



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Feb. 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

President’s Day Weekend WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude Music

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

arr. T. Waldrop

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.)*

Interlude Music and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 25:1-10, ERV)

LORD, I put my life in your hands.

I trust in you, my God, and I will not be disappointed.

No one who trusts in you will be disappointed.

But disappointment will come to those who try to deceive others. They will get nothing.

LORD, help me learn your ways. Show me how you want me to live.

Guide me and teach me your truths.

You are my God, my Savior.

You are the one I have been waiting for.

Be kind to me, Lord. Show me the tender love that you have always had.

Don't remember the sinful things I did when I was young.

Because you are good, LORD, remember me with your faithful love.

The LORD is good and does what is right, showing us the right way to live,

Teaching faithful ways to humble people, leading us with fairness.

The LORD is kind and true to those who uphold their covenant with God.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

#2

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Glory, we admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with you. In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by your moments of silence and of learning. In that flood of worries, which can threaten to overwhelm us, we tend to miss the assurance that you have not cut us off from your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore the feast of hope, of joy, of life you offer to us. Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for you all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

STF #2088

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

*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 9:8-17

NRSV, page 7

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

Second Lesson Mark 1:9-15 NRSV, page 910

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

Children's Sermon Bucket Brigade

Sermon "Living in the Wilderness of Life"

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" #436

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in 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 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" arr. J. Schrader
Chancel Choir

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself.*

*Jesus prayed, he prayed for his disciples; He prayed alone, prayed alone for you and me.
Oh, nobody else could bear such sorrow; He prayed a lone for you and me.*

*Jesus dies on Calv'rys mountain; He died alone for you and me.
Oh, nobody else could die for sinners; He had to die for you and me.*

*Jesus rose from death's dark prison; He lives again for you and me.
Oh, nobody else could bring us vict'ry; He is alive to set us free.*

* Offertory Response "Now Thank We All Our God" #643 (vs. 3)

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven.
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* Sending Song "This Is My Song" #340

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response "On Eagles' Wings" #43 (Refrain)
*And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

* Postlude

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

The phrase "kingdom of God" occurs 14 times in the Gospel of Mark.

At Jesus' baptism, it becomes clear that this rabbi from Nazareth is God's own beloved Son.

And his baptism signals the only realm to which he owes allegiance.

Jesus' baptism is not only a religious act, but also is a political and economic one.

Does this comfort or discomfort you?

Does baptism into Christ make claims on our religious, political, social, and economic practices?

Did you know?

Did you know that today is Blue T-Shirt Day for PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) whose ministry of presence is one that transforms lives and communities?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 18, 2018

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 March 4, 2018

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers to be held during 10 a.m. worship next Sunday, February 25th.

Leader Training for all church officers (Elders and Deacons) on Saturday, February 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. here at Chapel Lane.

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

The Thursday Afternoon Bible Study: Studying the Minor Prophets, Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

Followers In the Spirit Here: Music, formation, fellowship and more. Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Pre-kindergarten to Senior High. For Lent, we will be offering some "Dinner and More" events after our FISH program. The Schedule looks like this:

Wednesday, February 21st

Dinner and Project: Make a Pottery Prayer Dish

Wednesday, February 28th

Dinner and Project: Make a Chain of Prayer Beads

Wednesday, March 7th

Dinner and Worship: Taize Service

Wednesday, March 14th

Dinner and Project: Paint-a-Canvas with a Lenten Stencil

Wednesday, March 21st

Dinner and Project: Bake a Pretzel

No Wednesday dinner Holy Week, March 28th;

Maundy Thursday, March 29th

Dinner and Worship with Communion

Fun in Faith: EVERYONE is invited to attend the Midland Concert Band performance TODAY at 3:00 p.m. with the Fun in Faith Fellowship followed by dinner at Lucky's Steakhouse.

Afternoon Ladies' Circle: The afternoon ladies' circle will meet on Monday, February 19, at Independence Village located on Rockwell Drive from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. In this sixth lesson, "Hebrews" considers how communities of faith support each other during troubled times. (Suffering and joy are constants...in all times.) 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.

College Students: The Board of Deacons will be sending cookies in February to our college students. Please let us know if there are any changes in their addresses. Contact Alice Wiltse at 631-7271 or wiltsealice1943@charter.net or call Joyce at the church office, 631-2081. Thank you.

Cookie Ministry: The Board of Deacons is planning to send out cookies again in February. Please let us know if there are any changes in the information we used in October. Some students may have graduated, moved or no longer want cookies. Any info would be appreciated. Please contact Alice Wiltse by February 19th, @ 631-7271 or @ wiltsealice1943@charter.net.

Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of President's Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Mobile Food Pantry: The second Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) of this year will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located on the corner of Eastman and West Sugnet Roads in Midland, on Saturday, February 24. This program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) is for anyone who is a resident of Midland County and in need of food. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the give-away of free food will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Sally Ann Sutton if you have additional questions. Board of Deacons

Session meets Tuesday evening, February 27, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Elders are reminded their materials for the meeting are online.

Presbyterian Women Luncheon: We will meet Tuesday, February 27th at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up by Sunday, February 25th. 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Mar 4, 2018

Donate Your Used Appliances: Pivot Point is a nonprofit employment support program. We hire people with high barriers to employment and help them become good employees so that they may find permanent employment. We operate a used appliance store and we are in need of appliances. **Do you have any working or nonworking appliances that are no longer needed?** Give us a call and we will gladly come pick them up for free. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated. Our phone number is (989) 244-

8888 and we are located at 308 E. Lyon, Midland, MI 48640. Our hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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): Howard Lewis
(10:00):
Ushers(8:15):
(10:00): Jim and Jennifer Mayer, Art and Karla Beagle
Nursery: Renee White and Jennifer 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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