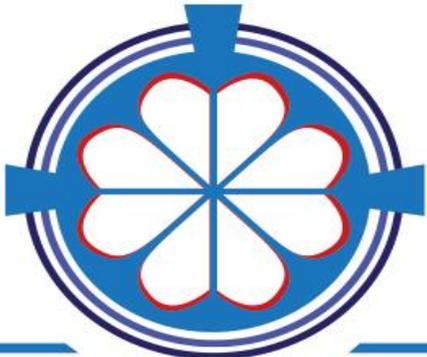


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Third Sunday After Pentecost

**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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Gordon Young

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us call to mind the deeds of our Lord,
for we will 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 ★32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty deliverer, you open to us the highways of freedom and a new life that has you by our side. And yet, we prefer the familiar paths that keep us in bondage. We justify our desires, find reasons for excuses, and hide behind habit and genetic makeup. Deliver us from the small-minded preoccupied self that confines and keeps us down and free us up again unto the new life that you propose.

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 86:1-10, 16-17

OT p. 544

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Matthew 10:24-39

NT p. 10-11

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SERMON “How to Follow”

HYMN ★792 “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry

OFFERTORY “It is Well With My Soul”

Craig Courtney

Charlotte Frary, Handbells; Janet Spence, Flute

*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.

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 ★804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE “Marche en Rondeau”

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

TODAY

Sunday Fellowship in Boyd Chapel

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

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

After worship starting again next Sunday July 2 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.

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*

Financial Statements

By the end of this month of June, financial statements will be going out. Please review your giving to make sure you are current with your pledge and financial giving. Thank you kindly! --The Finance Committee

Sermons

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

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:00	Fellowship
	2:00	Bridal Shower
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	9:00	Oaks of Righteousness
	11:00	Staff
	7:00	Session
WEDNESDAY	8:15	Chair Yoga
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 related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship
Monday	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up your cross
Tuesday	Luke 14:25-35	Counting the cost
Wednesday	John 15:1-17	Bearing fruit as disciples
Thursday	2 Timothy 1:7-14	Do not be ashamed
Friday	Romans 6:1-11	Dying and rising with Christ
Saturday	Psalms 69:9-18	God can be trusted
Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others

Sermon Notes

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder; **Director of Music Ministry:** Susan Barker;
Christian Education Director: Diane Adams; **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: Maryanne Hooper; **Ushers:** Jim & Sue Heisler; Randy Stiffler; George Kostoff