



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

*“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”*

Dec. 31, 2017

First Sunday After Christmas

10:00 AM

The Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna, Preacher

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

\* Please stand, if you are able

### Prelude Music

### 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.)*

### Call to Worship

*(Based on Psalm 148 Easy-to-Read Version)*

Praise the LORD! Angels above, praise the LORD from heaven!

Praise him, all you angels! Praise him, all his army!

Sun and moon, praise him! Stars and lights in the sky, praise him!

**Praise him, highest heaven! Waters above the sky, praise him!**

*(Light the Christ Candle)*

Let them praise the LORD's name, because he gave the command and created them all!

**The Lord made all these continue forever, with laws that will never end.**

Praise him, kings of the earth and all nations, princes and all rulers on earth.

**Praise him, young men and women, old people and children.**

Praise the LORD's name! Honor his name forever!

**Praise the LORD!**

*(Sung Response: #110 vs. 3 “Love Has Come”)*

**Love has come and never will leave us!**

**Love is life everlasting and free.**

**Love is Jesus within and among us.**

**Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.**

**Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.**

**Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

### Gathering Prayer

### \* Gathering Song

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

#133

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful 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

*“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”*

#143 (vs. 4)

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,*

*Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:*

*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

### \*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

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

NRSV, page 678

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

### Second Lesson

Luke 2:22-40

NRSV, page 933

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

### Children's Sermon

### Sermon

*“As Time Marches On”*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

\* Song of Response                      *“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*                      #128

### \*Affirmation of Faith

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

**This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

**We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.**

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

**We believe that through the working of God’s Spirit unity is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought.**

We believe that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

**We believe that Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.**

### 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*

\* Offertory Response                      *“Doxology for Christmas”*                      *(Traditional Tune)*

*Praise God, whose dawn transfigures night, whose Daystar shines for us on high,  
Whose Spirit brings into our sight, the hope which to our world draws nigh. Amen.*

### \* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

## WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

\* Sending Song                      *“In the Bleak Midwinter”*                      #144

### \* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response                      *“Raise a Song of Gladness”*                      #155

*Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!*

### \* Postlude

## OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

### Questions for Reflection

Consider what it means to be a child of God by adoption.  
What does it mean to you to think of yourself as a brother or sister of Jesus,  
who is the Son of God?

### Did you know?

Did you know that the Presbyterian Church (USA) has partners in faith  
throughout the world?

Inspired by God’s promise of abundant life and thanks to your faith in action,  
we are able to respond to those suffering with hunger, poverty and disaster.  
Thank you for your gifts to the mission of the church this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Together, we are able to respond to God’s call to care for  
the poor, sick, and those most in need  
by helping create a sustainable, compassionate and just world,  
as an expression of Christ’s hope, peace, joy and love.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec 31, 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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.chapellane.org). Did you miss last week's announcements? They may be viewed at "Worship /bulletin" at [www.chapellane.org](http://www.chapellane.org).

### CHAPEL LANE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Jan 14, 2018

**Church Office Closed:** The church office will also be closed on Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year's holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m.

**Fall Contemporary Issues Class:** There is no class **today**. We will resume class on January 7<sup>th</sup> discussing Chapter 10 of *How Jesus Saves the World From Us: 12 Antidotes to Toxic Christianity*.

**Lectionary-Based Class:** The Lectionary-based class will not meet again until Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the library. We hope you will consider joining us.

**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.

**Two Services:** Chapel Lane will resume with two worship services, 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., next Sunday, January 7.

**The January Chapel Chimes** is now available in your mail folders. Please pick it up on your way in or out of service today to avoid using postage to mail it to you.

**The Thursday Afternoon Bible Study:** Pastor Rhonda is still on study leave so we will start a new study on The Minor Prophets on January 11, 2018 at 1 p.m. See Pastor Rhonda for a copy of the study guide. Bible Study will not meet on January 4, 2018.

**The Monday Evening Circle** will not meet in January due to the New Year holiday. If you have any questions, call Alice Wiltse at 631-7271.

**Taize Service:** Please note that our January Taize Service will be held on the **second Wednesday** rather than the first Wednesday. Join us January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Activity Room for a candlelit service of prayer and simple melodies.

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Jan 14, 2018

**Life Line Screening**, recognized with an A+ rating by the Better Business Bureau, offers a 5-test package to thoroughly check you for risk of stroke, cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions. The combination of these test helps detect problems-before you have symptoms and while you and your doctor can still take action. The screenings are Carotid Artery (plaque), Heart Rhythm (Atrial Fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for the price of \$149, a savings of \$181. The screenings will be held at Midland Floyd Church of God on Thursday, January 4, 2018. Please call toll-free 888-653-6434 to register and to receive a \$10 discount or visit [www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners](http://www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners). Pick up a flyer in the foyer if you need additional information.

***Participants in Today's Service***

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna  
**Musicians:** Karen Graef  
**Worship Leader:** Ron Hynds  
**Ushers:** Carol and John Ostergren, Marian and Eldon Ault  
**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***

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