

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
APRIL, 2018
EASTER SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (INSERT)

“Shout To The Lord”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Congregation: The Lord is risen indeed!

Pastor: Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to our

God for ever and ever.

Congregation: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*HYMN 123

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

Pastor: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

Congregation: Keep us victorious over sin.

Pastor: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

Congregation: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

Pastor: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

Congregation: Give us joy in your service.

Pastor: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

Congregation: Make our lives a witness to the resurrection hope.

Pastor: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Acts 10:34-43* Page 957-58 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: *John 20:1-18* Page 944-45 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"God's "Yes" to Us - Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 118

"The Day of Resurrection"

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”

COMMUNION

INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS (IN UNISON)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (IN UNISON)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF BLESSING OVER THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 108

“Christ Is Alive”

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you
do.

**Congregation: We are sent in the name of the risen
Christ.**

Pastor: Let us bless our Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Pastor: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great
Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his
will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to

whom be glory for ever and ever.

Congregation: Amen. Alleluia!

*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:* Lee Hunsberger;

Greeters and Ushers: Norma Kilpatrick, Keith and Lynn Sterner

Communion preparation: Judi Emlinger and Evelyn Ransom;

Communion Servers: Marilyn McKay, Sue and Warren

Thompson; *Fellowship:* Jan Arnold and Pat Gustafson

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Nancy Weatherwax; *Liturgist:* Jim VanSyckle;

Greeters and Ushers: Marilyn McKay, Warren and Sue

Thompson; *Children's Message*: Marilyn McKay

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.

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

- 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