

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
JANUARY 21, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus

Christ: “Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!”

**Congregation: We come to this place, to this time, at
the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: In the name of Christ,

Congregation: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

Pastor: In the name of Christ,

**Congregation: as his disciples, we worship and praise
God.**

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

Congregation: we proclaim the God of compassion.

Pastor: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up
whole lives, whole peoples,

Congregation: we proclaim the God of hope.

Pastor: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

Congregation: we proclaim the God of love.

All: Come, let us worship together and share our witness of
God's living presence in the world.

*HYMN (INSERT)

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

Almighty God, you call us in Jesus Christ to leave be-

hind our preoccupations and follow where you lead us.

But in our fear, we hesitate, preferring our own way be-

cause it is familiar to us. We are comfortable, even

complacent, in our routines, which we are not willing to

give up. Forgive us for our resistance to your call, for

our stubborn determination to go our own way instead of asking you about your purposes. Grant us grace to respond to your call; grant us courage to overcome our fear.

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

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

Liturgist: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: *Mark 1:14-20*

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

“Leaving it Behind”

Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 377

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ending with “The Lord’s Prayer” Page 16 in Hymnal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”
Mary Williams*

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 370

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

*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 Speaker: Dr. Chris Dorn; ***Liturgist:*** Kathy VanSyckle

Greeters and Ushers: Keith and Lynn Sterner, Evelyn Ransom;

Children’s Message: Kathy VanSyckle; ***Fellowship:*** Margaret Gregory and Linda

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Perry Gregory;
Greeters and Ushers: Pat Gustafson, Megan Ransom, Sue Reglin; *Children's Message:* Judi Emlinger

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

Music Leader

Harkness Handbell Choir Director

Administrative Assistant

Custodian

Mike Kaufman

Cindy Rozich

Deb Montgomery

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

- 1/21 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
- 2/4 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 2/6 5:30 P.M. Family Night
- 2/7 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 2/8 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