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Church of Monroe

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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.

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*\*We invite all who are able to stand where there is an asterisk.*

## OPENING WORDS

What does this worship need?

**Quiet where faith can grow.**

Song that rises into hope.

**Scripture that remembers love.**

Honest words and humble hearts.

**Gifts of gratitude and praise.**

Who shall come here?

**All who are lonely for the company of God.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*PRELUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Johann Walther

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.**

**Our Lord is alive. Alleluia! Amen!**

\*HYMN ★35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Blessed Lord, you are a God of peace and justice. You sent Jesus to us as our pioneer and trailblazer. He has blazed a path that leads to life and the fullness of joy. But we are looking for substitutes. He shows us that losing our life to him will enrich it. But we don't want to lose what we consider our own. We have heeded to our fears and followed empty alarms. We have compromised on the truth of your message. We have taken shortcuts with our lives and then blamed you for meager results. Enable us again to be filled with your Spirit, like children who trust and come gladly running into your caring arms.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### \*SONG OF AFFIRMATION ★291 “Spirit of Gentleness”

v. 4

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.  
You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. (R)*

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*Children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING — Psalm 133

OT p. 575

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING — Matthew 16:13-20

NT p. 18

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON “Holding the Keys”

## HYMN ★727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

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

OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Craig Courtney

Sung by Men of the Congregation

## \*DOXOLOGY ★606

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**God, receive these gifts and give us open hands. Fill our lives and give us open hearts. Touch us with courage and give us open minds. Bless this church and give us open doors. Amen.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—**

**The risen Christ is the Savior for all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.**

**The same Jesus Christ is the judge of all people. His judgment discloses the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal; to refuse life from him is to choose the death which is separation from God. All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer.**

From "The Confession of 1967," *The Book of Confessions*

**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 ★305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ★ 298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission v. 4  
*Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.***

**TODAY****Sunday Fellowship & Sermon Discussion in Boyd Chapel**

After worship, please come across the hall for a time of fellowship and light refreshments and a 30 minute sermon discussion.

**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. This Sunday, 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. Next Sunday, 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!

**Worship Time Change**

We will begin to worship again at 11:00 a.m. on September 10 for the autumn and winter months. Please mark your calendars.

**Noisy Offering**

On Rally Day, September 10, we will take up the noisy offering. Noisy offering invites our congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty. Proceeds will go to the Community of Need Meal.

**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](mailto: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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|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Matthew 16:13-20</b> | <b>Peter's confession of Christ</b> |
| Monday        | 2 Kings 5:1-14          | The foreigner, Naaman, is healed    |
| Tuesday       | Isaiah 56:1-8           | God's saving power is everywhere    |
| Wednesday     | Acts 14:19-28           | God opens the door to Gentiles      |
| Thursday      | Acts 15:1-21            | Believing Jews accept the Gentiles  |
| Friday        | Romans 11:25-36         | God saves Jews and Gentiles         |
| Saturday      | Psalms 67               | Tell the nations to praise God      |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Matthew 15:10-20</b> | <b>Clean and Unclean</b>            |

## THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY    | 11:00 | Sermon Discussion                        |
|           | 11:15 | Fellowship                               |
| MONDAY    | 7:00  | AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)             |
| TUESDAY   | 9:00  | Oaks of Righteousness                    |
|           | 11:00 | Staff Meeting                            |
|           | 5:30  | Bed Ministry Board Meeting               |
|           | 7:00  | Session Meeting                          |
| 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

**Liturgist:** Charlotte Frary

**Ushers:** Bill Barnes, Mark Eby, Jim Crammond, Helyn Schroeder