

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA  
MARCH 4, 2018  
THIRD 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 reconciled us to himself  
through Christ.

**Congregation: We are new creations; the old has gone,  
the new has come!**

Pastor: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**Congregation: Through us and through our worship  
may we announce that good news to all.**

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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

**Congregation: Praise God! We are reconciled,  
redeemed, renewed!**

\*HYMN 92

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in Unison)*

**God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of  
mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with  
penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who  
come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table or  
grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with  
delight on all that satisfied the hungry hearts. We ask  
this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, forever and ever. Amen.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**1st Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:18-25* Page 991 Bible

**2nd Reading:** *John 2:13-22* Page 924-25 Bible

## SERMON

*“A Righteous Anger”* Rev. David Veldt

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal  
*The Apostles' Creed*

\*HYMN 335

*"Though I May Speak"*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER  
COMMUNION PRAYER:

Pastor: Let us pray. 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, and a good and joyful thing...

**Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power  
and might, heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is

Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

**Congregation: He took upon himself the weight of our  
sin and carried the burden of our guilt.**

Pastor: He shared our life in every way, and though

tempted, was sinless to the end.

**Congregation: Baptized as your own, he went willingly  
to his death, and by your power was  
raised to new life.**

Pastor: In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your

Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death

**Congregation: and made with us a new covenant by  
water and the Spirit.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN 513

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

\*BENEDICTION

May the God of love, who shared his love, strengthen us in our love for others. May the Son who shared his life grant us grace, that we might share our life. And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us empower us to be only and always for others.

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:* Sue Reglin  
*Greeters and Ushers:* Pat Gustafson, Megan Ransom, Linda Steele; *Communion preparation:* Lee Hunsberger, Keith Sterner;  
*Communion Servers:* Norma Kilpatrick, Jim and Kathy VanSyckle; *Fellowship:* Birthday boy, David Hanson

### *Serving in Worship next Sunday:*

*Guest Speaker:* Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Robert Sykes  
*Greeters and Ushers:* Shelly Reglin, Bill Robinson, Evelyn Ransom; *Children's Message:* Kathy VanSyckle  
*Fellowship:* Christian Ed

*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.

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

- 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
- 3/11     Daylight Savings Time begins
- 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
- 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
- Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 3/14     9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 12:00 P.M. Lenten Lunch at First Christian Church
- Deb out of the office
- 3/15     2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group meets
- Deb out of the office

## **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*