



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Nov. 12, 2017

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude Music

“We Gather Together”

D. Wagner

Adult 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

Call to Worship

Listen, dear friends, to God's truth, bend your ears to what I tell you.

Let's chew on the morsel of a proverb and share some sweet old truths,

Stories we heard from our fathers, counsel we learned at our mother's knee.

We're not keeping these truths to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation—the marvelous things God has done.

God has set the Word firmly within us and commanded our parents to teach it to their children

So that all the generations to follow would come to trust in God and share the stories of faith.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“We Gather Together”

#336

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior. 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

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

#469

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

First Lesson

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

NRSV pg. 1077

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

Second Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

NRSV pg. 903

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

“From One Generation to the Next”

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

#362

***Affirmation of Faith**

The communion of saints, called from the entire human family, is united by God.

As the people of God, we love one another.

We experience, practice, and pursue community with one another.

We give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.

We are a benefit and blessing to one another.

We share one faith and have one calling.

We are one body, and are of one soul and mind.

We have one God and Father.

We are filled with one Spirit.

We are baptized with one baptism.

We eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

We confess one name and are obedient to one Lord.

We work for one cause and share one hope.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Generosity Ministry Testimonial

Wayne Stover

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

"We Would Serve the Lord"

D. Pederson

Chancel Choir

Choose this day whom you will serve; we would serve the Lord.

Through the water, wine and word, we have been restored.

O, holy Savior, Jesus Christ, our brother; all our praises you deserve;

Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Whom will you serve? We will serve the Lord.

We are called to share God's word now and evermore!

O, holy Savior, Jesus Christ, our brother; all our praises you deserve;

Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Through the water, wine and word, our hearts are healed and souls are stirred.

Choose this day whom you will serve; we would serve the Lord.

Words: Joshua 24. Public Domain

*** 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 GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*** Sending Song**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

#265

*** 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**

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

D. Cherwin

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

Some believers worry that the Christian Church is dying.

What do you believe about the light of Christ and its presence in the world?

Did you know?

Did you know that fewer than 20% of Americans attend worship each week?

And while church participation in our nation is steadily declining

(as it has been since the early days of our nation),

the Christian church has seen dramatic and explosive growth

in Asia, Africa and South America.

When every brand of Christianity is added together,

there are more than 2.4 billion Christians worldwide.

The Affirmation of Faith was compiled by Barbara Hedges-Goettl and reprinted from the PC(USA)'s Office of Theology & Worship webpage; used with permission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov 12, 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 26, 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.

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.

Afternoon Ladies' Circle will meet on Monday, November 20th, in the church library from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. In this third lesson, “Hebrews” describes God's word as both living and active to enable us to live the most faithful lives we can. Our mission project is the donation of personal cre items to the HELP food pantry. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

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.

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.

Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the December Chapel Chimes are due by Wednesday, November 15. Please send them to newsletter@chapellane.org or k2buell@aol.com. There is also a mail slot outside the church office if you need to submit a “hard” copy.

DVD Available: A copy of “America the Beautiful”, the DVD viewed at a recent Fun in Faith event, is available for checkout in our library. Please follow the customary sign-out procedure.

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.

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 26, 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 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): Alice Wiltse
(10:00): Paul Teed
Ushers (8:15): Howard Lewis
(10:00): Jim Wallace, Harry White, Judy and Butch Brauer
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

5501 Jefferson Avenue, Midland, MI 48640 Phone # 989 631-2081 Fax # 989 631-2014
Church e-mail: Office@chapellane.org Website: www.chapellane.org

Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers* revrhon@aol.com
Dir. Christian Ed.: *Erica Clark* education@chapellane.org
Director of Music: *Karen Graef* music@chapellane.org
Office Professional: *Joyce Glover* office@chapellane.org
Prayer Chain: *Judy Brauer* prayers@chapellane.org
Newsletter: *Kerry Buell* newsletter@chapellane.org
Linda Langrill