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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Feb. 24, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

LENTEN CANDLE

Lexi Koopman, Trent Mitchell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian Jackson

Every time we gather in God's name,
we learn something new.

What will be God's gift of revelation to us today?

We enter this time of worship joyfully,
assured of God's new mercies.

**Celebrating these blessings to come,
we bring our love to God.**

++HYMN #49 [GTG] The God of Abraham Praise

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the Yigdal, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Brian Jackson

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O God, you have made us your covenant people,
marked us as your own, and charged us for lives of service.
Forgive us when we live as if success were the worthiest aim
or independence the highest virtue.**

**Call us once more to take up our crosses,
and show us how to follow you.**

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

Brian Jackson

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

Brian Jackson

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

Brian Jackson

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 22:23-31

Brian Jackson

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" arr Jay Althouse

Ben English, soloist

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 my 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.

Be Thou my vision and my light.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

SERMON

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++HYMN #39 [GTG] Great is Thy Faithfulness

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor (Thomas O. Chisholm) that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

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 ba Yah (verse 4)

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Music

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" arr Marques L.A. Garrett

Annie Rowbal, soloist

Lord Jesus, walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me, while I'm on my pilgrim journey,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord walk with me.

When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me,

While I'm on my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Lord Jesus, walk with me.

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 #726 [GTG] Will You Come and Follow Me

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune (KELVINGROVE), the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

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

Organist/Pianist

Director of Music

Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach

Pastor

Bell Choir Director

Brian Jackson

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 Flowers today are in honor of Jean Dietrich's 90th birthday, provided by her son, John Dietrich.

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 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, Feb. 25

8:30 a.m. Lenten Bible study – Litten Hall
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Church Orientation - Parlor
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. 26

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
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room

Tuesday, Feb. 27

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

Wednesday, Feb. 28

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
9:00 a.m.-4 AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Thursday, Feb. 29

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
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, March 1

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, March 2

All day Poor People's March on the Capitol – Parking lot

Sunday, March 3

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 today 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.

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.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study will resume after Easter: Throughout the season of Lent, our Adult Bible Studies will focus our time, energies, and studies on the Bible material provided through our church-wide Bible Study, which will occur daily and culminate on each of the Sundays in Lent during our Adult Education in Litten Hall. For more information, see Adult Forum article below.

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

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!

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 FORUM

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

FEBRUARY 25

Our 4-week Adult Forum Lenten Bible Study begins today!
“INHERITING THE KINGDOM”

Led by Ann Harvey

Ways to access Bible Studies materials:

Online:

[AF Bible Study Material 2024 | Lansing First Presby](#)

OR use the QR code



OR pick up print materials at church.

How To Participate in the Bible Study

- 1) Starting February 19, Monday thru Saturday read the Daily Passage listed in the table.
- 2) On each Thursday ([Feb 22](#), [29](#), March 7 and [March 14](#)) read Sunday's passage and answer the three reflection questions. These reflections will be sent, as a confidential response, to the Leader for Sunday as prep.
- 3) Come to Sunday's Adult Forum for fellowship and discussion on the passage.