



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Jan. 7, 2018 Communion Sunday/Epiphany Sunday 10:00 AM

Celebration of Epiphany 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 72, Common English Bible)

God, give your judgments to the king. Give your righteousness to the king's son.

Let him judge your people with righteousness and your poor ones with justice.

Let the mountains bring peace to the people; let the hills bring righteousness.

Let the king bring justice to people who are poor; let him save the children of those who are needy.

(Light the Christ Candle)

Let the king live as long as the sun, as long as the moon, generation to generation.

Let him fall like rain upon fresh-cut grass, like showers that water the earth.

Let the righteous flourish throughout their lives, and let peace prosper until the moon is no more.

Let all the kings bow down before him; let all the nations serve him.

Let it be so, because he delivers the needy who cry out, the poor, and those who have no helper.

He redeems their lives from oppression and violence; their blood is precious in his eyes.

(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** *“Sing of God Made Manifest”* **#156**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Light of the world, we confess that we have not resisted the darkness of sin. You deliver the poor and the helpless, but we have ignored their cry. You take pity on the weak and the destitute, but our hearts are hard in the face of their need. You heal the wounded and save the oppressed, but we have placed our trust in the callous violence of war. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken in us sincere repentance that we may shine with the light of your saving 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 60:1-6** **NRSV, page 676**

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

Second Lesson **Matthew 2:1-12** **NRSV, page 877**

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

Sermon **“A Disquieting Star?”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* **Song of Response** *“The First Nowell”* #147 (vss. 1, 3, 4, 5)

* **Affirmation of Faith**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church: he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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 CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

* **Communion Song** *“As With Gladness Men of Old”* #150

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** *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”* #151

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”* #119

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”*

* **Postlude**

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

Warned in a dream of Herod’s evil intentions, the magi

“left for their own country by another road.”

What could it mean for you to take “another road”

as the church concludes the celebration of the Christmas season?

Is the Star a light that brings you hope or one that disquiets your soul?

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 7, 2018

Did you know?

Did you know that the word Epiphany means
“manifestation,” "showing," or “moment of recognition”?

Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ.

It was first observed in 2nd Century Egypt, as both the day of Jesus' birth and baptism.

(December 25 wasn't established as a separate
celebration of the nativity until around A.D. 336.)

Today, some Eastern churches still observe Christmas on January 6, the day of Epiphany.

The Wise Men, originally recognized at Epiphany, have gotten mixed up
with the shepherds, the angels, the stable, and the manger of Christmas.

But Epiphany is a great celebration in its own right.

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 Jan 21, 2018

Congregational Meeting Jan. 14: A short special meeting of the congregation is being called for Sunday, January 14th, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service for the purpose of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee, electing church Officers and voting on a proposed By-Law change to Article 1, Section 6 reducing the number of elders serving on Session from 12 to 9.

Fall Contemporary Issues Class: Due to a special session meeting called for today, there will be no Contemporary Issues Class.

Lectionary-Based Class: The Lectionary-based class meets **today** 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.

The Thursday Afternoon Bible Study: We will finish our study of Joseph this week.

Christmas Eve Offering: The Board of Deacons is very grateful for the generosity of the congregation who gave \$2,093 for the Christmas Eve Offering that will be designated for the Pastor's Emergency Fund. This fund is used to assist those in our community who have a financial need for the payment of utilities, rent, propane and prescriptions. This offering will be used in addition to the PEF line item in the Deacons' 2018 budget. Thank you very much. And if you have not contributed to the PEF thus far, you might consider doing so.

Thank you so much if you brought something for the funeral luncheon last week. If you haven't picked up your dishes, they can be found on a table in the foyer. Thanks again.

Presbyterian Women

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 this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Activity Room for a candlelit service of prayer and simple melodies.

Afternoon Ladies' Circle: The afternoon ladies' circle will meet on Monday, January 15, at Independence Village located on Rockwell Drive (note change for winter months) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. In this fifth lesson, "Hebrews" reminds us of the faithfulness of our Biblical ancestors of patriarchs, prophets and poets. Our Book of Confessions also guides us in our Reformed tradition. 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.

Fun in Faith Fellowship: Do you like solving puzzles and working as a team? If so, please join us on Saturday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m. at Code Breakers, 4426 N. Saginaw Road, as we attempt to solve a puzzle and escape from a themed room. If you enjoy or

enjoyed playing Clue, then this is a great opportunity for you. After successfully navigating the rooms, we will mosey over to Grand Traverse Pie Company for either dinner or dessert. Reservations are needed, so please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or notify the Buells at k2buell@aol.com or via phone at 835-4542.

Mobile Food Pantry: The first Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) of this year will be held at the Midland Civic (Ice) Arena located on Fast Ice Drive on Wednesday, January 17. It is being funded by the Lions Club of Midland. This program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry (EFPN) is for anyone who is a resident of Midland County and in need of food. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the give-away of free food begins about 11:00 a.m. Please contact Sally Ann Sutton if you have additional questions.

Board of Deacons

Food for HELP Pantry is taken from our church to Memorial Presbyterian Church on the fourth Sunday of every month by Beverly and Barry Moyer. If you can bring a can or a box of food to church on any day (or days) during the month, your donation will help fill the shelves of the HELP pantry. Personal care items (such as soap, shampoo, and toothpaste) as well as cleaning supplies (such as detergent and bathroom cleaner), are needed. Your donations may be placed on the shelves opposite Erica's office at any time the church is open. Thank you for faithfully supporting this community ministry of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network for so many years.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Jan 21, 2018

Group Grief Recovery Process: The three Catholic Parishes of Midland have scheduled their Grief Recovery Process to begin Tuesday, January 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The process is to help those who are experiencing grief through the death of a loved one. Blessed Sacrament, located at the corner of Ashman and Swede, is hosting this series in the Lounge in the Parish Center. The program is free of charge and is non-denominational within a Christian framework. All are welcome who have experienced a loss more than three months ago. If you have questions or wish to register, please call Patty at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 989-835-6777.

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): Bob McGee
(10:00): Harry White
Ushers(8:15): Alice Wiltse
(10:00): Tom and Karen Adams, 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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