

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
FEBRUARY 18, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (INSERT)

"You Are My Hiding Place"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has done great things for
us.

**Congregation: We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of this world.**

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of
mercy to flow in the wasteland.

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

**Congregation: We are the people God has formed
through Christ; we worship him, and we
rejoice!**

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Congregation: We praise God for the grace that has
saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

*HYMN 81

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the
lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned
aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see
ourselves as pure when we are stained, and as great when
we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and
ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ,
our Savior.**

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! The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to their children's children.

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

Kathy VanSyckle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Genesis 9:8-17* Page 7 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: *Mark 1:9-15* Page 867 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"To Begin Again" - Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN INSERT

"On Eagles Wings"

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 83

'O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

*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:* Megan Ransom

Greeters and Ushers: Marilyn McKay, Keith and Lynn Sterner;

Children's Message: Mary Williams

Fellowship: Pat Gustafson and Beryl Bishop

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Shelly Reglin

Greeters and Ushers: Perry and Margaret Gregory, Judi Emlinger

Children's Message: Judi Emlinger

Fellowship: Linda Heinicke

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

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.

During Lent the First Christian Church on Washington St., Ionia, will be hosting Lenten lunches at noon every Wednesday, featuring guest speakers and devotions.

CALENDAR

- 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.
 Deadline for March Newsletter
- 2/21 9:30 A.M. Quilters
 12:00 P.M. Lenten lunch @ first Christian Church
- 2/22 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 2/25 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
- 2/28 9:30 A.M. Quilters
 12:00 P.M. Lenten lunch @ First Christian Church
- 3/1 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