

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
APRIL 8, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (INSERT)

"We Will Glorify"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Congregation: Worship the LORD with gladness; come
into his presence with singing.**

Pastor: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us,
and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of
his pasture.

**Congregation: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and
his courts with praise. Give thanks to
him, bless his name.**

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN 371

“Lift High the Cross”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness:

Congregation: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not loved your creation

as the good stewards you called us to be. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Liturgist: Friends, hear and rejoice in the good news! In
Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Congregation: 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 MESSAGE

Marilyn McKay

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Acts 4:32-35*

Page 952 Pew Bible

Pastor: *John 20:19-31*

Page 945 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Living into God's Now" - Dr. Nancy Weatherwax

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 420

"God of Grace and God 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 104

“Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna”

*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. Nancy Weatherwax; *Liturgist:* Jim VanSyckle

Greeters and Ushers: Marilyn McKay, Warren and Sue

Thompson; *Children’s Message:* Marilyn McKay;

Fellowship: Margaret Gregory

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Nancy Weatherwax; *Liturgist:* Megan

Ransom; *Greeters and Ushers:* Kathy and Jim VanSyckle, Evelyn

Ransom; *Children’s Message:* Kathy VanSyckle

Fellowship: Pat Gustafson and Beryl Bishop

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.

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.

Nancy Weatherwax, a ruling elder at First Presbyterian, Albion, received her Ph.D. from the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University in 2003. She previously graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary. She has taught at several Midwestern colleges and universities, including Millikin University, Luther College, Albion College, Western Michigan University, and Lansing Community College. Nancy has an equal love for the classroom and the pulpit.

CALENDAR

- 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
- 4/12 9 A.M.– 4 P.M. Rummage Sale
 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 4/13 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. Rummage Sale
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- 4/15 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Nancy
 Weatherwax, Sunday School
 11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 4/18 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 4/19 Newsletter deadline for May newsletter
 2– 4 Prayer Shawl Group
 5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen at Zion Methodist
 Team #1 Captain, Norma Kilpatrick

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