

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA  
FEBRUARY 25, 2018  
SECOND 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: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring  
of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you  
offspring of Israel!

**Congregation: All the ends of the earth will remember  
and turn to the Lord; and all the families  
of the nations will worship before him.**

Pastor: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over  
the nations.

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

**Congregation: All the rich of the earth will feast and  
worship; all who go down to the dust  
will kneel before him, and I will live for  
him!**

Pastor: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be  
told about the Lord.

**Congregation: They will proclaim his righteousness,  
declaring to a people yet unborn:  
The Lord has done great things!**

\*HYMN 302

*"Lord of the Dance"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in Unison)*

**Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was  
tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess  
before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after  
that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with  
evil; we have doubted your power to protect us.**

**Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.  
Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in  
your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear these comforting words: If you repent and believe in  
God’s redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in  
God’s promises and begin anew your life with God and all  
people in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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:** *Romans 4:13-25* Page 980 Pew Bible

**Liturgist:** The word of the Lord!

**Congregation:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Pastor:** *Mark 8:31-38* Page 875-875 Pew Bible

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord!

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

## SERMON

"An Unlikely Story" - Dr. Chris Dorn

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal  
*The Apostles' Creed*

## \*HYMN (INSERT)

*"God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger"*  
(Tune: *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*)

\*Due to 17 dead in Florida

## 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 371

*"Lift High the Cross"*

\*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:* Shelly Reglin

*Greeters and Ushers:* Perry and Margaret Gregory, Judi Emlinger; *Children's Message:* Judi Emlinger

*Fellowship:* Linda Heinicke

*Serving in Worship next Sunday:*

*Guest Speaker:* Rev. David Veldt?; *Liturgist:* Sue Reglin

*Communion Preparer:* Keith Sterner

*Communion Servers:* Norma Kilpatrick, Jim and Kathy VanSyckle

*Greeters and Ushers:* Pat Gustafson, Megan Ransom, Linda

Steele; *Fellowship:* The birthday boy

*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.



We will be collecting items Sunday March 11th and March 18th for the IM3 Program. The Mission offering for March 4th will be for IM3 program also.

Tuesday, March 6th, is the next Family Night, 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. There will be a Hot Diggity Dog Supper in the Fellowship Hall.

### CALENDAR

- 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
- 3/4        8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice
- 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Minister, Rev. David Veldt?
- Sunday School, Missions Offering for IM3 Kid's meals
- 11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments
- 3/6        5:30 P.M. Family Night
- 3/7        9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 12:00 P.M. Lenten lunch at First Christian Church
- 3/8        2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group meets

## **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*