

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
JULY 30, 2017
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT (INSERT)

“Lord Be Glorified”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make
known his deeds among the peoples.

**Congregation: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of
all his wonderful works.**

Pastor: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who
seek the Lord rejoice.

**Congregation: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his
presence continually.**

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Congregation: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

*HYMN 559

"We Gather Together"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Dr. Chris Dorn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Genesis 29:15-28* Page 24 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52* Page 847-848 Pew Bible

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"The God of Quiet Beginnings" - Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 354

"Guide My Feet"

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 280

"Amazing Grace"

*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:*** Megan Ransom

Greeters and Ushers: Marcia and Ernie Ross

Children's Message: Dr. Chris Dorn

Fellowship: Linda Heinicke

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

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

Communion Preparation: Keith Sterner;

Communion Servers: Bill Robinson, Dr. Keith Sterner, Kathy

VanSyckle; *Greeters and Ushers:* Pat Gustafson, Kathy and Jim

VanSyckle; *Fellowship:* Ernie & Marcia Ross, Linda Steele

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

Music Leader

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.

Please pick up you 2nd quarter statements in the Memorial Room.

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 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

- 7/30 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 10:30 A.M. Travelogue Memorial Room
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
- 8/13 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 8/16 9:30 A.M. Quilters
9:30 A.M. Membership & Care meet
- 8/17 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group meets
5:00 P.M. Soup kitchen 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