

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*

February 11, 2018

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” (Mark 9:7)

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA  
FEBRUARY 11, 2018  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (INSERT) *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Congregation: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Pastor: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

**Congregation: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

Pastor: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**Congregation: The heavens declare his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.**

\*HYMN (INSERT) *"Be Not Afraid"*

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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, and already paid, is \$2,2311.46 and is based on 77 active members as of 12/31/16. Thank you.

CALENDAR

- 2/11 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Minister, Dr. Chris Dorn  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship Sledding Party at Bertha Brock Park
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day  
9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 2/15 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group  
5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen, Team #2 Captain, Margaret Gregory
- 2/18 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Minister, Dr. Chris Dorn  
Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 2/19 Presidents' Day
- 2/20 Deb has Dr. appointment at 8:40 A.M. in Grand Rapids  
Should be in office around 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
- 2/21 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 2/22 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

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.

Sledding party is today immediately after Worship, at Bertha Brock Park.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in Unison)*

God of glory and mercy, before his death in shame, your Son went to the mountaintop and you revealed his life in glory. Where prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him to be your Son so that we should listen to him. We say we long to hear your voice, but we are dull of hearing and slow of heart to believe all the things that the prophets have said about Jesus. Forgive us, Lord, for the sin in us that prevents us from hearing your voice. Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.

KYRIE HYMN 572

*"Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! One of us is without sin. But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. For we have one who never fails to speak to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world. Believe this good news and live!

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: *2 Kings 2:1-12* Page 319-320 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: *Mark 9:2-9* Page 876 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!.

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

SERMON *"Prophets on the Mountaintop"* - Dr. Chris Dorn

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

\*HYMN 324 *"Open My Eyes, that I May See"*

## 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 423 *"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"*

\*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:* David Hoover, Norma Kilpatrick, Evelyn Ransom; *Children's Message:* Judi Emlinger  
*Fellowship:* Sledding party at Bertha Brock Park

## *Serving in Worship next Sunday:*

*Guest Speaker:* Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Megan Ransom  
*Greeters and Ushers:* Marilyn McKay, Keith and Lynn Sterner;  
*Children's Message:* Mary Williams  
*Fellowship:* Pat Gustafson and Beryl Bishop

*Elders serving on Session:* Dr. Jan Arnold, Judi Emlinger, Lavonna Hoover, Lee Hunsberger, Evelyn Ransom, Sue Reglin, Dr. Keith Sterner, Kathy VanSyckle, Mary Williams

*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

Mike Kaufman

Harkness Handbell Choir Director

Cindy Rozich

Administrative Assistant

Deb Montgomery

Custodian

Steve Slaughter