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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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Come to Christ, the living bread, who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

Come to Christ, who gives living water that you may never thirst again.

Come to Christ so that being filled, you may abate the hunger and thirst of others.

Come to God in whole-hearted praise for Jesus Christ, who gives us life.

*PRELUDE

“Prayer at Notre Dame”

Leon Boellmann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our mothers and fathers cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress.

**O give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

For God's steadfast love we give thanks to the Lord,
for His wonderful works laid out before us.

**God knows how to satisfy the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

*HYMN ★12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of all good things, we have stored up treasure that does not last. We have filled ourselves with bread that does not sustain. We have looked for other providers, when only you can satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. Forgive us for seeking elsewhere what you have already prepared for us. Stir our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that our affections may be set on things above, and our gaze may be governed by your goodness. Clothe us with the new self that Christ has implanted in us, so we will be made fully alive.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION ★451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Open my eyes that I may see, glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — Psalm 17:1-5

OT p. 496

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Matthew 14:13-21

NT p. 16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Five Loaves”

HYMN ★450 "Be Thou My Vision"

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

OFFERTORY “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Spiritual

Tom Bajkeiwicz, Baritone

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dearest Giver God, bless these gifts that in this holy place warm 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*HYMN ★552 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal he has prepared for us.

COMMUNION PRAYER

All praise is yours, O God. You bring us to this table as one.

Lead us now to that glorious day when all your children will gather in your kingdom and sit at table.

We pray this through Jesus Christ,

Who is our peace made flesh. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ★526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ★ 298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission v. 3
*Lord, you make the common holy: “This, my body, this, my blood.”
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty:
with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

POSTLUDE “Grand March”

Guiseeppe Verdi

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.

Today is Communion Sunday with our Prayer Team

Today, members of the Prayer Team are available to pray with and for you after worship. Please feel free to stay in the sanctuary after worship and meet near the pulpit with a member of our Prayer Team.

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.

Toledo Mud Hens

Its time for some baseball. Tomorrow, **August 7** we will be taking a trip down to Toledo to the Mud Hens game and carpool from the church at 3:30 p.m. The game is a double header starting at 5:05 p.m. and 7:05 p.m. Please contact Judy Chesman, chair of Congregational Life. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex.

Bed Ministry Fundraiser

A heart-felt thank you goes to Ann Lux and her helpers for all their hard work in helping raise \$2,900 in funds for the Bed Ministry through the Bingo night at Oaks and the huge garage sale.

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.

Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds five thousand
Monday	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	God feeds the Israelites
Tuesday	2 Kings 4:42-44	Elisha feeds one hundred men
Wednesday	Isaiah 55:1-5	An invitation to abundant life
Thursday	Matthew 15:32-39	Jesus feeds four thousand
Friday	John 21:15-19	Jesus tells Peter to feed his sheep
Saturday	Psalms 145	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water

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: Kim Hooper & the Rev. Annemarie Kidder;

Ushers: Carol Rabun; MaryAnne Hooper; Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:00	Fellowship
	11:15	Sermon Discussion
MONDAY	3:30	Carpool at church for Mud Hens game
	5:05	Mud Hens game
	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
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TUESDAY	9:00	Oaks of Righteousness
	11:00	Staff
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Mission & Outreach Committee
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:30	Property Committee
THURSDAY	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	6:00	Personnel Committee
	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Sermon Discussion
	11:15	Fellowship

Sermon Notes