

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT HYMN (INSERT)

*“Shout To The Lord”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us praise our God, who is our light and  
our salvation.

**Congregation: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.**

Pastor: We desire to dwell in God’s house and to seek God  
in his holy temple.

**Congregation: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing  
and to make music to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

**Congregation: Teach us your ways and make straight  
our paths in this hour of worship and all  
ways.**

\*HYMN (INSERT)

*“Gather Us In”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in Unison)*

**Holy God, we confess we do not deserve to be in your dwelling place. We have not led a blameless life. We have not done what is right in your sight or spoken the truth that you have implanted in our hearts. We have done evil both to those we love and to those we refuse to love as we should. We have not been generous with the gifts you have given to us, but have hoarded that which you meant for us to share with the least of these. Hear our cry, God of our salvation, as we confess to you the sins that weigh us down.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because we are not worthy to enter God’s dwelling, God became man to dwell among us in the person of his one and only Son, Jesus Christ. He came into the world to save sinners. This is a trustworthy saying, worthy of acceptance by all. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In him we are being remade into a dwelling place of God through his Spirit. **Amen.**

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!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *James 1:17-27*

Page 1054 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23* Page 874 Pew Bible

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

**Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON

*"Tradition or Authenticity: A False Dilemma?"*

Dr. Chris Dorn

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal  
*The Apostles' Creed*

\*HYMN 514

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ending with "The Lord's  
Prayer" Page 16 in Hymnal

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*"Eat This Bread"*  
Mary Williams and Mary Cusack

\*DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

POST SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Great is the mystery of faith:

**Congregation: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ  
will come again.**

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE BREAD AND WINE

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN 145

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"*

\*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:* Marilyn McKay

*Assisting Dr. Chris with Communion:* Lee Hunsberger;

*Communion Servers:* Kathy VanSyckle, Marilyn McKay, Norma

Kilpatrick; *Communion preparation:* Jim and Kathy VanSyckle;

*Greeters and Ushers:* Lee Hunsberger, Barb Klenk, Linda Hood

*Guest Organist:* Mary Cusack

*Serving in Worship next Sunday:*

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

*Greeters and Ushers:* Perry & Margaret Gregory, Pat Gustafson

*Children's Message:* Kathy VanSyckle

*Fellowship:* Christian Ed - First day of Sunday School

*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

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.

Sunday School starts on September 9th at 10:00 A.M.

Harkness Handbells practice on September 9th at 8:30 A.M.

Your help is needed for Sunday Fellowship hour and altar flowers.

Please remember to sign up.

Happy Birthday to Erik Emlinger 9/5, Garrett Emlinger 9/5, Linda Steele 9/12, Margaret Gregory 9/12.

## CALENDAR

9/2 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn

Communion, Missions Offering

11:00 A.M. Fellowship, Refreshments

9/5 9:30 A.M. Quilters

9/6 10:30 A.M. Retirees, Travelogue

2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

9/9 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice

10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn

First day of Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Fellowship and refreshments

9/12 9:30 A.M. Quilters

7:00 P.M. Community Sing Along

9/13 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*