



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Nov. 5, 2017 All Saints’ Sunday/Communion Service 10:00 AM

Youth Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude Music

“I Sing a Song”

D. Wagner

Youth Ringers

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 sign the Fellowship Pad and use the prayer request cards for your joys/concerns.)*

Introit & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Alleluia

Call to Worship

On this day, we gather together to celebrate God's gifts.

We hear the call of God to renew our spirits and receive strength for our common tasks.

On this day, we will share the bread and the cup, which are symbols of God's power and love.

We will open our hearts to accept these gifts, seeking the grace to walk in God's ways.

Come, let us worship the Lord of all goodness, for:

God is good, all the time!

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song**

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

#730

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you alone are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors but slow to offer help. We take credit and give blame. In spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to exhibit mercy. Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean, that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving. 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**

“Our God is an Awesome God”

#616

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God!

***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

Sung Prayer for Illumination

“Thy Word”

#458

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

First Lesson

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

NRSV pg. 1075

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

Second Lesson

Matthew 23:1-12

NRSV pg. 901

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

Sermon

“As Any Parent Knows...”

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* **Song of Response**

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

#691

Commemoration of the Faithful

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who have ever worshiped you, whether in brush arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses, where your name was lifted and adored. We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise: manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil; strong hands and those gnarled with age; holy hands; hands used as wave offerings across the land. We thank you, God, for hardworking saints: whether hard-hatted or steel-booted; head ragged or aproned; blue-collared or three-piece-suited; they left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, dear God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship and love. Amen.

(Shirley Babcock, Rev. Dr. George Baird, Keith Filion, Florence Goethe, Jean Hillman, Sue Haske Lane, Millie Serrine, Jack Stone)

Generosity Ministry Testimonial

Bill Coats

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

“Around You O Lord Jesus”

A. K. Organ

Chancel Choir

Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still

To share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.

You say to us so lovingly, “Take, eat! This is my body! Take, drink, this is my blood!”

We hear your invitation and heed, O Lord, your call;

Your word of consolation is spoken here to all.

It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing, which never will depart.

We are your own forever; until our final breath

We will be true and never in joy in grief in death depart from you

For you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.

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* Offertory Response

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

#708

We give Thee but Thine Own, whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

* Communion Song

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

#519

The Communion of the People of God

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The Communion of the People of God

The Prayer After Communion

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* Sending Song

“For All the Saints”

#326

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response

“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.

* Postlude

“For All the Saints”

R. Hobby

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

Each day this week, look for an example of humility exercised by someone (a family member, friend, neighbor, stranger, yourself etc.) and meditate on what it means that the one who is humble is the greatest among us.

Did you know?

Did you know that All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835CE? Initially, it was a day to mark the death of Christian martyrs. But the Reformed tradition has a different focus on those members of the community of faith who have died in the past year and we pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov 5, 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 Nov 19, 2017

Flowers: Today's flowers are given in memory of Joshua Cull by Deb Cull. One set of flowers from last week were in honor of Jim Churchman's birthday.

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.

Fun in Faith: On November 11th, we will be traveling to the Delta Planetarium in Bay City to see “Life Under the Arctic Sky.” Light dinner to follow at the Black Pearl, for those interested in a meal together. Tickets are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, students, youth. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

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!

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 Monday Evening Circle will meet November 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy Graves, 5303 Westridge Drive. We will be studying Lesson 3 of the study guide. Please call Nancy at 631-3327 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sunday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. following the Share Fair. Please sign up to bring a dish to pass. We also need workers to help set up the tables and chairs after church service on November 19th and to help clean up after the event. The cost of the dinner is \$6 per adult (age 12 and up), \$2 per child (under 12 years of age) and \$18 per family.

Prayers for College Students: Please keep the following college students in your prayers, Matthew Rightor, Maggie Bruce (Bill Coats’ granddaughter), Sarah Hahn, Jacob Cobb, Evan Cobb, Emma Stamper, Elizabeth Stuart, Jane & Faith Eckhoff (Kathryn Stuart’s daughters), Julie Cross, Brooke Fetterolf, Virgil & Vincent Walker (Joyce Glover’s grandsons), and Madalyn Cook. Prayers are powerful and we never know when someone needs a prayer. Thank you from the Board of Deacons.

Reading Group: If you have been unable to locate a copy of “A Long Walk to Water,” our book for November 27, please note that two extra copies have been placed in the Chapel Lane library in the NEW section. The books are not part of the library system so

you are welcome to take a copy without signing it out. But please return it as soon as you have finished it so others can take it, if necessary.

Please mark your calendar! Our annual Share Fair is on Sunday, November 19th:

There will be the following mission displays: Congregational Care (Star gift tree); Member-in-Mission (homemade crafts and baked goods); Quilting Bees; Haiti Projects (clinic and orphanage); Habitat for Humanity; Midland Area Homes; The ROCK Youth Center; Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network; ARTShop Creative 360; and our youth-sponsored ministries of Heifer International and Adopt-a-Family. Everyone is invited to share in our mission opportunities. Please plan to come to the Fair in the activity room before and after the 10 a.m. worship service or from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. before our Thanksgiving dinner.

Board of Deacons

Craft Table at Share Fair: There will be a craft and baked goods table at the Share Fair again this year. This table will display craft items and baked goods made by those in our church family who wish to sell their homemade items and have the money added to the Member-in-Mission fund in the Deacons’ budget. Everyone is welcome to make items to donate, such as holiday decorations, crocheted and knitted clothing, jewelry, stationery, woodworking, pottery, and baked goods. (We also would appreciate your help in the pricing of your items.) Of course, you may donate money directly to the fund anytime during the year as well as during the Share Fair. This mission fund is used to support financially any member in our church family who participates in mission work anywhere in the world. One on-going support has been of Gail McGee for her medical mission trips to Haiti. If you have any questions, please contact the office or a Deacon. **The Share Fair will be on Sunday, November 19th**, in the activity room of the church. You will be able to browse and “shop” in the morning before and after the 10 a.m. worship service and in the evening from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. before the Thanksgiving dinner. Sincere thanks from your Deacons.

Project Housing Connect: The Deacons are very grateful for all the personal care items that were donated for the annual Project Housing Connect event held this past Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church. This event is planned for the first Wednesday in November of each year by the Continuum of care and Midland Area Homes, with support from many churches, organizations, and businesses. Thank you!

Mobile Food Pantry: The eleventh and last Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) of this year will be held at the Midland Civic (Ice) Arena on Fast Ice Drive just off Bay City Road on Wednesday, November 8. 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

Cookies and Food Items for Thanksgiving Baskets: Are you a cookie baker? Many cookies are needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets ministry which is a program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) in coordination with Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Cookies, as well as other food items for a Thanksgiving dinner, are donated by the community to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Airfield Lane in Midland. Donated cookies need to be packaged in Ziploc bags, in like groups of twelve, with the type of cookie labeled on the Ziploc bag (please avoid nuts and please note peanut butter). The bags of cookies may be delivered directly to Aldersgate or may be brought to Chapel Lane on Sunday morning, November 19th, for a Deacon to take to Aldersgate after our 10:00 a.m. service. Donated food items also may be brought any time to church for a Deacon to take them to Aldersgate; please put the items in a plastic bag and set under the table opposite the church office. Your participation in providing for those in need in our community is always appreciated. Approximately 450 families will be served with the Thanksgiving Baskets this November. Questions may be directed to Sally Ann Sutton. Board of Deacons

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Nov 19, 2017

ACT Uganda: Urgent – Volunteers Needed! Do you have three hours that you could spend helping others? ACT Uganda is seeking volunteers to work in our store, Uniquely Uganda. Help is needed during store hours (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) Monday through Saturday. You are asked to work on one day every other week, or one day each week. Please contact Anne House at 989-835-8525 or houseshome@aol.com if you would like to help this worthy cause (actuganda.org). Thank you for considering this need.

ACT Uganda: It's Fall and Winter Art Fair Season! Handcrafts sales are a major source of financial support for ACT Uganda – so spread the word! These sales are vital to the important programs of ACT. Please visit ACT's booth at any of the following upcoming art fairs:

November 5: St. John's Episcopal Church, Midland (11:00 am)

November 11, 12: Midland Center for the Arts Holiday Art Fair (10 am -5 pm)

November 12: Blessed Sacrament Alternative Fair, (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)

November 19: Memorial Presbyterian Church Alternative Gift Fair (9 am-1pm)

Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at The Salvation Army located at 330 Waldo Avenue in Midland on Wednesday, November 22, 2017. Please call 496-2787 to make a reservation. Everyone is welcome for this free dinner.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians (8:15): Aubrey Root, Doug Moe
(10:00): Karen Graef, Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader (8:15): Howard Lewis
(10:00): Olivia Cross and Catelin Greiman
Ushers (8:15): Bob McGee
(10:00): Carl Vander Woude, Jim and Jennifer Mayer
Communion Servers: Carol Rowe, 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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