

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT HYMN (INSERT)

*“Good Soil”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows  
will be fulfilled.

**Congregation: You who answer prayer, to you all people  
will come.**

Pastor: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live  
in your courts!

**Congregation: We are filled with the good things of  
your house, of your holy temple.**

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,  
God our Savior. You are the hope of all the ends of  
the earth and of the farthest seas.

**Congregation: The whole earth is filled with awe at your  
wonders; where morning dawns, where  
evening fades, you call forth songs of  
joy.**

\*HYMN 487

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in Unison)*

**Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from  
you, for we have done wrong.**

**We have lived for ourselves, apart from you. We have  
turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the bur-  
dens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the op-  
pressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free**

**us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your command; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us accept this declaration and live in its peace.

**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

Judi Emlinger

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *James 5:13-20*

Page 1056-1057 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: *Mark 9:38-50*

Page 877 Pew Bible

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

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

### SERMON

*"The Puzzle of Prayer"* - Dr. Chris Dorn

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal  
*The Apostles' Creed*

### \*HYMN 390

*"O Savior, in This Quiet Place"*

### 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 Speaker:* Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Keith Sterner

*Greeters and Ushers:* Jim and Kathy VanSyckle, Norma

*Kilpatrick Children’s Message:* Judi Emlinger;

*Fellowship and Flowers:* Shubert’s in honor of their anniversary

*Serving in Worship next Sunday:*

*Guest Speaker:* Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Lee Hunsberger

*Greeters and Ushers:* Marilyn McKay, Lavonna and David

*Hoover World Communion Preparers:* Judi Emlinger and Evelyn

*Ransom Communion Servers:* The Hoovers, Norma Kilpatrick,

Marilyn McKay, The Campbells, The VanSyckles

*Fellowship:* Marcia and Ernie Ross

*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 Ernie Ross, October 4; Jim VanSyckle, October 6;

Nancy Satterlee, October 8

### CALENDAR

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*