

First 
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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.

Trinity Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Might, and cleanse us of our fears;
light the flame of hope and joy that wipes away the tears.

PRELUDE

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give ear to my words, O Lord,
give heed to my sighing.

**Listen to the sound of our cry,
for to you alone do we pray.**

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice,
in the morning I plead my case and watch.

Lead us, O God, in the ways of your righteousness.

**Make your way straight before us,
For you bless the righteous, O God,
and you cover them with favor.**

*HYMN ★1 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have given us all we need. And yet we look with envy upon the blessings and good fortunes of others. We resent their bounty, we envy their talents, we compare and bemoan what we perceive as lack and loss. We know that you detest our attitudes and ambition. And so we ask that you root out this evil in our heart. Forgive us for failing to rejoice with the happy ones and for lacking compassion for the unfortunate. Come to live in us again as

Holy Spirit, so that we may love our assigned lot, walk with our neighbor, and live wholly for you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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” v. 1

*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 8

OT p. 492

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Matthew 28:16-20

NT p. 34

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Commissioned”

HYMN ★172 “Blest Are They”

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry

OFFERTORY “Into the Woods My Master Went”

Peter Lutkin

Rhythmic Ringers Handbell Choir; Charlotte Frary, Director

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Lord, for creating us as members of the human race. Thank you, Lord, for redeeming and cleansing us from the dark stains of sin. Thank you, Lord, for renewing us unto new life and the freedom of the children of God whose lives will point to you. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.(. . .) In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

From A Brief Statement of Faith, The Book of Confessions

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 ★463 “How Firm a Foundation”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ★542 “God Be With You” v. 1

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE "Prelude in C"

J.S. Bach

TODAY

About Today's Musicians

We welcome to our musical leadership this morning the children and parents of the "Rhythmic Ringers" Handbell Choir, which was formed several months ago. Originally begun during our Children's Music Camp last summer when Charlotte Frary taught a session on handbells, many of the children enjoyed the class so much that they requested a bell choir be formed for them and rehearse after school. We are blessed to have Charlotte, an expert ringer, volunteer her time to this group. Thank you, Ringers, for sharing your music with us this morning.

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.

Volunteers needed for Oaks of Righteousness Kitchen

On Tuesdays, throughout the summer we will begin helping Oaks of Righteousness in their kitchen. We will prepare sandwiches between 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and serve between 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. You may volunteer for either session or for both. Please let Ann Lux know you will be coming.

30-Minute Sermon Discussion/Bible Reflection after Worship

Starting Sunday, June 18 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.

Public Luncheon--Dish Pick-Up

Thank you so very much to all who contributed a dish for the Soup and Salad Luncheon. Nearly \$700 was raised to go toward the Bed Ministry for the purchase of beds for children in Monroe County. You may pick up your dishes in the little kitchen upstairs (since the Resource Room is in use by the Board of Deacons). Please do so in a timely manner. Thank you again for all your help!

Museum Trip to the Detroit Institute of Art--Thursday, June 22

On Thursday, June 22 at 9 a.m. we will meet at church and carpool to drive to the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA). The DIA ranks among the finest museums in the United States. Pastor Annemarie will offer us a tour of two museum collections: 1. European religious art of the Middle Ages and 2. the collection of European paintings. There will also be a visit to the famous Diego Court, titled "Detroit Industry," by Diego Rivera. We will have lunch at the museum which houses an excellent cafeteria. You will also have time to stroll about on your own or visit the gift shop. The plan is to be back in Monroe by 3 p.m. Ticket prices for seniors are \$8, for youth \$6, and for adults \$12.50. Please sign up in the entry way and let us know you are coming. For questions, see the chair of Congregational Life, Judy Chesman or Pastor Annemarie.

Taking Faith Home

Each Sunday, our bulletin contains in the Taking Faith Home section the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This helps us prepare for the preaching text and puts us in the mood of the upcoming story we will hear in worship. Please take your bulletin home and read and reflect on the Sunday scripture as well as reading the scripture texts for each weekday. It will make worship more meaningful.

Sermons

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:15	Fellowship
	3:00	Choir party-Douglas House
MONDAY	1:00	Martha Mary Circle at Rivers Edge Carrington
	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	9:00	Oaks of Righteousness
	11:00	Staff
	6:30	Finance
	7:00	Mission/Outreach
WEDNESDAY	8:15	Chair Yoga
	6:30	Building and Property
THURSDAY	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	3:00	Transitions for Women
	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Sermon Discussion
	11:15	Fellowship



JUNE 11, 2017
TRINITY SUNDAY

The Holy Trinity calls us into relationship with God and all creation.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.
We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	God creates sky and earth
Monday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending the disciples
Tuesday	Job 38:1-38	God speaks of creation
Wednesday	Psalms 8	Wonderful name of the Lord
Thursday	Nehemiah 9:5-6	God gives life to everything
Friday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Live in peace
Saturday	Psalms 148	Creation, praise the Lord!
Sunday	Matthew 9:35-10:23	The sending of the twelve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.” **Matthew 28:19-20 (CEV)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

God of creation, thank you for caring for us. Lord Jesus, thank you for being with us. Holy Spirit, thank you for your daily help. Amen.

Mealtimes Prayer:

Triune God, thank you for all you make and all you give. May we praise your great name as long as we live! Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Creator, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

HYMN OF THE WEEK:

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What part of God's creation do you enjoy most? Why?
- God has asked us to take care of all that has been created. How do you help do this?
- Read the Scripture Verse for this week. Tell about how others have taught you about Jesus. How have you communicated the love of God to others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 28:16-20.

Verse 17 states that some of Jesus' disciples worshiped him and some doubted. Jesus sent both his worshiping and doubting followers into the world to make disciples. He did not have the doubters improve on their faith before being sent. What does it mean to you that we have a Savior who sends us out into the world with both worshiping and doubting hearts to grow the church? How does this show God's love and mercy for us? Conclude with the following prayer, **Dear gracious and merciful God, we thank you for calling us to be disciples of Jesus. We especially thank you for accepting both our worship and praise as well as our doubts and fears. Come Holy Spirit, that we may serve you, our neighbors, and all of creation with love and care. Amen.**

SERVICE

Read: Psalm 8. Do an act of service by having a caring conversation with someone who works as a gardener, farmer, or anyone who works with God's creation, including scientists. Ask how they experience God in the things they deal with daily and what wisdom they gain from their work? Wonder with them how the insignificance of our individual lives is countered by the gospel of Jesus Christ?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Read: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13. In public worship verse 13 is called the "Apostolic Greeting" and is used at the beginning of many worship services. It is often overlooked that much of Christian liturgy comes directly from the Bible. The Bible is sung, prayed, and read in worship. Explore through your congregation's resources or on the internet the biblical foundations to the liturgy. Use "A Blessing to Give" with family and friends this week during devotions, bedtime, or when saying hello or good-bye. A shortened version could simply be, **"May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and be kind to you."**

Sermon Notes:

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Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder; **Director of Music Ministry:** Susan Barker;
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Worship Leadership Today:

Liturgist: Winnie Findley; **Ushers:** Cory & Kathy Fogle; Rusty & Cathy Shorter