



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

*“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”*

Mar. 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

## 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.)*

### Interlude Music and Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship

*(Based on Psalm 107:1-3 17-22)*

Praise the LORD, because God is good!

**God's faithful love will last forever!**

Everyone the LORD has saved should repeat a word of thanks.

**Praise the Lord, all who have been rescued from the enemy.**

The Lord has gathered his people together from many nations, from east and west, north and south.

**Some people became fools and turned against God, suffering for the evil they did.**

They were in trouble, so they called to the LORD for help, and God saved them from their troubles.

**God gave the command and healed them, so they were saved from the grave.**

Thank the LORD for his faithful love and for the amazing things God does for God's people.

**Offer sacrifices of thanks to God and sing with joy for all God has done.**

### Gathering Prayer

\* Gathering Song

*“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”*

#624

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We grumble and complain when you have provided all we need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so that we may not perish but may have eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

#2 (vs. 4)

*To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!*

*Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

\* 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

Ephesians 2:1-10

NRSV, page 1064

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

Second Lesson

John 3:14-21

NRSV, page 968

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

### Children's Sermon

Sermon

*“Living and Loving By Grace”*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

\* Song of Response

*“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”*

#738

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Based on Confession of 1967)*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present

hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and imitates the new life in Christ.

#### Morning Prayers 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**                      *"Lord of All Good"*                      #711 (vs. 1)  
*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you, use them your holy purpose to fulfill;  
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew that our whole life is offered to your will.*

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

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

- \* **Sending Song**                      *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*                      #649

- \* **Charge and Benediction**

- \* **Benediction Response**                      *"God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"*                      #542 (vs. 1)  
*God be with you 'til we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you 'til we meet again.*

- \* **Postlude**

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

#### Questions for Reflection

What does the light of God's truth reveal about your life?

Are there parts of your life that you want to hide from God?

Can you imagine what it would be like to live completely transparent to God's piercing light?

#### Did you know?

Did you know that the goal of Presbyterian World Mission is to inspire, equip and connect U.S. Presbyterians and global partners for faithful and effective mission? As Presbyterians, we are called to mission through the discipline of partnership. The one table we gather around is God's table and the one mission to which we are called is God's mission. Presbyterian World Mission sponsors 140 **mission co-workers** in 50 countries, 85 **Young Adult Volunteers** and more than 100 global partners and 6 long-term volunteers. For 180 years, Presbyterian missionaries have planted churches, built hospitals and started schools on nearly every continent. Today, more than 94 million Christians worldwide belong to churches that were founded or co-founded by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission workers.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Mar 11, 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](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 March 25, 2018

**Sunday Flowers:** Did you know that you can honor someone special with flowers? To do this, a flower chart is available in the kiosk. Choose the week you would like to have the flowers at the church. The week prior, you will be contacted for the dedication information. At the end of the service, you can take the flowers home. Flowers are \$30 and envelopes are available in the kiosk.

**All Board Night and Leaders' Huddle:** All Board Night is this Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Session will meet first in a Leader's Huddle at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor.

**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, March 14<sup>th</sup>

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

Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Dinner and Project: Bake a Pretzel

No Wednesday dinner Holy Week, March 28<sup>th</sup>;

Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Dinner and Worship with Communion

**Storage Shed Presentation:** There will be a presentation today for the new storage shed that is planned to be built near the raised garden beds during fellowship time after the late service today. The storage shed will be a place to store community garden tools/supplies and also where the church will use for storage rather than using the rental storage on Wheeler Road. If you have questions about this and can't make it, please contact Wayne Stover.

**Manual of Administrative Operations (MAO):** The MAO has been missing from the church office for about 4 weeks. If you know of its whereabouts, please return it to the office.

**Good Friday Service:** A Good Friday Service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 103 E. Midland Street, Bay City 48706, on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Rhonda Myers as a participant.

**Afternoon Ladies' Circle:** The afternoon ladies' circle will meet on Monday, March 19, at Independence Village located on Rockwell Drive from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. In this

seventh lesson, “Hebrews” centers our attention on God’s Sabbath rest where we find hope and support for the future as well as for our current situation. 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.

**Bucket Brigade Next Sunday:** Help alleviate World hunger. Participate in our Bucket Brigade’s “Two Coins a Meal” mission and feed hungry children in Costa Rica and around the world.

**Mobile Food Pantry:** The third Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) of this year will be held at the Faith United Methodist Church, 203 Jefferson Street in Coleman, on Wednesday, March 21. Registration at the church will begin at 9:30 a.m. Board of Deacons

**Fun in Faith:** Friday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Ivy Terrace, 402 Joseph Drive in Midland. Please join the group in tasting wines from around the world. There will be a cost of \$10.00 per taster since we were able to get our wines on sale. We would ask that each twosome bring an appetizer to share. The Buells are offering a special BO-GO (Buy one, Get one offer) for first time attendees of a Fun in Faith event. Sign up on the poster in the foyer. Thanks. Questions? Call Buells at 835-4542.

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**Per Capita** is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid-councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. Per Capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assemble, Synod, and Presbytery and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future. This year the Per Capita is \$26.94. If you would like to assist the church in their commitment, envelopes are available in the pew racks. Please note on your check that this is for Per Capita.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is the first of four special offerings of PC (USA). This offering is split three ways. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is one of the agencies that will benefit from the money we give. PDA responds to disasters around the world and at home by providing immediate relief like food, water, and shelter, while helping to rebuild and address long-term recovery. Some of the communities helped are: 25 states, including MI received aid for natural disasters and public violence incidents, Flint water crisis, Fall 2017 hurricanes, North and South Carolina flooding in 2015, international aid

such as South Sudan, Peru, Colombia, Haiti, Malawi, Syria and Kenya. Envelopes are available in the pew racks for your donations. Thank you from the Board of Deacons.

**Midland Area Homes** is looking for a few people who would be interested in volunteering as a team to pick up furniture donations. The team commitment would be every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. They provide the truck and a furniture dolly. The maximum number of homes that are scheduled per week is six and they are residents of the city of Midland. If you are able to help, contact Cindy Armbruster at Midland Area Homes, 989-496-9550.

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### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Mar 25, 2018**

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**Winter Concert-A Celebration of Women’s History Month:** The Midland Community Orchestra, under the direction of Gina Provenzano, will present a winter concert **TODAY**, at 3:00 p.m. in the Bullock Creek Auditorium. The program will feature music by female composers Amy Beach and Linda Robbins Coleman, as well as Bach, Dvorak, Mendelssohn, Berlioz and Rimsky-Korsakov. Jan Pickering, Cindy Mikulin and Susan Mercy will be featured soloists. The concert is FREE. We encourage those of you that plan to attend the concert to help with transportation for elderly neighbors or family that may wish to join you.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Interested in becoming a Future Homeowner? Apply for a 2019 Habitat House. Informational Meeting on Tuesday, March 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Midland County Habitat for Humanity, 1703 S. Saginaw Rd. in Midland. For application dates, see the flyer in the Deacons’ kiosk.

**Juvenile Care Center Day Treatment Program:** Please consider becoming a mentor for a teenager at the Juvenile Care Center. As little as one hour a week could make a huge difference in a child’s life. You don’t need any special talents and activities could be as simple as: go for a walk, toss a ball around, have a meal together, try a new activity. All it takes is a caring heart and the ability to listen and be a friend. Every child is one caring adult away from becoming a success story – you could be that adult! Call or email Sue Landis at Midland Mentors for more information, [slandis@co.minland.mi.us](mailto:slandis@co.minland.mi.us). or 837-6255.

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

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers  
**Musicians(8:15):** Nona Willing  
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**Worship Leader(8:15):** Bob McGee  
**(10:00):** Dave Willing  
**Ushers (10:00):** Mike and Cathy Starch, John and Carol Ostergren  
**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.*

***Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church***

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