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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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Surprising God, you come to us in ways we do not expect:

We ask for success:

you teach us acceptance.

We ask to be loved.

You teach us to love.

We ask for ease.

You challenge us.

Walk among us now, Surprising God, and make your presence known!

*PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Beethoven

“When the Saints Come Marching In”

Traditional

Handbell Class of the Children’s Music Camp

Charlotte Frary, Director

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us call to mind the deeds of our Lord,
for we want to remember your wonders of old.

**We will meditate on your work,
and bring to mind your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy,
no one is greater than You.

**You are the God who works wonders
and we have come to worship you.**

*HYMN ★19 “God of Great and God of Small”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty deliverer, you open to us the highways of freedom and a new life. You fulfill your promises to us as we seek your face and lift your name on high. You are there for us and give us more than we could ever ask. Yet, we have become slack in trusting you and are unfamiliar with the goodness you alone can provide. We prefer to stay where we are. We come up with creative

excuses. And end up being cynical and superficial in all things of the Spirit. Deliver us from our poor preoccupied selves and teach again persistence in prayer and trust in your promises made to us through your Son Christ Jesus.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — Hebrews 11:23-24-12:1-2

NT p. 226

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — 2 Timothy 3:12-15-4:1-2

NT p. 213

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RELECTION “Leaders of God’s People”

Moses

“Come, Walk with Me” (from “Moses and the Freedom Fanatics”) Hal Hopson
Come, walk with me; I cannot see the way ahead. Come, walk with me; I’m scared and sick with doubt. When I must speak I stutter and stammer, then I just end up in a fainting mutter. Who am I for God to call on me to set us Free? Please come and walk with me. We’ll see the day; together we will find a way; we’ll see the day, the day when all are free. This very night we’ll say to old King Pharoah without one bit of hesitation, in the name of God the Lord, let our people go.

Isaiah Brockman, Soloist

Daniel

“Daniel” (from “Daniel”)

William Anderson

Daniel, oh Daniel, he had no fear; his faith was strong, his fate was clear. Daniel, oh Daniel took time to pray. God kept him safe through night and day. Give to God all the glory; give your praises to God. Now you’ve heard the great story; give your praises to God!

Esther

“Esther’s Song”

Allen Pote and Tom Long

Mighty One, you hear me, though my voice is small, in the night be near me, when darkness falls, for you whispered in my heartbeat on the day that I was made; and I know you go beside me when I’m afraid. If I climb to the heights of a mountain or search the depths below, I know your arms will hide me everywhere I go. If I rise in the wings of the dawn or fly beyond the sea, I will find you there waiting for me.

Sylvia Brockman, Soloist

David

“Though the Wrong Side” (from “David and the Giants”)

Albert Zabel

Though the wrong side is the strongest side, that can never make them right. So today, Lord, send us David’s faith, as we gain the skills to fight our fight. The wrong side is the strongest side, we’ll let David lead the way. We would bring, Lord, not a shepherd’s sling, but the skills that we would need today: Send Faith! As we go to fight the foe our way. Send Hope! As we go to fight the foe today. Send Love! To fight the giants here today.

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

OFFERTORY “God Himself is Present”

Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, we give a portion only of what we have received. Sanctify these gifts and make holy and pure the hearts of each giver here so that your light in this city will shine brighter and your kingdom will draw nearer through Christ our Lord. 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 ★700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”** **Spiritual**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” **Spiritual**

TODAY

Music Camp Participants

The children participating in our Children's Music Camp this week are Isaiah Brockman, Sylvia Brockman, KristiAna Curcio, Bailey DeSloover, Alyssa Kostoff, Mitch Kostoff, Owen Kostoff, Carsten Lewin, Analiese Lewin, and Grace Schall. We thank the following adult leaders for their hours of preparation and teaching this week: Amanda Brockman, Judy Chesman, Dallas Dieckmann, Charlotte Frary, Rev. Annemarie Kidder, Alice Kostoff, and Helyn Schroeder.

Sunday Fellowship in Boyd Chapel

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

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning were given graciously by an anonymous donor.

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.

Per Capita Payment Due

This week our church has to pay the second installment of \$5,000 of per capita (or annual membership dues). Please make your payment of \$30 per person to the church if you have not already done so. Thank you kindly!

Fair Parade Float

Next Sunday, **July 30**, the “Bed Race to Aid Children, Inc.” will be marching in the 70th Annual Monroe County Fair Parade. The parade starts at 1 p.m. and will start from Jones Avenue and proceed along South Monroe Street and West Elm Avenue. Participants must be lined up for the parade by noon. If you wish to march in the parade or volunteer to work on the float please call Dale DeSloover at (734) 242-7979.

Toledo Mud Hens

The church picnic was a lot of fun last Saturday. Now its time for some baseball. We will be taking a trip down to Toledo to the Mud Hens game on Monday, August 7, 2017 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.

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.

Sermons

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

Program and Fellowship Coordinator

We are currently seeking a Program and Fellowship Coordinator here at the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe. Responsibilities include helping coordinate programs, recruiting and resourcing volunteers, and publicizing events. Candidate must have a mature Christian faith, be detail-oriented, and be available to attend worship on Sunday morning. Hours are 10-15 hrs/week. Please submit letter of interest and resume to akidder@monroefirst.org.

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.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:00	Fellowship
	11:15	Sermon Discussion
MONDAY	5:30	Bed Board
	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	9:00	Oaks of Righteousness
	11:00	Staff
WEDNESDAY	8:15	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	3:00	Worship Committee
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

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 13:24-30, 36-43	Parable of the weeds
Monday	Matthew 7:15-20	A tree and its fruit
Tuesday	Romans 8:12-25	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	Revelation 14:14-16	The harvest of the earth
Thursday	Colossians 1:9-14	Growing in knowledge
Friday	Galatians 5:16-26	Fruit of the Spirit
Saturday	Psalms 86	Save me Lord
Sunday	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Parables of the kingdom

Sermon Notes

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder; **Director of Music Ministry:** Susan Barker;
Financial Secretary: Sue Bondie; **Administrative Assistant:** Sara Jones;
Sexton: Gary Bogedain; **Childcare:** Sue Bondie, Amy Morgan;
Custodian: Jewelley Peters

Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley
Worship Leadership Today: **Liturgist:** Greg Hunter; **Ushers:** Jim & Sue Heisler;
Randy Stiffler; George Kostoff