

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Sunday, February 16, 2020
10:30am

Service for the Lord's Day
6th Sunday After Epiphany

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** indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.
Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude & Ringing of the Bell

Gathering Music

There is a Redeemer

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Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

The choice is before us: life or death.

Let us choose life, so that we may live.

To Jesus we cry: cleanse us, O Lord!

By the mercy of Christ we are made clean.

This is the hope that we proclaim:

that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives. May we never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your son Jesus, fulfill the law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #327**

O Word of God Incarnate

Call to Confession

Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.

Silent Confession

Sung Response

By His Grace

***By His grace I am redeemed, by His blood I am made clean;
And I now can know Him face to face.***

***By His power I have been raised, hidden now in Christ by faith;
I will praise the glory of His grace.***

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart, as we learn the ways of God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Morning Offering

*Please remember to place your written prayer request cards
into the offering plate as it is passed.*

Offertory

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

Sung Response

Cares Chorus

*I cast all my cares upon you;
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
and anytime I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.*

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

***Hymn #354**

Guide My Feet

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Today's Readings

Psalm 119:1-8 (NRSV)

Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.

You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NRSV)

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Prayer List:

Loving God, we lift the following in prayer to You. Hold these people and situations in Your hands, and in them, may Your will be done. Amen.

Concerns:

The family and friends of Geneva Foster; Mike Mates; Breonna Klein; Brandi; Dale Nester; Mike Zimmerman; Bree Melow; Kristen Winn; Jeff Arnold; Those fighting the “creepy crud;” The family of John Kirby; Heath Meyers; Tina Castillo and her mom, Gail; Sharon Froom; Garret Miniard; The Rev. George Gillette; Soulemayne Galadi, serving in the Congo; Travelling mercies; Those who do not know God’s love; Those who make decisions that affect others; Those living with mental illness; Our military and veterans; Our police, fire, and other emergency responders; Our country

Thanksgivings:

Miracles and healing mercies granted; Our church family; The church office volunteers; New jobs and the opportunities that come with them; For birthdays and anniversaries; For those who help others in crisis; For the angels in our church family

Continuing Prayers:

John & Nancy Allen; Penny Arnold; Marian Bouchey; Christina Latoski & family; Mick Lott; Karen Moore; Sally Nester; Barb Pharr; Rick & Mary Rimmel; Karen Rozen; Shelly & Jamie Sanders; Bonnie Smith & Ken Yordy; Randy Smith; Shelley Zamarron & family

If you would like someone added to the prayer list and announced during the Prayers of the People, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Christina.

Happening this Week:

- Women's Breakfast – Monday, 9:00am – Hearthstone Oven
- Session – Tuesday, 7:00pm – Fireplace Room
- Food Pantry – Wednesday, 9:30am – Food Pantry
- Clergy Assoc. – Wednesday, 11:45am – Hearthstone Oven

Next Week's Volunteers – February 23, 2020:

- Sandy Parr, Liturgist
- Chuck & Karen Emery, Greeters
- Chuck & Karen Emery, Ushers
- Vickie Thum & Carolyn Gruesbeck, Counters

Prayer Cards – Trying Something New

You will find in your bulletins a slip of colored paper on which you may write your prayer requests. The prayers of the people and the offering will swap places in worship so that prayer requests may be collected with the offering, and Pastor Christina will have them to announce and pray for during the prayers of the people.

A Project For The Crafters

The Prayer Shawl Group at Greenfield Presbyterian Church (Pastor Christina's home congregation) has partnered with Beaumont and St Joseph Hospitals since its inception in 2015. Over the years, many prayer shawls and blankets have been delivered to patients in need of comfort. These hospitals have a shortage of blankets and are asking for help. The group at Greenfield is trying to provide these facilities with blankets that are 40x60 either knitted, crocheted, fleece, or quilted. We at Ithaca First are invited to partner with Greenfield in this mission of mercy and love. For more information, see Pastor Christina.

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150th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday, February 16, 2020 - Anniversary Sunday

Anniversary Thanksgiving Service - 4:00pm

Sunday, June 14, 2020 - Family Reunion Sunday

Church Family Reunion Party Following Service at 10:30am

Sunday, October 11, 2020 - Homecoming Sunday

Church Homecoming Celebration - Service at 10:30am

Other Festivities

Sunday, 3/15/20 - Cookbook Potluck #1

Saturday, 5/16/20 - Chicken Dinner

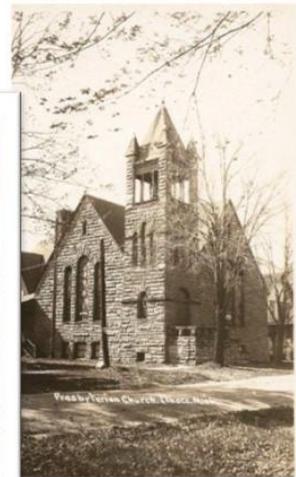
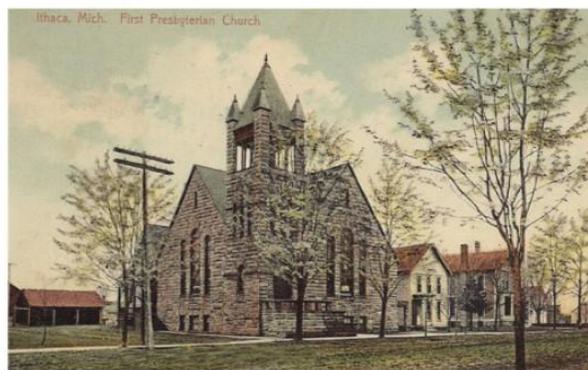
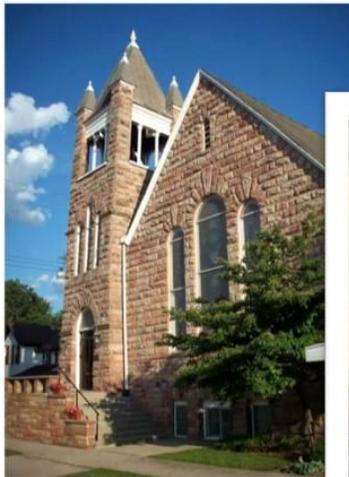
Sunday, 8/23/20 - Block Party/Ice Cream Social

Sunday, 9/27/20 - Community Tailgate Party

Sunday, 11/22/20 - Pie Raffle Fundraiser

Sunday, 12/6/20 - Cookbook Potluck #2

Saturday, 1/23/21 - Dinner and a Movie



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Sandy Parr & Cynthia Smith, Ushers
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