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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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

God of power and might, you paid us a visit.

And your visit has never ended.

You clung to us

when we were given up for dead.

In life and in death you raise us anew.

This we know! This we experience! This we celebrate today!

*PRELUDE

“Air”

G.F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us give thanks to God,

For He has allowed us to share in the treasures of the saints in heaven.

O God, we praise you, for you have delivered us out of darkness.

You have transplanted us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.

Through him we are reconciled with God.

Through him we have peace and the fullness of joy.

Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN ★620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, we confess our lack of love. We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We complain about others. We do not tend to our bodies and souls. We neglect the work of your hands in others and in ourselves. We have cultivated prejudice and ill will. We have passed on our own fears and hurts and caused others to worry and fret. Help us to entrust you with our pain, to amend our faults, and to pray for forgiveness daily. This we pray in and through Christ, who knows us and loves us in spite of ourselves.

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 (R).

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.

Refrain

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — Psalm 45:10-17

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Matthew 11:25-30

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SERMON “My Yoke”

HYMN ★626 "As the Deer" (sing two times)

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

OFFERTORY “He Shall Feed His Flock” (from *Messiah*) G.F. Handel

Come unto Him, all ye that labor, come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Winnie Findley, Soloist

*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— 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.

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 ★299 “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

*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

"Trumpet Tune"

G.F. Handel

TODAY

Sunday Fellowship in Boyd Chapel

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

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.

Prayer Team

Lois Barnes is heading up the Prayer Team. Please direct any prayer requests to her. You may text or call.

30-Minute Sermon Discussion/Bible Reflection after Worship

After worship from **11 to 11:30 a.m.**, Pastor Annemarie will offer a 30-minute sermon discussion in a corner of Boyd Chapel. Bring your sermon notes and questions. This time is meant for a closer look at the scripture readings and preaching text of the day and the practical applications to our life.

Sermons

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

Church Picnic at Waterloo

Time for a Church Family Picnic on **Saturday, July 15th** on the River Raisin. It will be at Waterloo Park which is off M-50, west of Telegraph Rd., on Mulhollen Dr. (It's just before Pancone Auto Repair Shop.) Join us at 11:00 a.m. Bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Don't forget to bring friends, family and lawn chairs, etc. There is a dock for fishing. Sign up is on the bulletin board.

Summer Music Camp

Get ready for a week of music and fun between Tuesday through Friday, **July 18-21, 2017** at 9:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. which is open to all children who are entering 1st through 7th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. We will be learning about four people in the Old Testament: Moses, Esther, David, and Daniel. On each day the children will learn songs about the characters, do art, explore the Bible story, learn about instruments and rhythm, and have a time for recreation. This will be an awesome week of fun and making new friends. We will come back on Sunday morning, July 23, to sing the songs we learned in camp for the church service at 10:00 am. Enrollment is free but contributions are welcome.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:00	Fellowship
	11:15	Sermon Discussion
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	9:00	Oaks of Righteousness
	11:00	Staff
WEDNESDAY	8:15	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
SATURDAY	11:00	Church Picnic at Waterloo Park
	3:00	Transitions for Women
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 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary
Monday	Isaiah 40:28-31	God gives strength
Tuesday	Romans 7:15-25	The inner conflict
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:1-26	God will refresh the weary
Thursday	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Friday	Luke 12:22-31	God knows your needs
Saturday	Psalms 145:8-14	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Parable of the sower and seed

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: Lori Lewis

Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley
Worship Leadership Today: **Liturgist:** Helyn Schroeder; **Ushers:** Cory & Kathy Fogle, Rusty & Cathy Shorter