

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
SIXTEENTH 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: Blessed are those who have the God of Israel as
their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**Congregation: He is the one who made heaven and
earth, the sea, and everything in them.**

Pastor: He is the one who keeps every promise forever,
who gives justice to the oppressed and food to the
hungry.

Congregation: The Lord frees the prisoners.

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**Congregation: The Lord lifts the burdens of those bent
beneath their loads.**

Pastor: The Lord loves the righteous.

**Congregation: The Lord protects the refugees among
us.**

Pastor: He cares for the orphans and widows, but frustrates
the plans of the wicked.

**Congregation: Blessed are those who have the God of
Israel as their helper, whose hope is in
the Lord their God.**

*HYMN 333

“Seek Ye First”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

Holy Lord, maker of us all, you call us to love our

neighbors as ourselves, but too often we show partial-

ity, loving only those who are of benefit to us. You

teach us that faith without works is dead, but too often we mouth pious platitudes, without lifting a finger to help those in need. You open to us the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, but too often we fail to see where faith and works and the needs of our neighbor come together. Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we know in our hearts. Save us, Lord, from the sins that we hide.

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniqui-

ties. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy VanSyckle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *James 2:1-17* Page 1054-1055 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: *Mark 7:24-37*

Page 874-875 Pew Bible

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"A Strange Encounter" - Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 383

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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 403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*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 Minister: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Kathy VanSyckle

Greeters and Ushers: Perry & Margaret Gregory, Pat Gustafson

Children's Message: Kathy VanSyckle

Fellowship: Christian Ed

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

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

Greeters and Ushers: Oscar and Leon Johnson, Lee Hunsberger

Children's Message: Lee Hunsberger; *Flowers:* David and

Lavonna Hoover; *Fellowship:* VanSyckle and Campbell

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 today.

Harkness Handbells practice started today at 8:30 A.M.

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

Please remember to sign up.

Happy Birthday to Linda Steele 9/12, Margaret Gregory 9/12,

Mary Lou Hopkins 9/18.

CALENDAR

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

9/16 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

9/19 9:30 A.M. Quilters

9/20 Newsletter deadline

2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen, Team #1

Norma Kilpatrick, Captain

9/23 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

9/26 Deb out of office for husband's surgery

9:30 A.M. Quilters

9/27 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

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

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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