



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Oct. 8, 2017

18th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

K. McChesney

Adult Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome. We're glad you came to join with us as we worship today. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are strangers no more. We hope you'll feel God's love surround you and that you will leave this place feeling refreshed and renewed. And we hope you'll come again and join us in 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.)*

Introit & Lighting of the Christ Candle

#720

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these”
Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.*

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 19:1-4)

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God’s handiwork.

The day pronounces God’s glory without a sound,

The night expounds God’s knowledge without a word,

And yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

#263

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#610 (vs. 5)

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given

By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD’S WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

“Christ Be Beside Me”

#702 (vs.1)

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me, Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

First Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

NRSV pg. 1070

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

Second Lesson

Matthew 21:33-46

NRSV pg. 899

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

“A Vineyard Open to All”

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

#716

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Oct 8, 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 22, 2017

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Shirley McCutchen in celebration of the birthdays of her three grandchildren.

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 are 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 Thursday Afternoon Bible Study group began last Thursday in the Church Parlor at 1:00 p.m. We are 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 Afternoon Ladies' Circle will meet on Monday, October 16, in the church library from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The emphasis of this second lesson is a reminder that God lives both in us and among us and that this living God supports who we are and how we live. Our mission project (again) this year is the donation of personal care items to the HELP food pantry. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

Fun in Faith: You are invited to join Fun in Faith on Friday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m., at the church, to view the movie, "America the Beautiful." The film will take us on a musical tour of our beautiful country that will make your heart burst with pride. Please sign the list in the foyer so we know how many will be attending.

Cookies for College Students: We are in the process of updating our list of college students. We would like their names and mailing addresses. We will be sending cookies twice during the school year. Please call or e-mail this information to Alice Wiltse, 631-7271, wiltsealice1943@charter.net or call the church office, 631-2081.

PLEASE HELP FILL GAIL MCGEE'S MEDICAL BAGS!! Gail will be leaving for Haiti on October 20 and she is in need of some over-the-counter meds. Meds can be placed in the plastic Haiti bin in the foyer. Here is the needs list: Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough/cold, Tums, Pepto-Bismol, Imodium, eye drops, allergy, aspirin, kids Tylenol/ibuprofen, liquid cough and allergy, Vicks, pedialyte, hydrocortisone cream, antifungal cream, triple antibiotic cream, Vaseline, cetaphil cream, cocoa butter, muscle rub, and etc. Thanks so much!

Save the Date! On Sunday, October 22nd, Dr. Isaac Stephens of the SVSU History Department will speak at Chapel Lane on the history of the Protestant Reformation. Dr. Stephens is an accomplished scholar of English religious history and he will help us to think about the meaning and legacy of the Reformation as we observe the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. Join us after the 10 a.m. service for a simple lunch followed by Dr. Stephen's talk. Hope to see you there!

Open Door: Join us for an Open House on Tuesday, October 10th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Midland's Open Door, 412 West Buttles. Tour the facilities and learn how Midland's Open Door meets the needs of the homeless, hungry and hurting in our community. Light refreshments will be served.

The ROCK "We Belong" Tours! Members of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church have supported The ROCK Center for Youth Development over the years through individual contributions, gifts bought at the Share Fair, proceeds from the Cajun Dinner, and donations to the Peacemaking Offering (now called Peace and Global Witness). You now have the chance to see your gifts at work. The ROCK is offering an opportunity to see the kids and programs in action by hosting tours at one of the after school locations. The tours are being offered on Wednesdays (GEMs program is running) or Thursdays (LevelUp jobs program is running) at either 3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. I recommend 3:30 p.m. if possible as that is when the most kids will be here. Currently tours are being offered October 19th or 24th and November 1st or 8th. Other dates may be possible should these not work for you. These tours take only 45 minutes in total and are not an "ask" for money but rather an opportunity for you to see our new setting and celebrate how we serve kids. If you are interested in taking this opportunity to observe The ROCK in action, please contact Kelly Buell via email at k2buell@aol.com, or by phone: home 835-4542 or cell 859-3325 to arrange a tour date.

Kroger shoppers can support EFPN at no cost by registering their Kroger card with Kroger's Rewards program. For more information on how to register your card to support the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network, see "how you can help" on the EFPN website (www.midlandcountyeftp.org). If you do not have internet access, please call 486-9393 so that we can sign you up. The EFPN Kroger Non-Profit Organization Number is 91387. Thank you for helping to fulfill the EFPN vision of "always food in every home."

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Oct 22, 2017

Reformation: Tonight, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., a program entitled "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World" will be broadcast on PBS. It tells of "an obscure monk who challenged kings and popes, sparking seismic cultural changes. The movement called The Reformation would fuel the drive toward individualism, religious freedom, improved education, and women's rights."

Hospice Volunteers at McLaren Hospice: Training classes for new volunteers are being offered on Tuesday evenings October 10, 17 and 24 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at McLaren Hospital, 2110 16th St, Suite 7 in Bay City. Volunteers will be utilized in the areas where they live. McLaren Hospice is looking for teens, young adults, middle age and retirees who have a few extra hours available each month and are searching for a meaningful volunteer experience. For more information, please contact Sue McCarty, Volunteer Coordinator at 989-316-4349.

An Evening with Professor Don Mead: On Friday evening, October 13th at 7:00 p.m., Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church will host an evening with Don Mead. Don is a Presbyterian Ruling Elder from Mackinac Presbytery and a retired Professor of Economics who taught at Michigan State University for 19 years. Don's focus was on issues of economic development, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. Last summer, Don joined a group of concerned Christians who travelled to Syria, where they visited several churches and communities. As you know, Syria has been enduring a catastrophic civil war, resulting in many casualties and mass migration to other "safer" countries. Don will share a PowerPoint presentation and a personal perspective on what he witnessed during that trip—and how we can help our Syrian brothers and sisters.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians (8:15): Aubrey Root and Doug Moe
(10:00): Karen Graef
Worship Leader(8:15): Susan Gaul
(10:00): Diane Hobson
Ushers (8:15): Howard Lewis
(10:00): Bill Coats, Sally Ginter-Coats, Norm and Nancy Ott
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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