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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.

Stewardship Sunday and Christ the King Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

We will give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts.

Proclaim the greatness of our Lord.

We will proclaim his greatness to all we know.

Have always a prayer of praise on your lips.

We will walk and work in praise and honor of our Lord!

PRELUDE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Sandra Eithun

Sanctus Handbell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace and peace to you, from Jesus, the Risen One.

Let all the faithful shout for you!

Grace and peace to you, from the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

Grace and peace to you, from the One who brings the new heaven and the new earth.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

Grace and peace to you, from Jesus, risen to rule with God over all things.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

*OPENING HYMN #268 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Christ, you are Lord of Lords and King of Kings. We proclaim your kingdom with our lips and voices, but not so much with our living. You named us and claimed us the children of light. Yet we take up residence in darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home, where our talents may be tucked away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed. You call us to live in faith by investing in the world you made—to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of giving them away. Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy. Help us to understand your will for us. And embolden us to safeguard the gifts you have entrusted us for your joy and ours.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord

is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.

**The Lord has forgiven our sins
and cleanses us of all unrighteousness.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION #701 “Lord, Prepare Me” (sing twice)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*Children 3rd grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee
Believers Room, #159.*

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL— Charlotte Frary

FIRST READING — Psalm 100

OT p. 552

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SECOND READING — Matthew 25:31-46

NT p. 29

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SERMON

“Judgment Day”

HYMN #697 "Take My Life"

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O Worship the King" arr. Sandra Eithun
Sanctus Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*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

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 #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" v. 5
Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring,

May we serve as you intend,

and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;

with the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

TODAY**Stewardship Sunday**

This morning we will bring forward BOTH our time and talent sheets and offering. We will have two people positioned upfront with baskets and have one person collect from those unable to come forward.

Christ the King Sunday

This morning we start a new liturgical year. A new beginning, as we welcome the approaching Advent season.

Sunday Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

After worship, please come to the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and light refreshments due to the painting being done in Boyd Chapel.

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.

Adult Education Classes

Next Sunday, **December 3** and throughout the month of December Pastor Annemarie will have a study on the Old Testament Prophecies of Christ.

Hanging of the Greens~Moved to December 3

Please mark your calendars for next Sunday, **December 3** for the hanging of the greens!! Please dress casual. A soup lunch will be provided after decorating. See you there!

Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias are available for order now! Orders must be received by next **Sunday, December 3rd**. Fill out the order form in the bulletin or call Sara in the office at 734-242-1545 to order. Please submit checks together with your order form in the offering plate. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church. The flowers are being furnished by Deb's Flowers & Gifts. Please feel free to take your plant home **after** the **10:00 p.m.** worship service on December 24th.

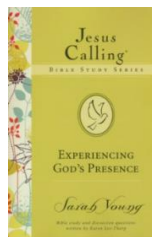
Advent Noon Recitals

Three half-hour noon recitals will take place in December for your enjoyment and reflection on the first three Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. in our sanctuary. Please take the time from work or home and invite a friend to join you for our second annual Advent Noon Recital Series and even bring a light lunch to enjoy while listening to the Christmas music. The programs will include the following: **December 6:** The Sanctuary Choir and Sanctus Bells; **December 13:** Janet Spence, Flute and Susan Barker, Piano; **December 20:** The Monroe Recorder Consort.

Christmas Magic Parade in Monroe

On Saturday, December 16th at 6:00 P.M., the Bed Race to Aid Children will have an entry in the Monroe Light Parade. We will be starting right by the church, and will march for a little over a half mile. Our entry will be a lighted Nativity scene, and we are inviting parishioners and children to march along. Please dress as a shepherd, angel or a wise man. For further information contact Dale DeSloover at 242-7979, or at ddesloover@comcast.net.

NEW Bible Study Group: We meet each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., studying "Experiencing God's Presence," which is part of the Jesus Calling series by Sarah Young. The group is being facilitated by Kate McCoppin. Come and join us!



Bible Study on Thursdays

We meet each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and will start a new study "The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton with Elder Alice Kostoff as our teacher in the month of December. We are growing in number as we are growing in Christ and will meet in the Cairl Room.

Rhythmic Ringers

Our youth handbell choir meets each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. under the direction of Charlotte Frary. New ringers are sought and encouraged to attend.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold their next meeting on **January 2**, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Manse and will meet at 11:00 a.m. beginning the week after in the Manse. The meetings have been placed on hold due to the upcoming Advent season.

Winter Room Use

Please remember to turn down the thermostat after your meetings to help conserve energy.

Sermons

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

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 25:31-46	The sheep and the goats
Monday	Acts 2:40-47, 4:32-35	Care given to the needy
Tuesday	Romans 12:9-21	Share with the needy
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:11-16	God, the true shepherd
Thursday	Ephesians 1:15-23	Paul's prayer
Friday	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Thanks be to God
Saturday	Psalms 95	Worship and obey the Lord
Sunday	Mark 13:24-37	The day and hour unknown

Fruit Cake Order Form ~ It's not too late to order fruit cakes.
Please send in your order by using this form.

_____ **Fruit Cake(s) at \$6.00 equals \$** _____

Thank you kindly!

Poinsettia Order Form

Christmas is just around the corner! Please help to decorate our Sanctuary with a “wave” of red this Advent for the Sundays of December 10, December 17 and December 24.



The following will be available:

**A 6” potted poinsettia with a foil wrap and a bow for \$11.00.
Please submit payment with your order.**

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My poinsettia is

In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

My Name is _____

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: Sean Farris

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

Liturgist: Helyn Schroeder

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler, Randy Stiffler, George Kostoff

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:00	Rhythmic Ringers
	7:00	Session
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study (Cairl Room)
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	1:00	Schroeder Shower (Boyd Chapel)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Hanging of the Greens

Sermon Notes