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Presbyterian

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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

The Spirit of God calls to us

With sighs too deep for words.

The Spirit of God calls to us,

Claiming us as His own.

The Spirit of God summons us to become more than we are now.

Come Holy Spirit, shape us, mold us, make us new!

PRELUDE “I Saw a Mighty Angel Fly”

Ivan Frazier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock and refuge,

a mighty fortress and the God in whom I trust.

*HYMN ★275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of tender care, like a mother, you have fed and defended us. You have protected us from what was meant to destroy and shielded us from being harmed. You have showered us with abundant gifts and helped us taste your sweet presence. Still, we act in self-sufficiency. We lean on our own understanding. We plan our own future. We forget when it was you who gave us peace.

Show us your mercy again. Forgive our stubborn ways. Overlook our ingratitude. We seek your Spirit. We welcome your designs for us. We long to live by your provision and plan.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.

**The Lord has forgiven our sins
and cleanses us of all unrighteousness.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION ★353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — Psalm 124

OT p. 572

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Matthew 15:10-20

NT p. 17

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SERMON “Clean and Unclean”

HYMN ★438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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

OFFERTORY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arr. John Ness Beck
Sung by our Volunteer Choir

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever. Where streams of living waters flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

*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—

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

--From a Brief Statement of Faith of 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 ★853 “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ★ 298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" v. 5
*Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the word of ministry.*

POSTLUDE

"Hark, All Ye Nations"

Douglas Lemmon

TODAY

About our Guest Preacher

Kathy Lee, one of our Elders will be preaching in Worship this morning while Pastor Annemarie is away.

Sunday Fellowship in Boyd Chapel

After worship, please come across the hall for a time of fellowship and light refreshments. The 30 minute sermon discussion will resume next week when Pastor Annemarie returns.

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.

Message from Property Committee

This Monday, **August 28**, 2017 we will begin the painting of the Hall of Memories, hallway to the handicap rest room, the Narthex/ Bell tower and the little kitchen. This will be done by Lakeside Painting. ~Property Committee

Vacation

Pastor Annemarie will be away on vacation from August 25 through August 30. She will return on August 31. For immediate pastoral care needs during that time, please call the church office or the moderators of deacons, Donna and Dallas Dieckman (734) 242-8659.

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, formerly the two cents-a-meal 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. 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 15:10-20 | Clean and Unclean |
| Monday | John 1:43-51 | The confession of Nathaneal |
| Tuesday | John 11:17-27 | Martha's confession of Christ |
| Wednesday | Matthew 27:50-54 | The confession of soldiers |
| Thursday | Acts 9:20-31 | Saul's confession of Christ |
| Friday | Romans 12:1-8 | Christ brings new life |
| Saturday | Psalms 138 | Praise the Lord with all your heart |
| Sunday | Matthew 16:21-28 | Take up your cross and follow |

THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY | 11:00 | Fellowship |
| 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

Liturgist: Cheryl Eder and Alice Kostoff

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler; Randy Stiffler; and George Kostoff