

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.

# Second Sunday After Pentecost and Father's Day

*\*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

“Wondrous Love”

Southern Folk Hymn, arr. Johnson

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In these last days it shall come to pass that God's Spirit is poured out on all flesh.

**Sons and daughters shall prophesy, the young shall see visions, the old shall dream dreams.**

On both men and women God is pouring out his Spirit with power and might.

**And they shall prophesy and proclaim his glorious reign.**

Let us call upon the name of the Lord!

**Let us give thanks and praise for what God has done!**

\*HYMN ★280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our light, our salvation, our home: we humble ourselves before you, having refused your good gifts. You invite us to taste that you are good; but we prefer what is more easily obtained. You show us yourself so that we would abide with you; but we close our eyes for fear to be confronted, convicted, and directed to live our lives differently. You call us to be open to your leading; but we prefer to stay put and stuck on what we want.**

**Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our wayward lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to act as your hands and feet, namely the hands and feet of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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, 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.*

*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 116:1-2, 12-19

OT p. 564-565

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING — Matthew 9:35-10:8

NT p. 9-10

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Operating Instructions”

HYMN ★450 “Be Thou My Vision”

OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry*

OFFERTORY “Like as a Father”

L.Cherubini, arr. Krone

Winnie Findley, Charlotte Frary, Tom Bajkeiwicz

*Like as a father pitieth his children so the Lord hath mercy on them that fear Him.*

\*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— 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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 ★542 “God Be With You” v. 1

POSTLUDE “Psalm 19”

Marcello

## **TODAY**

### **About Today’s Musicians**

We welcome Sarah Albright, our organist this morning, to our service while Susan Barker is in Seattle at her granddaughter's high school graduation. Sarah Albright lives in Ann Arbor where she has taught piano and been music director in local churches for over 30 years. She is now retired from church music duties and enjoys substitute work in area churches.

### **Sunday Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 help 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. Let Ann Lux know and sign up on the bulletin board.

### **30-Minute Sermon Discussion/Bible Reflection after Worship**

**Starting this 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.

**Museum Trip to the Detroit Institute of Art—This Thursday, June 22**

**This Thursday, June 22 at 9 a.m.** we will meet at church and carpool to drive to the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA). The plan is to be back in Monroe by 3 p.m. Please sign up in the entry way and let us know you are coming. For questions, see Diana Adams or Pastor Annemarie.

### **Note of Thanks**

Dear Friends, thank you so much for all the cards I received from you during my recuperation. Your messages were a blessing and inspiration on the date I received them and continue every day. Words cannot express my gratitude. ~*Arlene Turnbull*

### **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**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	11:00	Sermon Discussion
	11:15	Fellowship
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00	Oaks of Righteousness
	11:00	Staff
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:15	Chair Yoga
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00	Detroit Institute of Arts Museum Tour
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00	Worship
	11:00	Sermon Discussion
	11:15	Fellowship
	2:00	Bridal Shower



JUNE 18, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Jesus sends his followers out into the world.**

**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	Matthew 9:35-10:23	The sending of the twelve
Monday	Luke 6:12-19	Jesus chooses the twelve
Tuesday	Luke 10:1-20	The sending of the seventy-two
Wednesday	Exodus 19:2-8	The Israelites go to Mount Sinai
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3:1-5	The sending of Timothy
Friday	2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5	The life of those God chooses
Saturday	Psalms 100	The Lord is good
Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

He said to his disciples, "A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in." Matthew 9:37-38 (CEV)

## **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, give us the faith and good courage to want to speak of your kingdom of grace that does amazing things. Amen.

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Lord of the harvest, thank you for feeding us with the fruits of the earth. Make us ready to serve as workers in your harvest fields. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord carry you on eagle's wings and surround you with God's care. May the Lord bless you as a treasured possession and strengthen you as you care for others.

## **HYMN OF THE WEEK:**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

## **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What is something that you are excited to tell others about?
- What makes it difficult to tell others about Jesus?
- Tell a story about someone who talked about their faith with you.

## **DEVOTIONS**

Read: Matthew 10:16-23

Jesus tells his followers to be both gentle and wise in dealing with others as they tell of the kingdom of heaven. He makes it clear that those who speak of his kingdom will experience pain and rejection. Jesus comforts his followers by telling them not to worry what to say about their faith in him because the Spirit will give them the words. Reflect on how the Holy Spirit strengthens you in your witness in the world. Conclude with the following prayer,

**Dear Jesus, you send us out into the world to tell of the good news of the kingdom of heaven that heals lives and makes all things new. We thank you for the Holy Spirit that helps us to be filled with the joy of your reign and gives us the courage to communicate that joy to others. Amen.**

## **SERVICE**

Jesus sends out his disciples to do wondrous and amazing things that bless people's lives (Matthew 10:8). An act of kindness that acknowledges someone's presence as well as their needs can be an amazing and loving deed. Think of someone at school, work, or in your community who could benefit from your act of kindness with a simple, "Hello" or a deed that shows your care and concern for them. Keep that person in your prayers this week, giving thanks for them and for the gospel of Jesus Christ that frees us to love others.

## **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Matthew 10:12. Jesus tells the disciples to bless others in their own homes. This Sunday is Father's Day. Take time to recognize fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and all men who have helped you grow and develop over the years. At a meal or other occasion with family and/or friends, take turns saying, **“Lord God, I am thankful for (name) because ...”**

Conclude with the following prayer, **Dear God, thank you for the gift of fathers and all men who have made a difference in our lives, including (names). For the care they have given us and the guidance they have shared with us, we give you thanks. Amen.**

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**Sermon Notes:**

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