



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

*“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”*

Jan. 14, 2018

10:00 AM

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

\* Please stand, if you are able

### Prelude Music

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

arr. S. Eithun

Adult Bells

### 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 29, the Easy-to-Read Version)*

Praise the LORD, you heavenly angels. Praise the LORD's glory and power.

**Praise the LORD and honor his name! Worship the LORD in all his holy beauty.**

The LORD's voice can be heard over the sea.

**The voice of our glorious LORD God is like thunder over the great ocean.**

The LORD's voice is powerful. It shows the LORD's glory.

**The LORD's voice shatters great cedar trees.**

The LORD's voice cuts the air with flashes of lightning.

**The LORD's voice shakes the desert.**

In his temple everyone shouts, “Glory to God!”

**May the LORD make his people strong. May the LORD bless his people with peace. Amen.**

### Gathering Prayer

### \* Gathering Song

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

#630

### Litany for Baptism of the Lord Sunday

*Each time you hear the pastor say “Lord Jesus” respond with:*

**Have mercy upon us.**

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. 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

*“I Love You, Lord”*

#627

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice*

*To worship you, O my soul, rejoice.*

*Take joy, my King, in what you hear;*

*May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

### \*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

Genesis 1:1-5

NRSV, page 1

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

#### Second Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

NRSV, page 910

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

### Sermon

*“The Sky is Torn and a Voice Cries Out”*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

### \* Song of Response

*“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

#610

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe I Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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*

***"Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized"*** arr. M. Helman

Chancel Choir

*Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
As peaceful as a dove and yet, as urgent as a flame.  
God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true,  
Sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.*

*Straightway and steadfast until death, you then obeyed his call,  
Freely as Son of Man to serve, and give your life for all.  
Baptize us with your Spirit Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
That likewise in God's service we, perfect freedom find.*

Text: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

**\* Offertory Response**

***"We Sing to You, O God"***

**STF #2001**

***We sing to you, O God, the Rock who give us birth,  
Let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.  
To you, O God, let songs be raised,  
In joyful hymns, our feast of praise.***

**\* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings**

**WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\* Sending Song**

***"Shall We Gather at the River"***

**#375**

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**Short Special Congregational Meeting**

**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

**Questions for Reflection**

What is the difference between baptism with water alone (John's baptism) and baptism with the Holy Spirit? Why is it still important to use water in baptism? What does water mean to your daily life? What difference does the Holy Spirit make in baptism and in your daily life?

**Did you know?**

Did you know that January 11<sup>th</sup> was Human Trafficking Awareness Day? Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and it looks like this: the recruitment, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining any person for forced labor, slavery or servitude in any industry or site such as agriculture, construction, prostitution, manufacturing, begging, domestic service or marriage. The ILO estimates that there are 12.3 million people in forced labor, bonded labor, forced child labor and sexual servitude at any given time. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we follow God into a world in need of healing to participate in God's ministry of love, justice, and reconciliation.

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## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 14, 2018***

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***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 28, 2018**

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**Congregational Meeting Jan. 14:** A short special meeting of the congregation is being called for today, 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.

**Lectionary-Based Class:** The Lectionary-based class meets at 9:00 a.m. in the library. We hope you will consider joining us.

**Office Closed:** The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**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 begin our study of the Minor Prophets this week.

**Quilts of Valor:** If you could take a quilt or two, wash them so they can be sent for distribution to our veterans. Please wash in cool water with the color catcher provided dry and in dryer on low heat and press the pillow case. Put the folded quilt in the case and return to the church the following week. A box will be provided for collection in the back of the sanctuary. Thank You!  
Nancy Stanley

**Christmas Joy Offering:** The Board of Deacons wants to thank you for your generous contributions to the Christmas Joy Offering. A total of \$2,515.00 was donated. These gifts will be divided 50/50 to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian related racial ethnic schools and colleges. The Christmas Joy Offering is the fourth of four special offerings that Chapel Lane supported in 2017. Your gifts mean so much to others.

**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.

**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

**Fun in Faith Fellowship:** A free slice of pie will be awarded to those individuals participating with Fun in Faith for the first time. If this taste pleasing offer appeals to you, please join us on Saturday, January 20, at 5:00 p.m. at Code Breakers, 4426 N. Saginaw Rd., 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 Co. 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](mailto:k2buell@aol.com) or via phone at 835-4542.

**Presbyterian Women Luncheon:** We will meet Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign up by Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. 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, if you have any questions.

**Supplies for Haiti:** Gail McGee will be going to Haiti again in February. This is a list of items that she can take with her. If you can help, place the items in the plastic bin on the table on the north side of the foyer. Thank you for your contributions to a worthy cause.

GI meds (Tums, Pepto Chews, Pepcid, Zantac), topical creams (hydrocortisone, triple antibiotic, anti-fungal, anti-itch, A & D, cetaphil, Vitamin E, muscle rub), wound care supplies (gauzes, tape, bandages), Vicks rub, infant gas relief, infant poly-sol vitamins, kid's vitamins, Ziplock bags (sandwich size), Dixie cups, condiment cups with lids. The dollar stores are a great place to buy these items. Any of these items are needed. Please place them in the plastic bin located under the coat rack on the north side of the foyer.

**Notes: empty medicine bottles are no longer needed. DO NOT PLACE ANY UNUSED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS IN THE BIN.**

Gail makes four trips a year to Haiti. Your donations appreciated by Gail and those she serves in Haiti. Thank you from the Board of Deacons.

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Jan 28, 2018**

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**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.

**Presentation on Palestine at Creative 360:** On January 24 at 6:00 p.m., Emma Johnson, writer and author, will give a presentation about her trip to Palestine at Creative 360. She covered two stories for the Midland Daily News and last May she traveled with a delegation to witness the conflict firsthand and met with Palestinian and Israeli peace activists. Please pre-register. This is a free event, but donations are welcome.

**Midland Area Interfaith Friends** works to connect people of different religious faiths in order to foster better religious understanding, provide education on social justice issues, and carry out community service projects in Midland County. Johanna Jozwiak will be speaking on refugee resettlement efforts in Midland on March 11 at 4:00 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A flyer is posted in the kiosk with the entire schedule for 2018.

***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):** Susan Gaul  
**(10:00):** Wayne Stover  
**Ushers(8:15):** Mike Gaul  
**(10:00):** Erlene Carmody, Bill Coats, Sally Ginter-Coats, Carol Rowe  
**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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