

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
OCTOBER 8, 2017
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

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 (INSERT)

"Gather Us In"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient
church. We have not done your will, we have broken
your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have
not loved our neighbors as ourselves, and we have
refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we**

**pray. Free us for joyful obedience; 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

Listen! Here is good news. “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” God will forgive you in your failure. God will accept you as you are. God will set you free from evil’s power.

God will make you what you were meant to be. This is the good news of the gospel, therefore let us believe and declare it boldly. **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: *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

Liturgist: The word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Philippians 3:4b-14

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *"The Reformation Revisited"* - Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 442 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

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 315

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*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:* Sue Reglin

Greeters and Ushers: Marcia and Ernie Ross

Children's Message: Sue Thompson;

Fellowship: Nancy Satterlee, Bonnie Hadder, Marsha Kohloff, Shannon Kohloff for Ellaina's birthday

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Rev. David Veldt; *Liturgist:* Jim VanSyckle

Greeters and Ushers: Duane and Judi Emlinger, and Norma

Kilpatrick; Children's Message: Kathy VanSyckle

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

Music Leader
Harkness Handbell Choir Director
Administrative Assistant
Custodian

Mike Kaufman
Cindy Rozich
Deb Montgomery
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.

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.

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, food and visits during my recovery from surgery. Especially thank you for your prayers.

Special thank you to Dr. Dorn for his visit at the hospital. You all are truly wonderful Christians and friends. Mary Williams

A special thank you to everyone, who helped with Keith Patterson's funeral service and luncheon. It was a nice tribute to Keith's life and his family. Nola commented how nice our church grounds and fellowship hall looked.

CALENDAR

- 10/8 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice
 10:00 A.M. Worship – Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
 11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10/10 Church Office closes at 11:30 A.M. - Deb has
 appointment
 Session Packets due in office for 10/16 meeting
- 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
 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

- 10/13 9 A.M. –12:00 P.M. Rummage sale
9:30 A.M. Presbyterians on the Go meet at Church for trip to Nature Center near Holland
- 10/15 8:30 A.M. Harkness Hand Bells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Rev. David Veldt
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10/16 7:15 P.M. Session Meeting
- 10/18 9:30 A.M. Membership & Care Meeting
9:30 A.M. Quilters meeting
- 10/19 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl meeting
5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen at Zion, Team #4, Captain Sue Thompson

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