

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
NOVEMBER 4, 2018
ALL SAINTS' DAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT HYMN (INSERT)

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

Congregation: there is no end to his greatness.

Pastor: One generation shall praise your works to another

Congregation: and shall declare your power.

Pastor: All your works praise you, Lord,

Congregation: and your faithful servants bless you.

Pastor: They make known the glory of your kingdom

Congregation: and speak of your power.

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

Pastor: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**Congregation: Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever
and ever.**

*HYMN 482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, so that, joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ, you are no longer illegals and aliens, separated from God, but you are citizens of the heavenly kingdom with all the saints. You are members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for 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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sue Thompson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Revelation 21:1-6a*

Page 1085 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: *John 11:32-44*

Page 935 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"Preparing for the Unexpected" - Dr. Chris Dorn

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal
The Apostles' Creed

*HYMN 364

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

ALL SAINTS' DAY OBSERVANCE

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 526

“For All the Saints”

*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:* Marilyn McKay

Greeters and Ushers: Duane and Judi Emlinger, Pat Gustafson

Children’s Message: Sue Thompson

Fellowship: Marilyn McKay

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

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

Greeters and Ushers: Barb Klenk, Lee Hunsberger, Bill

Robinson; *Children's Message:* Marilyn McKay; *Flowers:* Sue

Thompson *Fellowship:* Membership and Care

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: Mary Lou Hopkins, Chairperson (616-527-4822)

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.

Coffee hour is in celebration of Sue Thompson's belated birthday.

\$500.00 was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Relief to help victims of the recent hurricanes in Florida and the Carolinas.

Please advise the church office if you will be going South for the winter, and what your winter address will be.

Happy birthday to John McKay, November 9, Judi Emlinger, November 13, Fred Fuhrman, November 14, Bonnie Hadder, November 17.

CALENDAR

- 11/4 8:30 A.M. Harkness Handbells practice
10:00 A.M. Worship, Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
Sunday School, Missions offering
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 11/7 9:30 A.M. Quilters
4:00 P.M. Children's Choir practice
- 11/8 2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 11/11 8:30 A.M. Handbell Choir practice
10:00 A.M. Worship – Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and refreshments
- 11/13 5:30 P.M. Family night - *"What was I Scared of?"*
The Gospel according to Dr. Seuss
- 11/14 9:30 A.M. Quilters
4:00 P.M. Children's Choir practice

11/15 9:30 A.M. Membership & Care Committee meet

2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group

5:00 P.M. Soup Kitchen, Team #3

Captain, Cindy Rozich

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