTG] Jesus Loves Me!

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! the Bible tells me so.*

++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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES (see insert)

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Scatter Us, Lord
A Parting Hymn

R. G. Huff ST. CATHERINE

1 Scat-ter us, Lord, in Je - sus' name. Af - ter this time we're not the same.
2 Scat-ter us, Lord, to serve you well. May we be bold to go, to tell.

Here we have met you face to face; Go with us as we leave... this place.
Out - side these walls the peo - ple wait. Some with - out hope, and some with - out faith.

REFRAIN

Fill us with pa - tience, love and grace. Scat - ter us, Lord, be - yond this place.

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RECOGNITION MEMBERS LEAVING

Pam Blair

GREENING OF THE CROSS

Gwen Botting

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann Harvey

God of power and grace,
fill us with the wisdom of your Word
and the understanding of your Spirit
so that we may be your church:
a people with dreams and visions
at work in all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Ann Harvey

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Draw Us In the Spirits Tether" by Harold W. Friedell

(See hymn 529)

*Draw us in the Spirit's ether; for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with tanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-28

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

SERMON

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++HYMN #66[GTG] Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hop of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

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]

568 Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

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

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b Dm7 G

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

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984
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AMEN (Haugen)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Music

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 #360[GTG] Christ Is Coming!

This hymn by a 19th-century Scottish pastor is specially based on Revelation 1:7 and 22:20, with allusions to several other New Testament passages. Unlike medieval hymns that focused on judgment, this text understands the Second Coming as an occasion of triumph and joy.

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

Chrisann Lowe

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Ann Harvey
Organist/Pianist	Chrisann Lowe
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 AND HYMNS are available.

FLOWERS Today are in honor of Del and Dianne Rector's 59th wedding anniversary.

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, May 19

10:00 a.m. Sunday service - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Potluck – Litten Hall
1:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall

Monday, May 20

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, May 21

9:00 a.m. GIL Classes
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, May 22

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, May 23

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
6:00 p.m. Gr Lansing Quilt Guild – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 24

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Come to a different location Sunday, May 26 for a **Joint worship with Union Missionary Baptist Church** 11 a.m., 500 S. MLK Jr. Blvd. Links for viewing:

<https://umbclansing.org/service-times/>

<https://www.facebook.com/UMBClansing/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1jOjyx1qkWMqNMwKdbwCzQ>

Church Orientation will be after service June 2, 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.

Potluck this Sunday. Let's share some great food and great conversation after worship in Litten Hall. Bring a dish that feeds 10-12 people. Beverages and place settings will be provided. A cart will be available by the entrance for your dish as you arrive for worship, and someone will take it downstairs for you. Come see why people say Presbyterians put on the best potlucks!

10th Annual Hope in One Golf Outing, Aug. 7, Groesbeck Country Club.

This is a special year and North Westminister 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 Westminister 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. Please consider paying the per capita for those who cannot afford to. Thank you.

Lugnut church outing on June 14. The game is 7:05 p.m. and are \$12. Anyone can sign up through Rich Blankenship by email, text or in person on Sundays.

LINK NEWS - Northeast/DeWitt & All Points North Link

We will share lunch and conversation every third **Saturday** of the month at 1 p.m. On **June 15** we will meet at Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar at 3301 Centre Blvd: Lansing. Contact Pat Eenigenburg.

South Lansing Link meets the second Sunday after worship. Check with Prince Solace and Bethanne Jenks for plans!

ADULT FORUM

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

MAY 19

Potluck Sunday

Come celebrate with our graduates,
savor great food and enjoy the coming of spring!
(no Adult Forum today)

This ends the program year for Adult Forum.

See you in September!
