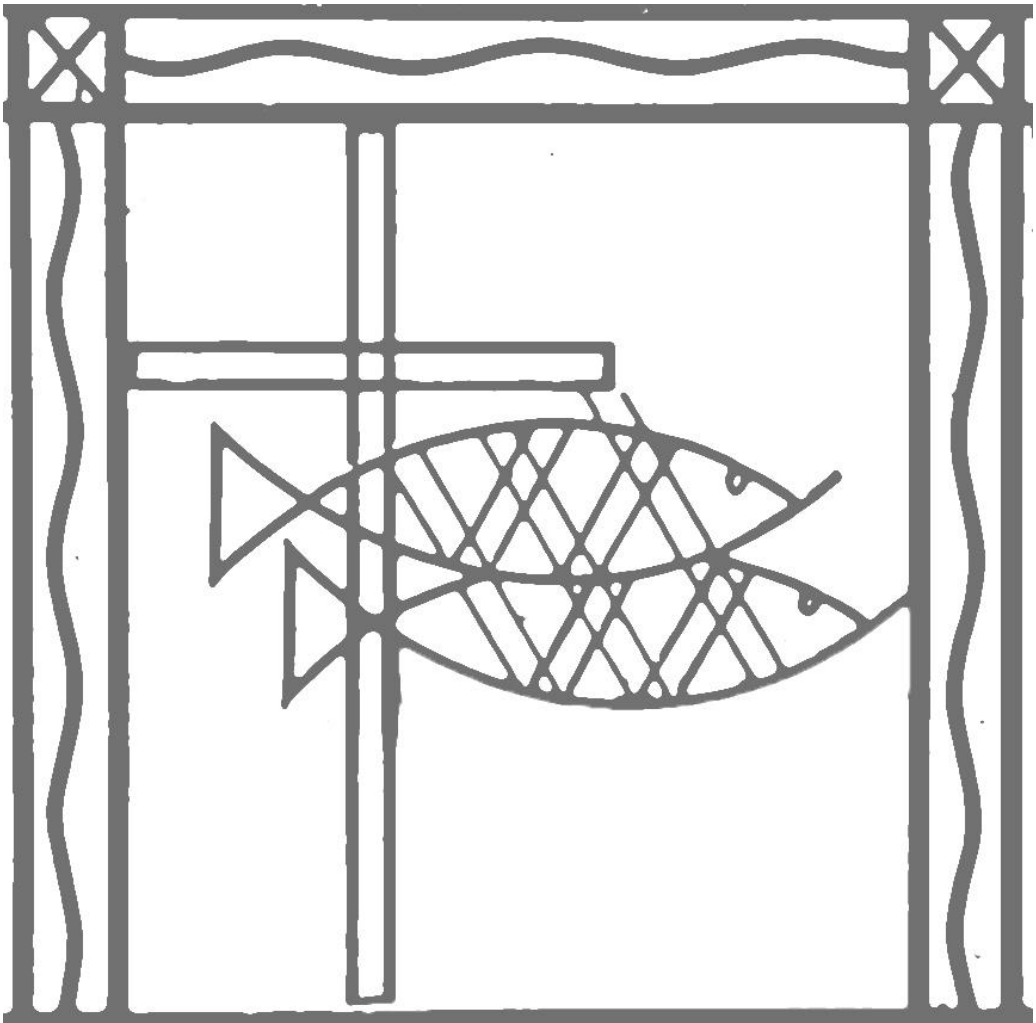


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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Jan. 21, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

“Simple Gifts” arr Patricia Sanders Cota

Bells of First

CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Warnaar

God is our rock and salvation.

**We wait to hear from God;
our souls wait.**

We depend on God alone;

**we release what will pass away
and rest in God's enduring mercy.**

Though God calls us down difficult paths,

**we answer, relying on God's help,
for God keeps calling us to the work.**

Let us worship God!

++HYMN #307 [GTG] God of Grace and God of Glory

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Steve Warnaar

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Holy God,

**you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you,
yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives.**

**We distract ourselves from your call
with busyness, stress, and worry.**

**We tangle ourselves in webs of racism, sexism,
and hatred that disguises itself as fear.**

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

**Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness,
open our ears to hear your voice saying to us,
“Follow me.”**

Assurance of Pardon

Steve Warnaar

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

Steve Warnaar

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

Steve Warnaar

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 62:5-12

Steve Warnaar

⁵For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Selah

⁹Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

¹¹Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

¹²and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Will You Come and Follow Me” arr Tom Trenney

Come.

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known; will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

Come.

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

Come.

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

[Congregations joins]

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show, Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Come.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20

Rev. Stan Jenkins

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON

Rev. Stan Jenkins

++HYMN #695 [GTG] Change My Heart, O God

The central image of the potter and the clay in this text comes from Isaiah 64:8 (and there is a similar reference in Jeremiah 18:1-6), while the petition for a changed heart is similar to Psalm 51:10. Such readiness to do God's will is a significant 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 #568[GTG]

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Quia respexit” from *Magnificat in D Major* by J.S. Bach
Katie Sundeen, soprano

*Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae sue.
His handmaiden.
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent.
called blessed.*

*For He has regarded the lowliness of
Behold, from henceforth, I will be*

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 #751[GTG] From the Nets of Our Labor**

This text effectively evokes the call of the disciples who were fishermen (Matthew 4:18-22 / Mark 1:16-20 / Luke 5:1-11), while also describing the circumstances of our daily lives through which Jesus continues to summon us to be responsive to the needs and challenges of our own day.

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	Steve Warnaar
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins
Prayer Leader	Gwen Botting
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. 21

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 – sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Lansing Symphony Orchestra - chapel

Monday, Jan. 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 – choir room

Tuesday, Jan. 23

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

Wednesday, Jan. 24

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
4:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom

Thursday, Jan. 25

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

Friday, Jan. 26

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, Jan. 27

Sunday, Jan. 28

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

BRUSH OFF YOUR TALENT! The **Church-Wide Talent Show** will take place on Saturday, February 10th from 2 - 4 p.m. Enjoy some fellowship, some snacks, some laughs, some smiles with your church family! ALL TALENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED! See Megan Higle to sign up!

Women's Fellowship will meet at the home of Christine DeYonke on Sunday, March 3rd from 2 - 4 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 Higle or Christine DeYonke for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Ash Wednesday** is on Wednesday, February 14th. Come and prepare yourself for our Lenten Journey with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Wednesday, February 14th 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (this service will also be live-streamed on our YouTube channel)

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

There are two events locally focusing on repairing the damage of slavery.

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>

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 21

Led by Prince Solace

Have you heard of Otsu, Shiga Japan? Michigan and Shiga became sister states in 1968 and have deepened our mutual understanding, learned from each other, and grown our friendship. In October 2023, Michigan visited Shiga and

37 GoodWill Mission delegates from

had a wonderful time through homestay and other programs. We would like to share this wonderful friendship and exchange with you.



Please join!

January 28

BREAKING NEWS!!!
Come find out.