



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Sept. 24, 2017

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Interlude Music & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 145)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

God's greatness is unsearchable.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that God has made.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

#81

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after *things*, but we have not sought after *you*. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not always been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

* Response of Praise

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

#35 (vs. 3)

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

NRSV pg. 1069

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

Second Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

NRSV pg. 897

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

“Ungracious to a Fault”

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

“Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee”

#629

* Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967: Section B1. The Love of God

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

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** **“Great God of Every Blessing”** #694 (vs. 1)
*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.*

* **Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings**

WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

- * **Sending Song** **“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”** #700

* **Charge and Benediction**

- * **Benediction Response** **“May the God of Hope Go With Us”** #765
*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
Working, for a world that’s new; faithful, when we hear Christ’s call.*

* **Postlude**

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

What does the phrase “generous to a fault” mean to you?

Is it possible to be “too generous?”

Was the landowner in today’s gospel lesson “too generous?” Why or why not?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Sep 24, 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 Oct 8, 2017

Flowers: The flowers today are given in celebration of Roger and Nancy Stanley’s 49th wedding anniversary on September 21st. Congratulations!

Fall Contemporary Issues Class: Please join us in the parlor each Sunday this fall after the 10 a.m. service for a new contemporary issues class. We will be discussing the book *How Jesus Saves the World From Us: 12 Antidotes to Toxic Christianity* by Morgan

Guyton. Guyton, a Methodist pastor, argues that many people are reluctant to attend church because the loudest Christian voices they hear sound harsh, judgmental and intolerant. He suggests that it is time for more compassionate and welcoming voices to assert themselves and he provides a roadmap for mainline Christian congregations to do just that. The class will be co-led by Pastor Rhonda Myers and Elder Paul Teed. Please join us!

FISH: Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pre-kindergarten to Senior High. And in October, an Adult Study from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on themes from the Reformation.

Pictorial Directory: How many of you know our members by first and last name? What about their children's names and to whom they belong? We need your picture. Please sign up for your photo time. Olan Mills has joined with Lifetouch to bring us excellent photographers. You will receive a free 8X10 regardless of purchase.

The Reading Group will be meeting on Monday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Chapel Lane in the Library which is right by the front door. We will be discussing *Finding Jake* by Bryan Reardon. We have moved location in search of a little quieter location that does not sell food and drink. We hope you can join us and offer your opinions of this book.

Presbyterian Women Luncheon: We will meet on Tuesday, September 26th at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up by Sunday, Sept. 24th. There is a sign-up sheet on the PW bulletin board in the foyer. Hope to see you all there. Call Alice Wiltse, 631-7271, if you have any questions.

Session meets Tuesday evening, September 26, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Elders are reminded their materials for the meeting are online.

The Board of Christian Education will meet on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The Thursday Afternoon Bible Study group begins this Thursday, September 28th, in the Church Parlor at 1:00 p.m. We will be studying the Apocrypha, a collection of texts written between 250 BCE and 100 CE, offering a "bridge" between the Old and New Testaments. While not officially a part of "Canon," its stories and testimonies will help us better understand the books that *are* included in the Biblical Canon. We hope you'll join us. The cost of the Study Guide is \$9. And if you don't have a bible with an Apocrypha, you can purchase one for \$8. See Pastor Rhonda for a bible or more information.

The Monday Evening Circle will meet Monday, October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nona Willing, 216 Morning Meadow Way. We will be starting our study this year

with lesson 1 of our study guide, "Cloud of Witnesses". There are copies of the study guide in the foyer on the table under the PW bulletin Board. The cost is \$11.00. Let Nona know if you will attend, 631-2858. Everyone is welcome. Call Alice Wiltse at 631-7271 if you have questions.

FEMA Assistance: Hours at the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Isabella and Midland counties will change effective immediately. Hours will now be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The DRC in Isabella County is located at 4855 E. Bluegrass Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI. The DRC in Midland County is located at Carpenter Street School, 1407 W. Carpenter St. in Midland, MI. The deadline to register for FEMA disaster assistance is October 2.

Mobile Food Pantry: The tenth Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) of this year will be held at the United Steelworkers Hall located on James Savage Road just off Waldo Road on Thursday, October 5, 2017. This program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) is for anyone who is a resident of Midland County and in need of food. Please contact Sally Ann Sutton if you wish to volunteer in this ministry and/or you have additional questions.

Board of Deacons

LHP PW Fall Gathering: Presbyterian Women of Lake Huron Presbytery (that's us!) are invited to attend the 2017 Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 14, to be held at Lapeer First Presbyterian Church, 433 North Calhoun Street, Lapeer, Michigan, starting at 10 a.m. and continuing to 3 p.m. Registration is \$10 per person and includes the meal, plus the program, which focuses on John 5:1, "Out of Darkness into the Light." Registration is due by October 1. To register, or for other information, contact Nancy Macklem, Lake Huron's PW Treasurer, at 989-259-7040.

Funeral Service for Jean Hillman: The funeral service for Susan Hillman's mother, Jean, is scheduled for October 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering: Proclaim the Peace of Christ. As millions flee violence and persecution in South Sudan, they and others are striving for peace in villages, refugee camps, and at the highest levels of power. By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering you support those working to share the dream of peace, and reconciliation around the world, as proclaimed by the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. These offerings will be dedicated on World Communion Sunday, October 1st. Envelopes for your donations can be found in the pew racks. Thank you for your gifts.

The Board of Deacons.

Midland County Habitat for Humanity Award: The Midland County chapter of Habitat for Humanity has chosen Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church as their 2017 Faith Partner of the Year in recognition of our commitment and support of MCHFH's mission of bringing people together to build homes, community and hope.

The church will be presented with an award at MCHFH's "High Heels and Hard Hats Fundraising Gala" on Thursday, September 28th at the Midland Country Club from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. This is quite an honor and Pastor Rhonda will be attending the event, along with her husband, Dave. But they would love to have others join them. Tickets for the dinner are \$50 each and can be purchased by calling the chapter office at 989-496-0900, by emailing Ireland@midlandhabitat.org or by online purchase at the MCHFH website: www.midlandhabitate.org.

Please let Pastor Rhonda know if you will be attending and she will ask the coordinator to seat us all together.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Oct 8, 2017

Midland Week of Neighboring: The week of September 24th through the 30th, the City of Midland will celebrate the importance of being a good neighbor. This special week is about residents of the City of Midland expressing appreciation for everyone in the community as well as getting to know neighbors and people in neighborhoods everywhere. **Wave, Smile, Greet and Meet Your Neighbors!** Visit <http://bit.ly/neighborweek> to announce your Neighboring Week celebration or get tips for things you can do to be a good neighbor.

Used Book Sale: AAUW, American Association of University Women, Midland Branch will have a used book sale at the Midland Mall on Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The proceeds provide scholarships for girls and women. To donate books, call 430-2067 or 600-1433. For more information online: midland-mi.aauw.net or aauwmidland@gmail.com.

Hospice Volunteer Training for McLaren Hospice: Tuesday evening, October 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 6-9 p.m. at McLaren Hospice, 2110 16th St., Suite 7, Bay City, MI in the conference room. Volunteers will be utilized in the areas where they live. Please register by September 29. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sue McCarty, Volunteer Coordinator at 989-316-4349.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians (8:15):	Aubrey Root and Doug Moe
(10:00):	Karen Graef and Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader(8:15):	Howard Lewis
(10:00):	Ann Moe
Ushers (8:15):	Susan and Mike Gaul
(10:00):	Marian and Eldon Ault, Mike Starch, Carol Rowe
Nursery:	Renee White, Jennifer Hahn, Sarah Hahn
Ministers:	<i>All the members of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church</i>

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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