

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
APRIL 29, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of life, we praise you for the miracle of Easter. We pray for great joy for ourselves and for all who come to worship today to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We pray especially for those who will join for worship and whose lives are filled with pain, loss, or deep sadness. May they sense how the resurrection is a source of great hope. Amen.

INTROIT (INSERT)

"Shout To The Lord"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Congregation: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: He has given us new life and hope. He
has raised Jesus from the dead.**

Pastor: God has claimed us and his own.

**Congregation: He has brought us out of darkness. He
has made us light to the world.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Congregation: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*HYMN 423

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have
not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our
lives. We have gone along with the way of the world**

and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be our faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. People of

God, our sins are forgiven, be at peace in the knowledge of this forgiveness.

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

Psalm 22:25-31 Page 475-476 Pew Bible

Acts 8:26-40 Page 955 Pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"The Expansive Love of God" – Rev. David Veldt*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 476

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

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 455

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

*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: Rev. David Veldt; *Liturgist:* Shelly Reglin

Greeters and Ushers: Barb Klenk, Megan Ransom, Sue Reglin

Children's Message: Judi Emlinger

Fellowship: Bonnie Hadder and Nancy Satterlee

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Kathy VanSyckle

Greeters and Ushers: Perry and Margaret Gregory, Pat Gustafson

Children's Message: Lee Hunsberger

Fellowship: Ernie and Marcia Ross and Linda Steele

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.

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.

Headstart book collection will be Sunday, May 6th and 13th.

Please bring your new or slightly used books on these Sundays to benefit the children in the Ionia Headstart program. Unable to shop for books? Your donations will be used to purchase books for the kids. Thank you for your help in providing a book for each child in this program.

CALENDAR

- 4/29 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Rev. David Veldt
Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 5/2 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/3 10:30 A.M. Travelogue
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 5/6 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
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Mission Pot, Headstart Book Collection, Sunday School
- 5/9 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 5/10 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

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