



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

*“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”*

July 29, 2018

10:00 AM

VBS Sunday – “Hero Central”

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Daniel Saperstein

Musician: Jan Sutherland

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

\* Please stand, if you are able

### Preparation for Worship

*We take this time to quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.*

### 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

As the sun rises in the morning,  
As the cool breeze ushers in the evening,  
As the heat of the noonday sun spreads across the land:  
**God is present with us.**  
God brings us peace.  
**God teaches us patience.**  
Come, let us worship God.

### Gathering Prayer

### \* Gathering Song

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

#12

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always followed your way. You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts. You are persistent in mercy and irresistible in grace, yet we lack the patience to enjoy and share your blessings. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!  
*(Silent Prayer of Confession)*

### Prayer Response

*“Lord Have Mercy”*  
*Lord Have mercy, Christ have mercy,*  
*Lord Have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord Have mercy, Christ have mercy,*  
*Lord Have mercy upon us.*

### 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

*“Sanctuary”*

#701

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.**  
**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

### First Lesson

Isaiah 40:28-31

NRSV, page 655

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

### Second Lesson

Romans 8:18-25

NRSV, page 1030

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

### Children's Sermon

VBS: “Hero Central”  
VBS Song: “I've Got the Joy”

Erica Clark

Sermon "How Long?" Rev. Dr. Daniel Saperstein

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY**

\* Song of Response "O Word of God Incarnate" #459

\*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

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

\* Sending Song "O For a World" #372

\*Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response "May the God of Hope Go with Us" #765

*May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;  
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

\* Postlude

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

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 29, 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 Aug 12, 2018**

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**Outdoor Worship** has begun in the evening here at Chapel Lane at 7:00 p.m. and will continue through Sunday, August 26. The evening begins with a meal at 6:15 p.m. followed by a worship service at 7:00 p.m. This service is in addition to the regular 10:00 a.m. service. Our theme for this week is "Creation."

**Food Pantry collection reminder for next Sunday:** The first Sunday of every month is the time designated for the collection of food and personal care items for the HELP pantry at Memorial Presbyterian Church. This is one of the eight pantries of the Midland

County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN). Your donations on this Sunday and throughout the month are greatly appreciated for fulfilling the vision of EFPN-"always food in every home."  
Board of Deacons

**Midland Fresh:** Produce for Everyone is coming to our neighborhood again this Wednesday. You will find the truck, with all its fresh produce, in our church parking lot from 4:00 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. that afternoon.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Aug 12, 2018**

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**Grief Camp for Children:** Camp forget-Me-Not provides grieving children with:

- An opportunity to share feelings and memories with others who are coping with similar loss
- Creative, educational activities to help children understand their feelings of grief and loss
- The chance to remember their loved ones and honor their expressions of grief
- A fun weekend with other children who understand, so they do not feel alone in their grief

For more information, please call the McLaren Hospice bereavement department at 989-316-4353. The camp is free of charge and will be held July 28, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and July 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. It is located at 2177 East Erickson Road, Pinconning, MI 48650.

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

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Daniel Saperstein  
**Musician:** Jan Sutherland  
**Worship Leader:** VBS Youth  
**Ushers:** Bill Coats, Carol Rowe, Tom and Karen Adams  
**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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