

Higher Education Sunday—September 23rd, 2018—10:30 a.m.

“Growing a Faith that Must be Shared”

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville

* Please stand, if you are able.

Be Glad

Welcome and Announcements

Summons to Be the Church and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Preparation for Worship Toccata on “Duke Street” Gilbert Martin

Praising Our God with Psalm and Melody

Sentences of Praise *(Based on Psalm 97:11-12)*

Gathering Prayer

*Song of Gladness #26 “Earth and All Stars”

Liturgy of Confession

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy People: Hear our prayer. *(Silent Prayer of Confession)*

Response #372 “O For a World”

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and praise.
We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

Grace Confirmed

*Response of Praise #15 (vs. 6) “All Creatures of Our God and King”

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Behold

Prayer for Illumination STF #2081 “Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
Open our eyes, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

First Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15

NRSV p. 13

Second Lesson

John 20:24-29

NRSV p. 989

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Be Unexpected”

* Song of Witness #475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Belong

*Affirmation of Faith

--Confession of 1967, 9.07

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we confess about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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 “O Great God” Dan Forrest

*Offertory Response “For the Life That You Have Given”

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

Become

*Song of Becoming #749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response *(Tune: Hyfrydol)* “Being Church”

In this space, we meet our neighbor, see the Lord and hear God’s Word.
Here, we’re joined in adoration, at the table and the font.
We go forth to serve God’s purpose, sharing news of grace and love.
We become a new creation, being church unto the world.

*Postlude

Being Church: Be Glad. Behold. Belong. Become.
8:15 a.m. Worship – September 23rd, 2018

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The Communion of the People of God, including the Lord’s Prayer

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Calendar for the Week

Sunday, September 23rd

Higher Education Sunday

Worship with Communion 8:15 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship with Choirs 10:30 a.m.

Youth Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Youth Choir 12:00 p.m.

Youth Fellowship 1:00 p.m.

Monday, September 24th

Book group 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25th

PW Lunch at Shirlene’s 11:30 a.m.

Session 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26th

Quilting Bees 1:00 p.m.

Children’s Music Program 3:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 27th

Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

Adult Bell Choir 6:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 28th

Fun in Faith 6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

September 30th

Children’s Sabbath Sunday

October 7th

World Communion Sunday

Upcoming Birthdays

October 1st

Mike Starch

October 2nd

Carol Breneman

October 5th

Tommy John Roenicke

October 6th

Kathleen Barnes

Bev Kraus

Chapel Lane's News of the Week—September 23rd -30th , 2018

Welcome Friends! Welcome to Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church. If you're looking for a church home, we hope you will consider being a part of this faith community. Please use the Fellowship Pad to provide us with your name and contact information so we may reach out to you following worship.

Photography: At certain times, videos, audio tapes and photographs may be taken during worship and other church activities for broader use. If you do not wish to have your photo taken and used for social media purposes, please inform an usher and send a request to office@chapellane.org or Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, 5501 Jefferson Avenue Midland MI 48640.

Children in Worship: You will find **Worship Bags** at the back of the sanctuary containing worship aids for children. The blue-handled bags are for older children and the red-handled bags are for younger children. Please return them to the floor below the rack at the end of the service.

Nursery: We have a staffed nursery for children, from infancy through the first grade. (Older children may use the nursery and playground if accompanied by an adult.)

Tape Ministry: Each week, the Board of Deacons tapes our worship service and sends copies to our homebound member and friends. If you would like more information, please contact Harry White @ 692-2059.

Flowers: The flowers today are given in celebration of Nancy and Roger Stanley's 50th wedding anniversary on September 21st.

CHAPEL LANE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Oct 7, 2018

Outdoor Worship: The evening begins with a meal at 6:15 p.m. followed by a worship service at 7:00 p.m. Join us tonight!

Midland Fresh provides produce for anyone in the community Wednesdays through the end of September at Chapel Lane from 4-4:40 p.m. There are a lot of fresh vegetables available to those who want to have them. If you have vegetables from a garden that you would like to share with the community, feel free to bring them on Wednesdays from 4:00 -4:40 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study: Our Thursday Study group meets at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Advance copies of our study guide, Do Not Live Afraid: Faith in a Fearful World, are available from Pastor Rhonda at a cost of \$7.00 each.

PW Luncheon: Join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month for lunch, 11:30 a.m. @ Shirlene's. The next date is September 25th. Please sign up by today on the PW bulletin board in the foyer. If you have questions, contact Nona Willing at 513-5960 or winonajw@yahoo.com.

Fun In Faith: September 28 – In the foyer of the church. "Fruits of the Season" dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The program is selecting events for the coming year. Bring your appetite and your suggestions for programs of activities. A financial donation will be accepted to cover the cost of food. Please sign your name on the poster if you plan to attend.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering: "Peace at all times in all ways." (2 Thess. 3:16) This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our community and across the world. By giving to this special offering, we work together to share Christ's peace with one another. 25% of the donations will be kept here in Midland County to help others. Envelopes are available in the pew racks for your donation. Information can be found in the insert in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you from the Board of Deacons.

Mobile Food Pantry: The 8th Mobile Food Pantry of the year will be held at North Midland Family Center on Shearer Road in Mills Township on Thursday, September 27. Contact Sally Ann Sutton if you wish to volunteer in this ministry and/or you have additional questions. Board of Deacons

Deacon Disbursement of Emergency Relief Support: The Board of Deacons donates \$300.00 every quarter to a cause in need of emergency relief. At its September meeting, the Board of Deacons decided that the 3rd quarter donation will go to Portage Lake United Presbyterian Church for flood recovery relief in the Houghton County area of the Upper Peninsula.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Board of Deacons has a wonderful supply of prayer shawls that have been made by Chapel Lane members and friends. They all have a small cross and a wonderful prayer attached. These shawls are for anyone who needs to know that God and friends at Chapel Lane are with them and are not just for our Members. If you have a friend or family member who you think would enjoy having a shawl, please feel free to take one of them. They are in the Deacons' cabinet in the kiosk. Sign your name and the name of the person, if possible, who will be receiving the shawl. There is a pad of paper for this purpose. If you have any questions, contact Alice Wiltse, 631-7271 or wiltsealice1943@charter.net.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Oct 7, 2018

Protect Your Pocketbook...and Those Around You: Friday, September 28, 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Senior Services Trailside Center, 4700 Dublin Ave. in Midland. To register, call 633-3700 by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the program and specify if registering for program only or the program and lunch. Attendees planning to have lunch need to arrive by 11:30 a.m. because space is limited. Lunches are by suggested donation for those over 60, or \$6 for those under 60, payable at the door.

White Elephant Sale: The Presbyterian Women of Second Presbyterian Church, 2665 Midland Road in Saginaw Township will hold their annual White Elephant Sale on Saturday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the church. The sale contains many items at bargain prices. Questions can be directed to Adam Engel, 989-781-1218 or Second Presbyterian Church at 989-792-1023.

Participants in Today's 8:15 Service

Director of Music: Jan Sutherland
Drumming: Doug Moe
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, Alma College
Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers

Participants in Today's 10:30 Service

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, Alma College
Director of Music: Jan Sutherland
Director of Christian Education: Megan Barnard
Worship Leader: The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Allison Muenzer, Alma College

Ushers:
Nursery: Renee White, Jennifer Hahn

Our Mission Statement

Celebrating our diversity of gifts, we seek to serve Christ
by serving others with grace, love and laughter.

Questions for Reflection

Did You Know...Alma College is hosting the Alma Interfaith Youth Mix for HS students from all traditions on November 4 for only \$15? Learn more at alma.edu!

Did You Know?

Did You ALSO Know...that Alma College hosts two community engagement and organizing camps in the summer for HS students to earn college credit while serving in mission (Plaid Serves I (June 16-21) and Plaid Serves II (June 23-27))?