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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.

# **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

## OPENING WORDS

Your dawn breaks, O Lord.

**You are sending forth shafts of Spirit light.**

Thaw our frosty, hardened hearts.

**Fill us with Spirit fire so we shine like stars.**

**In you we live and move and have our being.**

\*PRELUDE

“Majesty”

Jack Hayford

Matthew Findley, Trumpet

## \*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 ★41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you have created us to depend on one another; if we do not work together, we will tear the world apart. You have made us debtors to those who have gone before us; if we do not learn from them, we will cripple the world for those who come after us. You have bestowed on us gifts to make us one; if we do not share them, we will not reach the better world toward which you would lead us. We pray for your mercy, O Lord, for we have squandered precious opportunities to bring about your rule on earth. Set us free from selfish desires and allow us to surrender to your will, through Christ our Lord we pray.**

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.*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — Psalm 105:1-11

OT p. 556

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING — Matthew 13:31-33

NT p. 14-15

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**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “A Purpose Driven Life”

HYMN ★721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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

OFFERTORY “Sonata for Trumpet and Strings”

Henry Purcell

\*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 ★36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ★ "Go Now in Peace"**

**Don Besig**

***Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.***

**POSTLUDE "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"**

**Liles and Borop**

## TODAY

**About our Guest Preacher:** Today Kim Hooper is filling our pulpit. He and his wife, Mary Anne have been members for 40 years. They have two grown children that were raised here at FPC and four grandchildren. We thank him for sharing the Word of God today.

**About our Guest Musician:** We welcome back to our church Matthew Findley, son of Winnie and Rev. William Findley. Matthew and his family are visiting from their home in Anchorage, Alaska, where he is an attorney and also a member of the Anchorage Symphony. We thank him for sharing his music with us today and leading us in worship.

### **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.

### **Fair Parade Float**

The “Bed Race to Aid Children, Inc.” will be marching in **today’s** 70<sup>th</sup> 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. If you wish to march in the parade please be present at the starting location by noon. For questions please see Dale DeSloover or call him at (734) 242-7979.

**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.

### **Eby Cabin at the Monroe County Fair**

Members of the First Presbyterian Church will serve as hosts at the Eby Cabin on Wednesday, Aug. 2. Please stop by and visit us.

### **Bed Ministry Fundraiser**

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

## **Toledo Mud Hens**

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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto:akidder@monroefirst.org).

**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.

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:00	Fellowship
	11:15	Sermon Discussion
	1:00	Fair Parade
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	9:00	Oaks of Righteousness
	10:00	Eby Log Cabin at Monroe County Fair
	11:00	Staff
WEDNESDAY	8:15	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	1:00	Sparklers
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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</b>	<b>Parables of the kingdom</b>
Monday	Philippians 3:7-11	Nothing compares
Tuesday	Romans 8:26-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6:17-19	Lay up treasure
Thursday	1 Peter 2:4-10	Christ is a precious stone
Friday	1 Kings 3:5-12	The Lord makes Solomon wise
Saturday	Proverbs 2:1-8	Hidden treasure
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 14:13-21</b>	<b>Jesus feeds five thousand</b>

## 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

**Pastors Emeriti:** Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley

**Worship Leadership Today: Liturgists:** Winnie Findley & the Rev. Annemarie Kidder;

**Ushers:** Kay & John Gawle, Liz Cunningham, Marilyn Marshall