

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
JANUARY 14, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved,
created in love and redeemed for love.

Congregation: My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord.

Speak to me anew.

Pastor: God gives to us the Holy Spirit, knitting many mem-
bers into one body, the body of Christ.

Congregation: Together we answer, Here we are Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit.

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: God has a vision for his people. Who will answer Christ's call and follow him in expectation of his kingdom?

Congregation: Here we are Lord. Empower us for your work.

Pastor: God calls the small, and helps them do great things.
God calls the weak, and gives them gifts for service.
God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

Congregation: Here we are Lord, humble and waiting.

Pastor: Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to hear what God will say, to receive God's power, and to do God's will.

Congregation: Here we are Lord. Shine the light of your love on us, move among us by your Spirit, and work your will in us, so

**that all the world may know the power
of your love in Jesus Christ.**

*HYMN (INSERT)

“All Are Welcome”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

You see deep into our hearts, O God, and you know everything about us. You know when we are working or resting, when we come and when we go. No matter where we are, we are never out of your sight. We know all this to be true, yet we cling to anxious thoughts and conceive sinful motives that we try in vain to keep hidden from you. For these thoughts and motives, which often bring harm to ourselves and others, we ask your forgiveness. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Remove any offensive way from us, and lead us to life everlasting.

KYRIE HYMN 572

*“Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no place in the world you can go where God can not find you. And he has sent into this world his Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, to seek and save the lost. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God in him. Go and live in the confidence that comes from the love of God for you. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Christ has given us peace that surpasses all understanding. The peace of Christ be with you!

Congregation: The peace of Christ be with you also!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy VanSyckle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgists: *1 Samuel 3:1-10* (a dramatized reading)

Pastor: *John 1:43-51*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"How Do You Know Me?" Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 339

"Be Thou My Vision"

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ending with "The Lord's Prayer" Page 16 in Hymnal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

HARKNESS HAND BELL CHOIR

"People, Look East"

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 354

"Guide My Feet"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Please sign the red attendance folder in your pew, sharing your name with those near you and making formal your gift to God of this hour. If you give your complete address and phone number, we will keep you informed about upcoming events.

Serving in Worship Today:

Guest Minister: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgists:* Sue Reglin, Savannah Parvin, Lee Hunsberger, and Jim VanSyckle; *Greeters and Ushers:* Kathy and Jim VanSyckle, Shelly Reglin; *Children's Message:* Kathy VanSyckle; *Fellowship:* Headstart Movie

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Minister: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Marilyn McKay; *Greeters and Ushers:* Keith and Lynn Sterner, Evelyn Ransom; *Children's Message:* Marilyn McKay; *Fellowship:* Margaret and Linda

Elders serving on Session: Dr. Jan Arnold, David Hanson, Lavonna Hoover, Evelyn Ransom, Sue Reglin, Cindy Rozich, Dr. Keith Sterner, Dr. Warren Thompson, Kathy VanSyckle

Music Fund: Elder Bill Robinson
Shaver Children's Fund: Elder Judi Emlinger
Head Start Initiative: Elder Sue Thompson
Clerk, Margaret Gregory
Treasurers, Barb Klenk and Norma Kilpatrick

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| Music Leader | Mike Kaufman |
| Harkness Handbell Choir Director | Cindy Rozich |
| Administrative Assistant | Deb Montgomery |
| Custodian | Steve Slaughter |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Per our By-Laws, which state our Annual Congregational meeting will be the last Sunday in January, the congregational meeting will be January 28th immediately following the worship service. All committee reports are due to the office by January 17th. They can be emailed in a word document. Thank you.

It is again time for our church to pay our Per Capita to Presbytery. For members who would like to help out our church 2018 budget, the per capita amount for 2018 budget, the per capita amount for 2018 is \$28.98 per member. The apportionment rates are General Assembly \$7.73, Synod of the Covenant \$3.25 and

Presbytery of Lake Michigan \$18.00. When paid, please indicate \$28.98 is for your per capita. Our per capita amount, which is due to presbytery January 20, 2018 is \$2,231.46 and is based on 77 active members as of 12/31/16. Thank you.

Fred Adgate, a member of the North Kent Presbyterian Church in Rockford, has invited our church to join North Kent for a Sledding and pizza party January 21st at the Hunting and Fishing Club at Bertha Brock Park. The event will begin at approximately 1:00 P.M. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Memorial Room. Please sign up to attend as they need a count for the pizza orders from Olivera's. Hot chocolate will also be available. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. You don't have to brave the cold. Fred will have a fire in the fireplace, and we can get to know the Presbyterians at North Kent.

2017 Year End Statements are available in the Memorial Room.

CALENDAR

- 1/14 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments, Head Start Movie Day
- 1/15 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting
- 1/17 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 1/18 9:00 A.M. Deadline for February Newsletter
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen, Team #3, Cindy Rozich, Captain
- 1/21 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 1/24 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 1/25 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 1/28 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
Annual Congregational Meeting immediately after worship
Fellowship, Refreshments
- 1/31 9:30 A. M. Quilters
- 2/1 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

SEE WHO WE ARE

Christian Service Center

clothing and household goods we donate for neighbors

Crop Walk

walking or rocking we help to feed the world

Souper Bowl of Caring

homemade soup prepared and served to collect funds for local soup kitchen

March Into Reading

books we give to Head Start youngsters

Faithful Friends

Head Start classroom volunteers & family support

Ionia County Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

groceries we collect and food we serve for a neighborhood center

Bear Buddies

near Christmas, we collect small stuffed animals for use in hospital emergency room, patrol cars of police officers, and spouse abuse center