



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Oct. 15, 2017

Children’s Sunday

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

arr. C. Maggs

Children’s Chimes

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

#395

*Blessed Jesus at your word we have come again to hear you;
Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you.
By your Gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.
Glorious Lord, yourself impart, Light of Light, from God proceeding.
Touch our lips and ears and heart, help us by your spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your church now raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.*

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 106:1-5, Easy to Read Version)

Praise the LORD!

Give thanks to the LORD because God is good!

God's faithful love will last forever!

No one can describe how great the LORD really is.

No one can praise God enough.

Those who obey the Lord's commands are happy. They do good things all the time.

LORD, remember me when you show kindness to your people.

Let me share in the good things that you do for your beloved children.

Let me join with your people in praise.

We will celebrate and praise you, LORD.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

#804

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. 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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

NRSV pg. 1071

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

Second Lesson

Matthew 22:1-14

NRSV pg. 900

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

Children’s Anthem

“What a Wonder”

H. Hopson

*What a wonder it is to be alive; to laugh and sing, and to know that God made you and me.
When I see how I slowly grow each day; once in a cradle and now I run and skip and play.
What a wonder it is to be alive!*

*What a wonder it is to be alive, for I know I’m in God’s care, I will sing my whole life long.
What a wonder it is to be alive, for I know I’m in God’s care, I will sing my whole life long.*

*What a wonder there's no one just like me; not in this land, nor in lands beyond the farthest sea.
I give thanks that I'm special in this way, God loves each child in a special way, so now I sing:
What a wonder it is to be alive! R.*

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Children's Sermon

The Bucket Brigade

Sermon

"A Feast for All"

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* **Song of Response** *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* #435

* **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God--the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church.

We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family.

We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world.

We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ.

We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal. And we pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.

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.

Generosity Testimonial

Susan Gaul

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

arr. D. Grotenhuis

Adult Chancel Choir

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* **Offertory Response** *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* #620 (vs. 1)
*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

* **Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings**

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* **Sending Song** *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* #724

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* #552 (vs. 1)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.*

* **Postlude** *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"* R. Hobby

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

Each day this week, ponder the attributes in Philippians 4:8 and make your own list of what to set your mind upon as you live in thanksgiving.

On Monday, meditate on whatever is true;

Tuesday, whatever is honorable;

Wednesday, just; Thursday, pure; Friday, pleasing;

Saturday, commendable.

On Sunday, consider what is excellent and worthy of praise.

Did you know?

Did you know that many of the hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnbook have stories about their origins

or reflect a time in history undergoing the stress of a changing world?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Oct 15, 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 29, 2017

Followers In the Spirit Here: Music, lessons, fellowship and more. 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. This week, dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Fall Contemporary Issues Class: Please join us in the parlor each Sunday this fall after the 10 a.m. service for our 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. Join us!

Mobile Food Pantry Update: The MFP held on Thursday, October 5th, at the United Steelworkers Hall on James Savage Road was funded by the Central Michigan AFL-CIO Labor Council. The 67 volunteers provided 17,720 pounds of boxed and canned goods, fresh produce, frozen meat, and bakery good and breads from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to 232 families (732 individuals). This tenth MFP of this year is a program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry (EFPN). The next MFP will be on Wednesday, November 8th, at the Civic (Ice) Arena on Bay City Road in Midland. If you wish to volunteer in this ministry, please contact Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

The Thursday Afternoon Bible Study: 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 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.

Presbyterian Women Luncheon: We will meet on Tuesday, October 24th at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up by Sunday, October 22nd. 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.

Emergency Relief to Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands: Your Board of Deacons voted to send the third and fourth quarter emergency relief amounts in the budget to the PDA relief of our neighbors in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. This amount is \$800.00 (\$400.00 per quarter). The Board also voted to supplement this amount with \$1,200.00 from the equity fund identified as the Deacons' Special GIFT. The total amount for these hurricane victims' needs is \$2,000.00. Everyone's commitment of time and talent allows us to be generous in these times of great need. Thank you from you Deacons!

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!

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.

Project Housing Connect is an annual event hosted by the Midland County Continuum of Care to provide resources to assist those who are approaching or are experiencing homelessness. The event this year will occur at Trinity Lutheran Church on Jefferson Avenue in Midland on Wednesday, November 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. donations of personal care items and cleaning supplies are needed from the area churches by Monday, October 30. These items include socks (unisex, white), shampoo, bar soap (wrapped), deodorant, laundry soap, toilet paper, and various cleaning products. If you wish to donate any of these items, please bring them to church in a plastic or paper bag and leave under the table in the entrance foyer of our church (to keep them separated from the items for the HELP food pantry). A Deacon will deliver all the donations to Trinity Lutheran Church on Monday, October 30. Thank you for your caring generosity.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Oct 29, 2017

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.

Grove Music Festival Presents Alicia Marie Valoti, Viola and Karen Follingstad, Piano featuring the music of Albeniz, Ginastera, Prokofiev, Britten and more on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Chapel Lane. Admission is \$10, Students \$5.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians (8:15): Aubrey Root and Doug Moe
(10:00): Karen Graef, Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader(8:15): Dan Veresh
(10:00): Winkler Family
Ushers (8:15): Alice Wiltse
(10:00): Bill Coats, Sally Ginter-Coats, Fran Martin, Barry Moyer
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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