



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Nov. 19, 2017

Thanksgiving Worship

10:00 AM

Commitment Sunday/Children’s Sunday

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude Music

“Now Thank We All Our God”

M. L. Thompson

Children’s Chimes

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

(Based on Psalm 65:8-13, NCV)

God, people all around the world are amazed at the wonderful things you do.

You make all people, east and west, sing with joy.

You take care of the land. You water it and make it fertile.

Your streams are always filled with water. That’s how you make the crops grow.

You pour rain on the plowed fields; you soak the fields with water.

You make the ground soft with rain, and you make the young plants grow.

You start the new year with a good harvest. You end the year with many crops.

The desert and the hills are covered with grass.

The pastures are covered with sheep. The valleys are filled with grain.

Everything is singing and shouting for joy.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

#367

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ 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

“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

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

NRSV pg. 1056

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

Second Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

NRSV pg. 904

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

Children’s Sermon

The Bucket Brigade

Children’s Anthem

“Now We Give Thanks”

M. Patterson

Children’s Choir

Sermon

“Investing for God’s Sake”

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

“For Everyone Born”

#769

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.

Presentation of Faith Commitment Cards and our Offerings—A Call to Generosity and a Response of Faith

The Creator of all life and love has endowed our earth with bountiful blessings.

God has created humanity to share in the wonder and joy of these blessings.

All thanks be to God, Giver and Receiver of all that is good.

We return to God portions of what God has given us: our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment.

May the giving from the fullness of our lives be acceptable in God’s sight.

May the gifts we bring show that God’s Rule is at hand—both now and to come.

God calls us to participate in the construction of a New Reality. We now dedicate these, our offerings, toward the enrichment of our life as a covenant community, and toward the ministry God has given us.

We dedicate our labors, our time and our commitment to God, who calls us into discipleship and who surrounds us and sustains us with Everlasting Love.

And we trust that, through our gifts, Christ will be served, in Midland as around the world.

Yes, through our gifts, others too will be served—with grace, love and laughter.

Bless these, our gifts, dear Lord. Bless both our weekly offerings and our generous faith commitments for 2018. May your Holy Spirit work with us and among us to strengthen our bonds with one another as we endeavor to fulfill the pledges we are making this day. Amen!

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

R. Horn

Chancel Choir

*Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.*

*By him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring.
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He blesses from his fullness all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.*

*Bring to his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave.
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls he died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him who gave his life for all. Amen,*

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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 GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

* Sending Song

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#643

* 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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

M. Burkhardt

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?

How may you show your gratitude to others during this season of thankfulness?

For Christians, is thankfulness a part of servanthood?

Did you know?

Did you know that *The Presbyterian Outlook* has an online webpage? Here is an excerpt from this summer: We are the PC(USA), which is to say that we are steeped in our culture and cannot pretend that we float above it. So, the American stories are our stories as well. But they are not the only stories we have....When we speak of God's love, it is our way of talking about God's providence. Far from sentimental assurance that we are lovable, God's love is that of Creator for creatures, Sovereign for servants, Parent for children. This means that the stories we tell about ourselves are fictions unless they are subplots in God's story."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Nov 19, 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 Dec 3, 2017

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Diane Hobson in memory of Robert and Vicki Hobson.

TODAY is Commitment Sunday and we will receive your Commitment Cards with your commitment of financial support for Chapel Lane. If you have not filled yours out, we will accept them in the office or next Sunday in the offering plate. Thank you all so

much for your generous support and know that this is a great beginning for a year of generous gratitude!

Celebration of Share Fair: Our annual Share Fair is TODAY between both worship services and after the 10:00 a.m. worship this morning and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. before dinner this evening. We hope you will come to the activity room to browse and support the mission opportunities offered by your Board of Deacons and your youth. Thank you!

Rosa's quilt for auction at Share Fair today! Our very talented Rosa Miller has made a Christmas quilt for auction at our Share Fair. This beautiful quilt, (74 in. X 105 in.), is on display in the Activity Room with the other displays of mission opportunities. The opening bid for the quilt is \$250.00. Bidding in increments of at least \$10.00 will be ongoing until 5:45 p.m., at which time the winner of the quilt will be announced at the beginning of our Thanksgiving dinner. The proceeds from this auction will be used to support our church workers with lodging, transportation, and other expenses on mission trips. The Deacons are very grateful for this unique donation to our annual Share Fair. Thank you, Rosa!

Thanksgiving Dinner will be held today at 6:00 p.m. following the Share Fair. We need workers to help set up the tables and chairs after the second service today 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.

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. **NOTE: No FISH this week.**

Fall Contemporary Issues Class: No class today or November 26.

The Thursday Afternoon Bible Study: No class this week. Starting November 30, we will study the story of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. Books are \$13 and are available from Pastor Rhonda on a first come/first served basis.

Office Closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen on Monday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m. Any articles for the November 26th church bulletin should be in the office no later than Tuesday, November 21.

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 care items to the HELP food pantry. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

Nominating Committee Meeting: This Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the parlor.

Guest Preacher November 26: Bonnie Rapson, Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidate

Mobile Food Pantry Update: The MFP held on Wednesday, November 8, at the Midland Civic Arena on East Ice Drive was funded by Trinity Lutheran Church. The 77 volunteers provided 17,350 pounds of boxed and canned goods, fresh produce (potatoes, carrots, and cabbage), frozen meat, and bakery goods and breads from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to 300 families (931 individuals). The SOS Animal Rescue group provided pet items. This eleventh (and last) MFP of this year is a program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry (EFPN). The next MFP will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at the Midland Civic Arena in Midland. If you wish to volunteer in this ministry, please contact Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428. .

Presbyterian Women Luncheon: We will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 28th at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign up Sunday, Nov. 26th. 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, or email, wiltsealice1934@charter.netm if you have any questions.

Christmas Poinsettias: Orders are now being taken for Christmas Poinsettias. Order forms, with instructions, can be found in the worship guide. If there are any questions, please contact Renee White at 692-2059.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Dec 3, 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 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.

Free Legal Advice is available to individuals impacted by the June flooding of this year. Michigan Young Lawyers may be contacted at 1-800-418-8315 on Monday Through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Boar's Head Christmas Festival Performances at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 808 Weiss, Saginaw, are on November 30 and December 2 at 7:30 p.m. and December 3 at 4 p.m. Freewill offering. Handicap parking available. For more information, contact www.BethlehemSaginaw.org.

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):	Ron Hynds
(10:00):	The Mayer Family
Ushers (8:15):	Dan and Sara Veresh
(10:00):	Karla & Art Beagle, Chris Petrimoulx, Harry White
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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