

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**

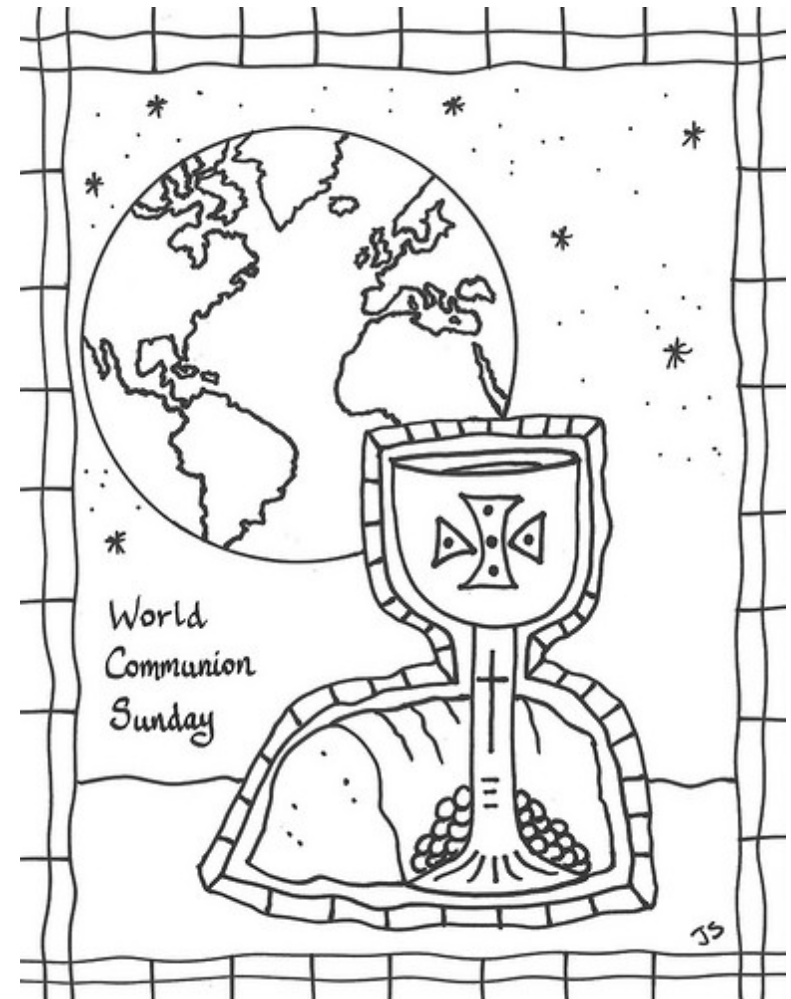
*groceries we collect and food we serve for a neighborhood center*

**Bear Buddies**

*near Christmas, we collect small stuffed animals for use in hospital emergency room, patrol cars of police officers, and spouse abuse center*

October 1, 2017

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA  
OCTOBER 1, 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT— HARKNESS HAND BELLS

*“Echoes”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: People of God, we gather to worship together,

**Congregation: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

Pastor: Yet all children of the same God,

**Congregation: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!**

Pastor: We gather to reconnect with one another,

**Congregation: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

Pastor: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

**Congregation: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.**

Pastor: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears...

**Congregation: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

Pastor: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

**Congregation: Let us open ourselves to the presence of the Spirit at work in us, among us, and through us.**

Our Christian Education Committee hopes to receive our 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.

CALENDAR

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|-------|---|
| 10/1  | 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice                                |
|       | 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker<br>Communion and Missions Offering |
|       | 11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments                                |
| 10/3  | 5:30-7:30 P.M. Family Night - Guest Speaker, Ron Wilson               |
| 10/4  | 9:30 A.M. Quilters meet   |
| 10/5  | 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group   |
| 10/8  | 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice                                |
|       | 10:00 A.M. Worship  |
|       | 11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments                                |
| 10/11 | 9:00 A.M. Set up for rummage sale                                     |
|       | 9:30 A.M. Quilters meet   |
| 10/12 | 9 A.M. –4:00 P.M. Rummage Sale  |
| 10/13 | 9 A.M. –12:00 P.M. Rummage Sale                                       |

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

*Serving in Worship Today:*

*Guest Speaker:* Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Lee Hunsberger *Greeters and Ushers:* Pat Gustafson, Leon and Oscar Johnson *Communion preparation:* Jim and Kathy VanSyckle *Communion Servers:* Lee Hunsberger, Norma Kilpatrick, Sue Thompson, Warren Thompson and Kathy VanSyckle *Fellowship:* Linda Heinicke

*Serving in Worship next Sunday:*

*Guest Speaker:* Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Sue Reglin *Greeters and Ushers:* Marcia and Ernie Ross *Children’s Message:* Kathy VanSyckle *Fellowship:* Nancy Satterlee, Bonnie Hadder, Marsha Kohloff, Shannon Kohloff for Ellaina’s birthday

*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, Treasurers

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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.

\*HYMN (INSERT)

*“There Is A Redeemer”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in Unison)*

**Father in heaven, we know the ways in which sin separates us from you. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don’t do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love you and our neighbor as your Son commanded, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn’t know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit’s prompting may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God’s mercy and are assured that God’s grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Ephesians 2:14-18* Page 1018 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: *Matthew 21:23-32* Page 855-856 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

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

SERMON

*"The Inner and the Outer"* - Dr. Chris Dorn

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal  
*The Apostles' Creed*

\*HYMN 514

*"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

**Congregation: 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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

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

Distribution

**You may now proceed to the communion station nearest to you or the station of your own choosing.**

**There are five tables, representing different nations of the world.**

**Communion will be by intinction. You will dip your bread into the cup.**

**You may then return to your seat.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 592

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN -(INSERT)

*"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"*

\*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.*