

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IONIA  
NOVEMBER 18, 2018  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*"We Gather Together"*

CHIMES OF THE HOUR

INTROIT HYMN (INSERT)

*"This Is The Day"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We did not arrive by chance but have been called to  
this place by God.

**Congregation:** Though we may be weary, it is here where  
we rest.

Pastor: Though we may feel harried, it is here where we  
reflect.

**Congregation:** Though we may feel lost, it is here where  
we renew ourselves through Jesus Christ.

\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

**ALL:** Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 551

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(in Unison)*

**God, so often we miss the glorious sights you have placed before our eyes. We hold firmly to old knowledge and traditions. We grasp tightly to worldly possessions and fear there's not enough. Open our minds to understand your truth. Open our hearts to feel your love.**

KYRIE HYMN 572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As far as East is from West - - so far does God remove our transgression from us. Friends, believe this and believe the good news that in Christ we are forgiven.

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

Lee Hunsberger

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Liturgist: *Psalm 126*

Page 537 Pew Bible

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: *Luke 17:20-21*

Page 911 Pew Bible

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!

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

SERMON

*"Everyday Spirituality"* - Sally Wilcox

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Page 14 - Hymnal  
*The Apostles' Creed*

\*HYMN 554

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

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 368

*"I've Got Peace Like a River"*

\*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:* Sally Wilcox; *Liturgist:* Shelly Reglin

*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

*Serving in Worship next Sunday:*

*Guest Speaker:* Dr. Chris Dorn; *Liturgist:* Kathy VanSyckle

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

McKay *Children's Message:* Judi Emlinger; *Fellowship:* Christian

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*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.

Happy Birthday to Sue Reglin, November 25, David Furman,

November 27, Linda Hood, November 29, Sarah Jane Hanson,

November 30.

Thanksgiving pies will be delivered to the Ionia Head Start classrooms. On behalf of the Mission Committee we thank you, the congregation, for your generous support. Forty seven families will be remembered with a pumpkin pie from FPC. Sue Thompson

### CALENDAR

- 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!



- 11/25      8:30 A.M. Handbell Choir Practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn  
Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 11/27      9:00-11:15 A.M. Office hours (Deb having lunch with  
old friends)
- 11/28      9:30 A.M. Quilters  
4:00 P.M. Children's Choir
- 11/29      2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 12/2        8:30 A.M. Handbell Choir Practice  
10:00 A.M. Worship - Guest Speaker, Dr. Chris Dorn  
Communion, Missions Offering, Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Fellowship and Refreshments
- 12/5        9:30 A..M. Quilters  
4:00 P.M. Children's Choir
- 12/6        10:30 A.M. Travelogue Christmas  
2-4 P.M. Prayer Shawl Group
- 12/7        11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Red Hat's Christmas

## **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*