

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



Transfiguration of Christ, Theophanes the Greek, ca 1500

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Feb. 11, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sherri DeMarco

God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.

++HYMN #666 [GTG] O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

This morning hymn is based on a Latin text attributed to a 4th-century bishop. It weaves various images of Christ as Light with light-based descriptions of each day's passing. It is set to a dance-like tune from at least the 15th century that enhances the energy in the text.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Sherri DeMarco

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

Sherri DeMarco

“Stand up, take your mat and walk,” Jesus says to the crippled man he has healed. We, too, are healed. Transformed by Christ’s redemption, let us get up and walk together.

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

Sherri DeMarco

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

Sherri DeMarco

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 50:1-6

Sherri DeMarco

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

³Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. *Se’lah*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Chariot!” arr. Philip Kern

*Gonna ride up in the chariot, early in the mornin'....and I hope I join the band.
O, Lord, have mercy on me. And I hope I join the band.
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.
I looked over Jordan and what did I see, comin' for to carry me home?
A band of angels comin' after me, comin' for to carry me home!
O, Lord, have mercy on me!*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++HYMN #662 [GTG] Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name (RATISBON) honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prince Solace

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

Offertory Music "Anthem for Transfiguration" by Paul Hofreiter

*This is my Son, my Chosen One.
Listen to him!
Listen!*

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 #377 [GTG] I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light

The author-composer, Kathleen Thomerson, of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many Scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

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

Sherri DeMarco

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 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.

YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL TO OUR MISSION! PLEASE SCAN THIS CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE TO GIVE SECURELY ONLINE. Take a picture with your phone and it will take you to the website to make a donation.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Feb. 11

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum
11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

Monday, Feb. 12

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. 13

9:00 a.m. GIL Classes
Noon Lunch - Litten Hall
2:30 p.m. Building Grounds Committee – Library
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee
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

Wednesday, Feb. 14

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
9:00 a.m.-2 AARP Tax assist – Litten Hall
12:00 a.m. Boomers and Beyond luncheon – Parlor
5:00 p.m. Open Spot Theatre – Litten Hall
5:00 p.m. Deacons meeting – GIL classroom
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service – Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (following Ash Wednesday worship)

Thursday, Feb. 15

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
10:00 a.m.-3 NWI Food distribution – Litten Hall
5:00 p.m. NWI cooking demo – Kitchen/ Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, Feb. 16

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, Feb. 17

Sunday, Feb. 18

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

The Presbyterian Campus Ministry at MSU, UKirk, will host a **Day of Remembrance** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Tuesday**, the one-year anniversary of the campus shooting. The event will take place at **Eastminster Presbyterian Church**, 1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing. The schedule is 11:00 a.m., guided art practice, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. lunch (please pre-register), and 1:00 p.m., brief worship services. To register for lunch or ask questions, email neil@ukirkmsu.org.

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 Higle or Christine DeYonke for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **Ash Wednesday** is this coming Wednesday, February 14. Come and prepare yourself for our Lenten Journey with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion, Wednesday, February 14 at 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. 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! See you at Camp!

As Always, Camp Greenwood Forever!
Jake Dayringer -Camp Greenwood Director

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 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.

There will be no Bible Study on Ash Wednesday.

ADULT FORUM

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

FEBRUARY 11 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION

Today to commemorate African American History Month, we will have **Dr. Nakia Parker**, as our guest presenter. Dr. Parker will share on *Reconstruction: The End of Slavery and the Search for Family, Political Gains, and Social Status*.

Dr. Nakia Parker is an Assistant Professor in the History Department at Michigan State University. She is a historian of nineteenth-century U.S. slavery, African American, American Indian history, Women's and Gender Studies, and Black Life in the U.S. West. She is currently working on her book manuscript, *Trails of Tears and Freedom: Black Life in Indian Slave Country, 1830-1866* which examines the lives of enslaved and self-liberated individuals of African and Afro-Native descent in Choctaw and Chickasaw communities in nineteenth-century Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma).

Please join us for a great presentation and some stimulating follow-up discussion led by **Elder Willye Bryan**.

FEBRUARY 18 Led by Rev. Stan Jenkins HISTORY OF THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

FEBRUARY 25
Our 4-week Adult Forum Lenten Bible Study begins today!
"INHERITING THE KINGDOM"
Led by Ann Harvey