

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
MARCH 25, 2018
PALM SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (INSERT)

"Shout To The Lord"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alexis Parvin

Liturgist: Jesus rides into Jerusalem.

All: Hosanna!

Liturgist: Branches are waved, people shout!

All: Hosanna!

Liturgist: Hopes and dreams are running along with the
parade!

All: Hosanna!

Liturgist: Shout and sing for joy! The Lord comes!

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

All: Hosanna!

Liturgist: Let the women say:

Women: Hosanna in the highest!

Liturgist: Let the men say:

Men: Hosanna in the highest!

Liturgist: Let the children say:

Children: Hosanna in the highest!

Liturgist: Now is the time of victory, for the Lord comes into
our lives!

**All: Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord!**

*HYMN 88

“All Glory Laud, and Honor”

(Children will process from back of church waving palms)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

Lord Jesus, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted “Hosanna: ‘Save us now!’” On Good Friday they shouted “Crucify!” We confess our praise is often empty. We sing “Hosanna,” but cry “Crucify.” As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience. Amen

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: Hear the Word of the Lord from the Psalmist: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

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 SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hosanna, Hallelujah!" by Avery and Marsh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Zechariah 9:9-12* Page 824 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: *Mark 11:1-11* Page 879 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

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

SERMON

"Fragile Possibilities, Robust Hopes"

- Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN INSERT

"The King of Glory"

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 91

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

*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:* Keith Sterner and

Alexis Parvin; *Greeters and Ushers:* Sue Reglin, Lavonna and

David Hoover; *Fellowship:* Sue Thompson and Marilyn McKay

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Lee Hunsberger;

Communion Servers: Marilyn McKay, Sue and Warren

Thompson; *Communion Preparation:* Judi Emlinger and Evelyn

Ransom; *Greeters and Ushers:* Norma Kilpatrick, Keith

and Lynn Sterner; *Children's Message:* Lee Hunsberger

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.

Time to clean those closets again! Rummage sale setup will be April 11. The sale will be April 12th and April 13th.

Please take note: The East door will be locked during worship service. Ushers are responsible for locking the door prior to the beginning of the Worship Service.

CALENDAR

- 3/25 Palm Sunday
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
- 3/28 9:30 A.M. Quilters
12:00 P.M. Lenten Lunch at First Christian Church
- 3/29 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group meets
- 4/1 Easter Sunday
8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
Communion, Missions Offering, Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 4/4 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 4/5 10:30 A.M. Travelogue
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 4/8 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
- 4/10 5:30 P.M. Last Family Night
- 4/11 9:00 A.M. Rummage Sale Set Up
9:30 A.M. Quilters

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