

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA
NOVEMBER 11, 2018
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT HYMN (INSERT) *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**Congregation: I will praise the Lord as long as I live: I
will sing praises to my God all my life
long.**

Pastor: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Congregation: who made heaven and earth, the sea,

*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

**and all that is in them; who keeps faith
forever;**

Pastor: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives
food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners
free.

**Congregation: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed
down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Pastor: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds
the orphan and the widow, but the way of the
wicked he brings to ruin.

**Congregation: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O
Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

*HYMN (INSERT)

“Shout To The Lord”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in Unison)

Lord, how slow we are to share with others the good things you have given to us! We have stored them up for ourselves but have not been rich towards you. They are to us a treasure locked up in some chest whose key is lost, when it should be opened up for the benefit of others. We confess to you that we have hoarded your gifts. We confess to you that we have withheld the help we could have given to those in need, ignoring their cries. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Give to us the assurance and renewed comfort of forgiveness. Cause us to live out more fully all the gifts of your grace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom we have all things abundantly. Amen.

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 that we have one who stands in solidarity with us, who helps us in our weakness. He is Jesus Christ, our High Priest. He has appeared in this present age to remove sin once for all by the sacrifice of himself. And he will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. Hear then the good news that through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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!

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Cannon of Grace"

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Directed by Mary Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *1Kings 17:8-16*

Page 311 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: *Mark 12:38-44*

Page 881 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

"The Generous Giver" - 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 391

“Take My Life, and Let it Be”

*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:* Jim VanSyckle

Greeters and Ushers: Barb Klenk, Lee Hunsberger, Bill Robinson

Flowers: Sue Thompson; *Fellowship:* Membership and Care

Serving in Worship next Sunday:

Guest Speaker: Sally Wilcox; *Liturgist:* Kathy VanSyckle

Greeters and Ushers: Sue Reglin, Norma Kilpatrick, Evelyn

Ransom; *Children’s Message:* Lee Hunsberger

Flowers: Linda Hood in memory of Kaci Renucci

Fellowship: Mike and Linda Kaufman

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.

Regarding our recent wedding: Linda and I extend thanks for your well wishes. Space and budget prevented us from inviting everyone to our Rockford wedding, so we'll celebrate with a special coffee hour after Nov. 18's service. We appreciate the love and support of the FPC family. Mike

Happy birthday to Judi Emlinger, November 13, Fred Fuhrman, November 14, Bonnie Hadder, November 17, Sue Reglin, November 25.

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CALENDAR

- 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
- 6:00 P.M. Veterans Day Salute
- 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
- 11/18 8:30 A.M. Handbell Choir Practice
- 10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Sally Wilcox
- Sunday School

- 11/19 11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 11/19 7:00 P.M. Session Meets
- 11/21 9:30 A.M. Quilters
- 4:00 P.M. Children's Choir
- 11/22 Happy Thanksgiving Day!

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