

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT HYMN (INSERT)

“You Are My Hiding Place”

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 his salvation;
he has shown justice to the nations: he
has remembered his 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 554

“Let All Things Now Living”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

**God our Father, we are sorry for the many times we
have left you and chosen to satisfy our own selfish
desires. For the times we have hurt the members of
our families; for the times we were unkind and impa-
tient with those who need our time and concern; for the
times we were too weak to stand up for what was right**

**and allowed others to suffer because of our cowardice;
for the times we refused to forgive others. Forgive us,
O God. We have sinned against you.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us call to mind the reason for our hope: because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed by our sins, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him.” the Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. **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

Sue Thompson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Page 1055-56 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: *Mark 9:30-37*

Page 877 Pew Bible

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"It's Not Your Turn"- Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 367

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

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 438

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*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:* Shelly Reglin

Greeters and Ushers: Margaret Gregory, Bill Robinson, Sue

Reglin; *Children's Message:* Sue Thompson

Fellowship: Bonnie Hadder and Nancy Satterlee

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Minister: Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Keith Sterner

Greeters and Ushers: Jim and Kathy VanSyckle, Norma

Kilpatrick Children's Message: Judi Emlinger; *Flowers:* Shuberts

in honor of their anniversary; *Fellowship:* Shuberts

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.

Children's Choir meets every Wednesday at 4:00 P.M.

Happy birthday to Ellaina Bowyer, September 24th; Lena Cox,

September 27th; Deb Montgomery, September 28th; Nadine Tiejema,

September 28th.

CALENDAR

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
- 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
- Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M. Fellowship and refreshments
- 10/3 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 10/4 10:30 A.M. Travelogue - Retirees meeting
- 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 10/7 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
- 10:00 A.M. Worship - Communion, Missions Offering
- 11:00 A.M. Fellowship and refreshments

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