

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA  
JANUARY 28, 2018  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

WARM UP SELECTION HYMN 521

*"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"* - Mary Williams

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with  
my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the  
congregation.

**Congregation: Great are the works of the Lord, studied  
by all who delight in them.**

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**Congregation: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

Pastor: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

**Congregation: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.**

Pastor: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

**Congregation: He sent redemption to his people: he has established his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in Unison)*

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new

creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

#### 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

Judi Emlinger

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Deuteronomy 18:15-2*

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: Mark 1:21-28

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

**Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON                                *“As One Having Authority”* - Dr. Chris Dorn

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                                Page 14 - Hymnal  
*The Apostles' Creed*

\*HYMN 191                                *“God is Our Refuge and Our Strength”*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ending with “The Lord’s  
Prayer” Page 16 in Hymnal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY                                Hymn 592  
*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 281                                *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

\*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; *Liturgist:* Perry Gregory  
*Greeters and Ushers:* Pat Gustafson, Megan Ransom, Sue Reglin; *Children's Sermon:* Judi Emlinger; *Fellowship:* Mary Williams and Margaret Gregory

### *Serving in Worship next Sunday:*

*Communion Preparers:* Jim & Kathy VanSyckle; *Communion Servers:* Jan Arnold, Lee Hunsberger, Keith Sterner;  
*Guest Speaker:* Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Jim VanSyckle  
*Greeters and Ushers:* Barb Klenk, Bill Robinson, Lavonna Hoover  
*Fellowship:* Christian Ed

*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

COME ENJOY!

Retirees Fellowship: Norma Kilpatrick, President (527-4144)  
*good friendship, good activities, 3rd Thursday*

Quilters Fellowship: Carol Shier, Chairperson (616-755-0963)  
*fun, fellowship, and helping hearts 9:30 a.m. Wednesday*

Prayer Shawl Group: Evelyn Ransom and Mary Williams, Co-Chairs  
*Making lap robes and shawls for those who need them*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Bless, O Lord, the one you are sending to be our next pastor.

When that person is joyful, guide that person to be prayerful.

When that person is tempted, stay by that person. In all seasons  
send that person the companions you intend and the good  
judgment and good heart to embrace them.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Christian Education Committee hopes to receive your cans  
and bottles to redeem for their deposits, as well as your

exhausted ink cartridges.

Your help is needed for Sunday Fellowship hour and altar flowers.

Please remember to sign up.

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.

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.

Sledding Party rescheduled for February 11th immediately after  
Worship.

### CALENDAR

- 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      10:30 A.M. Travelogue – Presbyterians on the Go  
          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
- 2/11     8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice  
          10:00 A.M. Worship—Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn  
          11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments, Sledding Party

## **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*