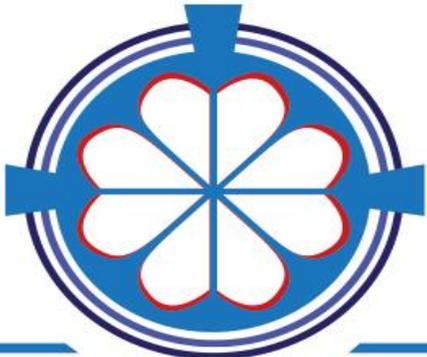


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

sacred that you reveal to us. Forgive our unbelief, our stubbornness, our closed mind. And grant us a willing heart again that yields to your soft and tender voice.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION ★418 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

“Come home, come home! You who are weary come home.”

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling “O sinner, come home!”

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — Psalm 105:1-6; 16-22

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Matthew 14:22-33

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Walking on Water”

HYMN ★816 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

OFFERING *Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry*

OFFERTORY “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Pamela Jackson, Soloist

J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dearest Giver God, bless these gifts that in this holy place shelter may be offered, hard times be weathered, and glorious rainbows recognized. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— Apostles' Creed (traditional)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ★838 “Standing on the Promises”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ★ 298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission v. 2
Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,

*give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

POSTLUDE

“Voluntary”

G.F. Handel

Sarah Albright, Organist

TODAY

About Today's Guest Musicians

We welcome Sarah Albright, our organist this morning, to our service while Susan Barker is away this Sunday. Sarah Albright lives in Ann Arbor where she has taught piano and been music director in local churches for over 30 years. She is now retired from church music duties and enjoys substitute work in area churches.

Also, Pamela Jackson, Soprano, joins us to sing the offertory solo. Pam is the daughter of Tom Bajkeiwicz. She also worships at St Timothy's in Trenton and is busy as a soloist in the Monroe area. We are grateful for her sharing of her beautiful voice with us today.

Sunday Fellowship

After worship, please come across the hall for a time of fellowship and light refreshments. Due to a special session meeting called today there will be no sermon discussion. It will resume next Sunday.

Welcome to FPC of Monroe!

We are glad you are here today! We hope you find this a community of faith where you experience God in Jesus Christ. Childcare is always provided on Sunday mornings and the nursery is located near the parking lot entrance of the church. Hearing assistance is available.

CALLING ALL WOMEN AND MEN WHO LIKE TO SING

The next two Sunday mornings will be your opportunity to sing a special musical offering for our worship service without attending a mid-weekly rehearsal.

On August 20, women may simply come to worship at 9:20 am in the sanctuary and practice singing a hymn from our hymnal and then sing in the service. On August 27, men may do the same. This is a different way to offer your praise to God that requires only a willing spirit and a musical voice. I'm looking forward to seeing some new faces on the Chancel steps August 20 and August 27!

Birthday List

Please fill out a yellow slip so that your birthday can be added to our church's birthday list and place it into the birthday cake box in the narthex. We want to gather a list of birthdays to further congregational fellowship. The birth year will be kept confidential.

Sermons

Printed copies of the weekly sermon are available in the church office in the mailbox labeled Sermons.

Prayer Team

Lois Barnes is heading up the Prayer Team. Please direct any prayer requests to her. You may text or call Lois at 419-308-0262.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have yarn and patterns available and would like to start up again the prayer shawl ministry. Shawls are given to members who are ill or hospitalized. If you are interested in knitting or crocheting and would like to take part in this ministry, please contact Becky O'Bryan.

Updated Church Directory Available

Please pick up a copy of our updated church directory for your convenience. This helps us to stay connected with members and friends of our church. Any corrections please submit via email to Sara Jones at info@monroefirst.org. Also be sure to pick up the separate staff page that may still be missing from your directory.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are from the Lectionary. We invite you to take time each day to read the Bible passages in preparation for Sunday morning.

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| Sunday | Matthew 14:22-33 | Jesus walks on water |
| Monday | Job 38:1-11 | God halts the waves |
| Tuesday | Psalms 107:23-32 | He stilled the storm |
| Wednesday | Matthew 8:23-27 | Jesus stills the storm |
| Thursday | Genesis 7:11-8:5 | Noah saved from the flood |
| Friday | Romans 10:5-15 | Anyone can be saved |
| Saturday | Psalms 85 | A prayer for peace |
| Sunday | Matthew 15:21-28 | A woman's faith |

THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY | 11:00 | Fellowship |
| | 11:15 | Special Session Meeting (Library) |
| MONDAY | 7:00 | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| TUESDAY | 9:00 | Oaks of Righteousness |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:30 | Chair Yoga |
| | 1:00 | Deacons Visit |
| THURSDAY | 6:00 | Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall) |
| | 6:00 | TOPS |
| FRIDAY | 9:00 | TOPS |
| | 8:00 | Heroin Anonymous |
| SUNDAY | 10:00 | Worship |
| | 11:00 | Sermon Discussion |
| | 11:15 | Fellowship |

Sermon Notes

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder; **Director of Music Ministry:** Susan Barker;

Financial Secretary: Suzanne Bondie; **Administrative Assistant:** Sara Jones;

Sexton: Gary Bogedain; **Childcare:** Suzanne Bondie, Amy Morgan;

Custodian: Jewelley Peters

Worship Leadership Today: Liturgists: Kimberly Staelgraeve

Ushers: Cory & Kathy Fogle; Rusty & Cathy Shorter