

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LANSING



**Restore us,
O God Almighty;
make your face shine
upon us, that we
may be saved.**

Psalm 80:7, NIV

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 8, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE

Brooke Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bessie Roper

Let us come to learn.

Let us come to witness.

Let us come to change.

Let us come to repent.

Let us come to worship.

++HYMN #846 [GTG] Fight The Good Fight

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle". The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2)

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Bessie Roper

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the law and the prophets,

We do not want to admit

all the commandments we have broken.

We worship idols of money, success, and power.

We use your name to justify whatever we do.

We do not honor each other;

we covet, we lie, we wish evil upon others.

Our sins are too many to name.

Forgive us.

Speak to us and we will listen,

remembering that you are

our freedom and deliverer.

++indicates to stand in body or spirit

Assurance of Pardon

Bessie Roper

Do not be afraid:
God loves us with an everlasting love;
God's grace is unending.
Siblings in Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God for such graciousness!

++Response to Forgiveness 447[GTG] We are Forgiven

447 We Are Forgiven

Musical score for 'We Are Forgiven' in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.' The chords indicated above the notes are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Bessie Roper

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. Ann

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mike Carey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bessie Roper

Faithful God, how blessed are those

who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit
so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-6, 12-17

Bessie Roper

20Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr William Dawson-Colin Dewitt, soloist

*Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke;
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.*

*Jordan river is chilly an' cold, it chills the body, but not the soul;
There ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven an' right back.*

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 58:5-12

Prince Solace

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

SERMON

“Repairing the Breach”

Prince Solace

++HYMN

#332[GTG]

The Right Hand of God (verses 1-4)

In biblical imagery, references to “the right hand of God” imply God’s power and God’s favor. Beginning with an allusion to the handwriting on the wall at Belshazzar’s feast (Daniel 5:5), this vigorous Caribbean hymn proceeds to identify ways God continues to act in our own day.

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 #571 [GTG] Amen

571

Amen

Capo 5: (Am) (Em) (F) (Am) (D7) (Em7) (A)
Dm Am B^b Dm G7 Am7 D



A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Curt Oliver, 1997
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AMEN (Oliver)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Bessie Roper

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Grant Us Your Peace”

by Felix

Mendelssohn

*Grant us your peace O Lord our God, and show us your salvation.
Help us to know your saving word; give us your peace forever,
Through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

++ Doxology #717[GTG] “For the Life That You Have Given”

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in
Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these
gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;
heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of Dedication

Bessie Roper

Let us pray.

God of love, accept these gifts and multiply them to your use.
Amen.

++HYMN #394 [GTG] Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried (WESTMINSTER ABBEY).

BENEDICTION

BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]

(We encourage you to reach out to those around you in the congregation)

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE
Broughton

Brooke

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MORE LIGHT

PRESBYTERIANS



INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Bessie Roper
Organist/Pianist	Brooke Broughton
Director of Music	Megan Higl
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Prayers of the People	George Bennett
Preaching	Prince Solace

Church service leaders:

Bell Choir Director	Darin Showalter
Pastor (on sabbatical thru Oct.)	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Our **CHILD CARE** Room, located up the ramp from the Pine St. entrance is available during Worship and Adult Forum. Staff: Lily Ferris, Makenna Davis and Sidney Knapp.

Concerns of the congregation: In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY are in memory of our Dad, Robert Paterson, from Nan Carter and Susan Reames.

HEARING ASSISTANCE (The devices have been checked to ensure their functioning.) **LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE BULLETINS** (If you would like a Braille bulletin, please let the church office know ahead of time.) We also have **CUSHIONS** available if you find the pews uncomfortable! Please see one of the ushers if any of these aids to worship will enhance your participation in the service.

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, Oct. 8

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Adult Forum - Litten Hall
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries – chapel
2:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Anniversary – Litten Hall

Monday, Oct. 9

10:00 a.m. Church staff meeting, library
5:30 p.m. Yoga – yoga room

Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 10

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee
6:00 p.m.-9 GIL Classes
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band Rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen - chapel

Wednesday, Oct. 11

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
10:30 a.m. Bible Study – library/Zoom
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children’s Choir rehearsal – chapel
5:00 p.m. OpenSpot Theatre – Litten Hall
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 12

9:00 a.m. GIL classes
12:00 p.m.-2 NWI Food distribution – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Bible Study – Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

Friday, Oct. 13

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, Oct. 14

Sunday, Oct. 15

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship – Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:15 a.m. Congregation for Elections
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Lansing Symphony Orchestra - chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Call for Congregation Meeting: A Special Meeting of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Michigan, is called for **Sunday, 15 October 2023**, immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose is to elect Officers of the Church including Session, the Board of Deacons, Financial Review Committee, and Nominating Committee

NAME TAGS: Would you like a name tag? Or does your old one need to be replaced? Please email Pam Blair blairkids3@yahoo.com or call/text 517-281-9099. The deadline to get names to the printer is November 12, 2023.

Church Orientation will be after service October 22, 2023, 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 on October 22. Please RSVP to Pam Blair blairkids3@yahoo.com or call/text 517-281-9099.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

October 8

Join Ms. Kathy as we explore "The Ten Commandments" (Exodus 20:1-21), page 166 in your Growing in God's Love Bible.

Craft sticks, markers and glue will abound!

Handbell choir rehearsals are Mondays, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! Contact Darin Showalter for more information.

BIBLE STUDY continues each Wednesday at 10:30 AM by ZOOM. This study is led by Pastor Bob Higle and attended by members of FPC and Plymouth.

All are welcome! We explore readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. As there are many lessons from both the Old Testament and New Testament, we will choose one or two lessons for our study time on Wednesday. A link will go out in an all-church email on Monday highlighting those lessons. Here is a link to the Revised Common Lectionary:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> In the event you want to join us in person, please contact Bob Higle by phone at 517-512-8018, Here is the Zoom link to connect:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83215658039?pwd=c21vSVhNQIJ2eHNBNmxZU1pyWWwydz09>
Meeting ID: 832 1565 8039, Passcode: 661418

ADULT FORUM

(11:15-12:15 in Litten Hall downstairs or on zoom. Childcare provided.)

OCTOBER 8 – OUR NEW WEBSITE will be revealed!

OCTOBER 15

A **MATTHEW 25 Initiative** presentation on both Building Congregational Vitality and Dismantling Structural Racism. As a “Matthew 25” and a “More Light” church, we will look at and discuss these two of the three tenets of the Matthew 25 initiative from PCUSA material.



OCTOBER 22

The third **MATTHEW 25** tenet on Eradicating Systemic Poverty will be presented with a video and a launch of the book “Poverty, by America” as an All Church Read.

OCTOBER 29 - Holiday baskets. CPR/AED training Light lunch will be served.

Join the whole congregation as we begin the process of filling holiday food baskets with non-perishable items. Perishable items will be added later.

Please see p.2 of the October First Epistle for details, or call the office.

The first **CPR/AED training** for participants who signed up, given by **Geoff Blair** from the Emergency and Building Security Committee, will be held today in Litten Hall after holiday baskets have been filled (about 12:45).

Please see p. 8 in the October First Epistle for details, or call the office.

NOVEMBER 5

Building/Emergency Procedures Drill will be given by the Emergency and Building Security Committee.

NOVEMBER 12

A Pre-Thanksgiving offering:

Where Our Food Comes From, with **Dr. Elliot Ryser**