

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
FEBRUARY 4, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (INSERT)

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, you pour out the spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our souls long for your courts, O Lord of hosts;

**Congregation: Happy are we who dwell in your house
and are ever praising you!**

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God;

**Congregation: Happy are we who dwell in your house
and are ever praising you!**

Pastor: We have found a home in your presence, Our King
and Our God;

**Congregation: Happy are we who dwell in your house
and are ever praising you!**

*HYMN 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The apostle John wrote: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

**Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of your
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus,
forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our
small lives. Holy Spirit we offend you in minimizing your
power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our
blindness to your glory, O Triune God, has resulted in
shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild
repentance. Have mercy upon us, in Jesus' name, Amen.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured
that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no
hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God

forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

COMMISSIONING OF ELDERS

Judi Emlinger, Lee Hunsberger, and Mary Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: *Psalms 84*

Page 512 pew bible

Second Reading: *Hebrews 2:14-18* Page 1045 pew bible

SERMON

"There's no place like home..." - Rev. David Veldt

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 521

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right...

**Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and
might, Heaven and earth are full of our
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ending with "The Lord's
Prayer" Page 16 in Hymnal

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**Congregation: and all that is within me, bless his holy
name!**

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Congregation: and forget not all his benefits,

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,

Congregation: who heals all your diseases,

Pastor: who redeems your life from the Pit,

**Congregation: who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy.**

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**Congregation: who crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy.**

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Congregation: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

Congregation: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

Congregation: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Pastor: as far as the east is from the west,

Congregation: so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Pastor: As a father has compassion for his children,

Congregation: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

Pastor: who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.

Congregation: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from

this time forth forevermore. Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 212

“Within Your Shelter, Loving God”

*BENEDICTION

People of God, hear now these words of blessing. Now may the love of the Father enfold us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, the fire of the Spirit kindle us; and may the blessing of the Lord God come down upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

*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: Rev. David Veldt; ***Liturgist:*** Jim VanSyckle;
Communion Preparers: Jim and Kathy VanSyckle; ***Communion Servers:*** Jan Arnold, Lee Hunsberger, Keith Sterner;
Ushers/Greeters: Barb Klenk, Bill Robinson, Lavonna Hoover
Fellowship: Christian Ed

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Minister: Dr. Chris Dorn; ***Liturgist:*** Kathy VanSyckle
Greeters and Ushers: David Hoover, Norma Kilpatrick, Evelyn Ransom; ***Children's Message:*** Marilyn McKay
Fellowship: Sledding Party

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.

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

- 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