



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

July 2, 2017

Independence Day Weekend

10:00 AM

Communion Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* indicates when those who are able may stand

Welcome! We are glad you are here. As we gather for worship let us keep our conversations to a minimum and then use the time of the Prelude to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Following worship there will be time for conversation and fellowship.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We're glad you came to join with us in our worship today. We hope that you will feel God's love in a new way and that you will leave this place feeling refreshed and renewed. You are so welcome here, and we do hope that you'll come again and that you'll join us in fellowship as we strive to make some very special friends. *(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and use the prayer request cards for your joys/concerns.)*

Interlude Music & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Verses of Psalm 89

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
And proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
Your steadfast love endures forever.
Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.
Happy are those who sing your praise
And extol your righteousness all the day long.

Gathering Prayer

Steadfast God, you greet us as a loving parent and patiently love us beyond all measure. Great is your faithfulness. May we offer that same kindness to all whom we encounter, knowing it is Christ whom we greet as we welcome others. Amen.

* Gathering Song

“Earth and All Stars!”

#26

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to God, whose loving-kindness endures forever.

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, each and every day you offer to us new hope and special blessings. From the rising of the sun to its descent, the light of your love pours on your creation. We love all these things, but we want to hold onto each of your blessings just for ourselves. Teach us to share openly and willingly with others. Forgive our selfishness and turn it to selflessness in service to you. Clear our minds and spirits from sadness to a sense of joy and adventure; for we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen. *(Silent Prayer of Confession)*

Prayer Response

“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”

#71

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.*

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! God has again blessed our lives with hope and joy. Be at peace, dear ones, for God is with us. **Amen.**

* Response of Praise

“Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show”

#33 (vs. 1)

*Praise the Lord! God's glories show; Alleluia!
Saints within God's courts below; Alleluia!
Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!*

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, as we hear your Word this day, send your Spirit to equip and inspire us, that your grace-filled hospitality may be the center of our lives. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Romans 6:12-23

NRSV pg. 1028

Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

*You came from heaven to earth, to show the way;
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky:
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*** Postlude**

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Questions for Reflection

Why is Christian hospitality a risky business?
What might be the outcome?

Did you know?

Did you know that, although July 4th is a huge holiday these days, it wasn't really celebrated for about 15-20 years after the declaration was signed. *Constitution Facts writes*, "It was too new, and too much else was happening in the young nation." After all, the American Revolution was being fought until 1783. After the war ended, however, the Fourth of July became a holiday in many places—there were speeches, military events, parades, and fireworks, all in celebration of the United States being an independent nation.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 2, 2017

Welcome Friends! If you are new in the area or looking for a church home, we hope you will consider becoming a part of this community of faith. Please use the Fellowship Pad to note your presence with us and the welcome card to help us serve you better. **There is a large- print Bible and handheld hearing devices on the table at the back of the sanctuary and also in the foyer for anyone who needs them.**

Please be advised: Videos, audiotapes, and photographs may be taken during worship and other church activities for broad use (including the Internet), and that by attending you consent to this and to the broad use described. **If you do not wish to have your photo taken and/or published on our website**, please send a request in writing to office@chapellane.org or Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, 5501 Jefferson Ave., Midland, MI 48640.

Children in Worship: We have **Worship Bags** in the back of the sanctuary containing worship aids for children: Blue-handled bags for older children, red-handled bags for younger. Please return them to the floor below the rack at the end of the service. We have a staffed **nursery** for children infant through first grade (older children may use the nursery and playground if accompanied by an adult). During the school year, we offer **Children's Church** for kids from kindergarten through 6th grade on most Sundays. Children will remain for part of worship and will be dismissed part way through the service to a time geared toward them.

Tape Ministry: Each week our worship service is taped and sent to our homebound members and friends. This is a ministry of our Deacons. If you would like more information, please contact Harry White (692-2059).

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin announcements are listed **two weeks** prior to an event. For a forecast of upcoming events farther in the future, please visit "newsletter" or the church "calendar" at www.chapellane.org. Did you miss last week's announcements? They may be viewed at "Worship /bulletin" at www.chapellane.org.

CHAPEL LANE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through July 16, 2017

Flowers: The flowers today are in tribute to all our military men and women. Thank you!

Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5 at 9 a.m.

Pastor Rhonda is on study leave and vacation the next few weeks. She will return to the office on July 26th. Please call the church office at 631-2081 if you need pastoral assistance.

Guest Preachers: We will have guest preachers in the pulpit the next few weeks. Here is the schedule:

July 9: Chrissy Westbury

July 16: The Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna

July 23: The Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna

Ordination Gift: The church would like to give a gift to Chrissy Westbury the day of her ordination, August 13th. We are hoping to purchase a gift card to a church supply house that she could use for a clergy robe, stoles or clergy shirts. If you would like to contribute to that gift, please make your check out to the church but mark the memo line “C. Westbury Ordination Gift.” Please try to have your gift to church by Tuesday, July 25th so that the gift card can be ordered well in advance of the ordination.

Fun in Faith Fellowship will be attending a Great Lakes Loons game on Friday, July 28th at 7:05 p.m. the Loons will be playing The Bowling Green Hot Rods and the theme is “Country Western Night.” Find that Cowboy hat and get in touch with Nancy and Howard Graves for tickets at hhgraves@aol.com.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through July 16, 2017

Area Vacation Bible School offerings:

First United Methodist June 19-June 23

Memorial Presbyterian June 20-June 24

United Church of Christ Evenings June 15, June 22 and June 29

Trinity Lutheran June 19-June 23

First Baptist July 11-July 15

St. John’s Lutheran July 25-July 29

Midland Reformed Evenings August 1-August 5

Faster Pastor Race: On behalf of Fresh Aire Samaritan Counseling Center, come support Pastor Duane Harris on July 14th for his 2017 racing debut for Auburn United

Methodist Church. He will be racing to assist those who need a way forward when life is tough through events like death, divorce, depression, abuse, unemployment, or other struggles. Your contributions will be used to assist those who cannot afford to pay for such services on their own. Checks may be written to “Fresh Aire SCC”, with “Faster Pastor” on the memo line. Event begins at 6:00 p.m.; races start at 7:55 p.m. at Tri-City Motor Speedway, 85 W. Wheeler Rd. in Auburn. Adult Admission-\$14, Senior Citizens-\$13, Kids (7-15)-\$5; Kids (6 and under)-Free.

Let’s Be Healthy Together! On Wednesday, July 19, Life Line Screening will be at Poseyville United Methodist Church, 1849 South Poseyville Road in Midland, offering area residents an opportunity to do something that will build health awareness about stroke, vascular disease and osteoporosis. Please call toll-free 888-653-6434 to register for your screening and to receive a \$10 discount. You can also visit our website at www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians: Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader: Ernie Caldwell
Ushers: Tom and Karen Adams, Fran Martin, Barry Moyer
Communion Servers: Mike and Susan Gaul
Nursery: Renee White, Jennifer Hahn, Sarah Hahn
Ministers: *All the members of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church*

Our Mission Statement

*Celebrating our diversity of gifts, we
seek to serve Christ by serving others
with grace, love and laughter.*

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