



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

*“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”*

July 30, 2017

10:00 AM

## 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

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

**Whose love has conquered death.**

Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

**Who leads us into life anew.**

### Gathering Prayer

**Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Spirit, that in your Light we may see light, in your Truth we may become truly free, and in your will we may experience peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* **Gathering Song**                      *“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”*                      #41

### Call to Confession

If God is for us, who can be against us? Let us confess our sins to the One who searches us and knows us.

### Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to follow you. Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world to the glory of your 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

Your sins are forgiven; be at peace, for all things work together for good for those who love God. **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

**Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**First Lesson**                                      **Genesis 29:15-28**                                      **NRSV pg. 25**

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

**Responsive Reading**                                      **Psalm 105:1-11, 45b**

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**

The covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,  
**Which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**  
 Saying "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance."  
**Praise the Lord!**

**Second Lesson**                                **Romans 8:26-39**                                **NRSV pg. 1030**  
 Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**    **"Holy Chicanery"**                                **Pastor Rhonda**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY**

\* **Song of Response**                                **"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**                                **#738**

\* **Affirmation of Faith**                                **The French Confession of 1559**  
 We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all-wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful. We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit. Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.

We believe that the sacraments are joined to the Word in order that the Word may be more fully confirmed. Baptism is given to us as the pledge of our adoption, in which we are grafted into the body of Christ, and renewed in holiness of life by his Spirit. The holy Supper of our Lord is a testimony of our unity with Jesus Christ, who died only once and was raised for our sake. The body and blood of Jesus Christ are food and drink for the soul just as bread and wine are nourishment for the body.

As for the true Church, we believe that it ought to be governed in accordance with the order established by our Lord Jesus Christ. In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained, the poor and afflicted can be helped in their need, assemblies can be gathered in the name of God, and both great and small can be edified. Amen.

**Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Offering of our Gifts**

*Offertory*

\* **Offertory Response**                                **"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"**                                **#712**  
*In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today,  
 To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
 O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
 Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

\* **Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings**

Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known, that our lives might show forth your glory, for we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

**WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\* **Sending Song**    **"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"**                                **#663**

\* **Charge and Benediction**

\* **Benediction Response**                                **"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**                                **STF #2088**  
*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.  
 I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.  
 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

Are there dilemmas or relationships in which you feel separated from the love of God?  
Can you imagine that God might be at work there, bringing life in unexpected ways?  
What would change if you were to claim the promise that nothing can separate you  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord?

### Did you know?

The annual statistical report of the General Assembly was released earlier this year. As of the end of 2016, the number of PC(USA) churches is 9,451 and the number of ministers is 19,721, a good number of whom serve the denomination in a capacity beyond the local congregation (such as judicatory staff, chaplains, pastoral counselors, mission coworkers etc.) The number of candidates for ministry has declined from 1086 in 2013 to 653 in 2016. There is some concern that with the retirement of many “baby boom pastors,” there may be too few pastors to meet the needs of our congregations. Let us pray for the church.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 30, 2017

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**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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.chapellane.org). Did you miss last week’s announcements? They may be viewed at “Worship /bulletin” at [www.chapellane.org](http://www.chapellane.org).

### CHAPEL LANE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Aug 13, 2017

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**Flowers:** Today’s flowers are given to Leigh Fetterolf for her birthday with love from her family.

**Chrissy Westbury’s Ordination:** Chrissy will be ordained here at Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

**Women's Circles:** The study books for the Women's Afternoon and Evening Circles are available to purchase and are located in the foyer on the PW table. The cost is \$11.00 per book. Please sign your name and deposit the money in the envelope provided. Thanks!

**Thank You from PMA:** The Church Support Associate of the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the PC(USA) sent us a handwritten thank you note for our gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering this spring. His note read, in part, "Your church's support of this –and all the special offerings- doesn't just tell of your passion and engagement with mission- it shouts it!" Thank you, good and faithful servants.

**Revitalization Project:** Looking for local volunteer mission experience? The Deacons have reserved the date of Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, for the Habitat for Humanity (HFH) Revitalization Project for Chapel Lane. HFH is holding spots in the morning for 5-10 helpers from Chapel Lane. There is an opportunity to continue in the afternoon for those who can. Please indicate your intention on the sign-up sheet in the foyer by signing up by August 2<sup>nd</sup> if you are interested in participating. No experience is necessary but you must be at least 18 to sign up. The morning begins at the old Parkdale Elementary School location of 1609 Eastlawn Dr. at 7:30 a.m. with an orientation. Safety equipment is given and you get a t-shirt. Following the benediction, team members are divided up and assigned to a project leader and a house location. Lunch is provided, and if you indicated, you can continue on in the afternoon. This is a rewarding experience that helps maintain the vitality of Midland and its neighborhoods and maintains Chapel Lane's mission of faith by serving Christ through serving others. Any questions, please call Chris Greiman – cell: 989-573-2954. We hope you can join us.

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Aug 13, 2017

**Area Vacation Bible School offerings:**

Midland Reformed Evenings August 1-August 5

**Host An Exchange Student:** By hosting an international student, you will have the opportunity to show the "True" America. The student will become part of your family by taking part in holidays, family events, community service and school activities. Your exchange student will be attending your local high school while immersing themselves in American Culture. For more information, contact the area representative, Gloria Thompson, at 989-245-1226 or email bobandgloria74@yahoo.com.

#### *Participants in Today's Service*

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers  
**Musician:** Dr. Tim Hendrickson  
**Worship Leader:** Ron Hynds  
**Ushers:** Fran Martin, Barry and Beverly Moyer, Carol Rowe  
**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.*

#### *Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church*

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