

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
JULY 23, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT HYMN 599

“Jesus Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

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(Repeat 3 more times)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked
wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have
brought salvation.

**Congregation: The Lord has made known salvation; has
shown justice to the nations; has
remembered truth and love for the house
of Israel.**

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of
our God.

**Congregation: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out
your joy.**

Pastor: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the
sound of music.

**Congregation: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.**

*HYMN 455

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

**Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to
know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.
But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant,
and our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to
grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive
us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

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

Lee Hunsberger

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 28:10-22

Page 23-24 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Jacob's Ladder" - Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 333

"Seek Ye First"

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 369

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*PARTING BLESSING

*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
Greeters and Ushers: Lee Hunsberger and Barb Klenk;
Children's Message: Lee Hunsberger; *Fellowship:* Marilyn McKay, Evelyn Ransom and Sue Thompson

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Megan Ransom
Greeters and Ushers: Marcia and Ernie Ross
Children's Message: Dr. Chris Dorn
Fellowship: Linda Heinicke

Elders serving on Session: Dr. Jan Arnold, David Hanson, Lavonna Hoover, Evelyn Ransom, Sue Reglin, Cindy Rozich, Dr. Keith Sterner, Dr. Warren Thompson, Kathy VanSyckle

Music Fund: Elder Bill Robinson
Shaver Children's Fund: Elder Judi Emlinger
Head Start Initiative: Elder Sue Thompson
Margaret Gregory, Clerk
Barb Klenk and Norma Kilpatrick, Treasurer

Organist
Harkness Handbell Choir Director
Administrative Assistant
Custodian

Mike Kaufman
Cindy Rozich
Deb Montgomery
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 pick up your 2nd quarter statements in the Memorial Room.

Please save the date! Our church annual picnic at Linda Hood's camp grounds is scheduled for August 27th, immediately after church. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the memorial room starting August 6th. Membership and Care Committee will furnish the hamburger, hot dogs, buns, condiments, and drinks. Please bring your own tableware, chair and a dish to pass.

CALENDAR

- 7/23 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker - Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 7/26 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 7/27 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 7/30 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 8/2 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 8/3 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 8/6 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
Missions Offering, Communion
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 8/9 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 8/10 Office Closed, Deb on vacation
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