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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.

All Saints Day and Communion Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

Test me, O Lord, and try me.

Judge whether I live with integrity.

For your love is always before my eyes,

and I try to walk faithfully with you.

PRELUDE

"Pavane"

Gabriel Faure'

Janet Spence, Flute

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Sing a new song to Him!

We will sing to the Lord as long as we live.

Let God's children be glad.

Let all God's children be glad and praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you promise to dwell with us. We look ahead to the final consummation of the world when you will be all in all. You will burn away every impurity. You will wipe away every tear from our eyes. And you will allow us to sit at the heavenly banquet in your company. How much you promise and how little we believe! We try to engineer our own happiness. We manufacture what's pleasing to us. And we forget you and the cloud of witnesses that has testified to your presence and lived the faith. Forgive us and quicken our hearts, so that we may be inspired by your saints all around, those who have gone before us and those with us now. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 #647 "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

OT p. 559-560

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Matthew 23:1-12

NT p. 25

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SERMON "For Show"

HYMN #833 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Grant Us Thy Peace" Felix Mendelssohn
Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, all things in Thee possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*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.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's name, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God, we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

--From A Brief Statement of Faith

*COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL

All who are able are invited to stand as the names are read, and to remain standing during the Litany and the offering of the Prayer of Commemoration.

Donald Corfman—Father

Virginia "Arlene" Douglas—Mother

Irene Drouillard—Member

Rev. Dr. William H. Findley—Husband

Vivian Fogle—Mother

Barbara Jansen—Member

Mary F. Schuster—Member

Julie Tartarian—Friend

Bill Thomas—Father

Liz Cunningham

Bob Douglas

Winnie Findley

Cory Fogle

Mary DeSloover

Vicki Maxwell

*LITANY (adapted from *A Jewish Prayer*)

Carol and Linda Muehlig

The congregation joins in the singing of "We remember them"

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them.

When we have joys we long to share,

We remember them.

As long as we live, they too shall live; for they are now

a part of us, and in your kingdom, Lord, as

We remember them.

We remember.

*PRAYER OF COMMEMORATION

Eternal Light, Immortal Love, we bless your name for these and all your servants who have kept the faith and finished their course and are at rest in you.

Help us to abide in their fellowship and to follow their example, that with them, we may share the feast that Christ has prepared. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*HYMN ★552 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal
he has prepared for us.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

We are the living loaves, kneaded and shaped by the hands of God.
We are the wine of the Spirit, poured out that others might know true joy.
We let God's love be the leaven within us.
We let God's love be the flavor of what we say and do and think.
One body, one cup, one morsel, one sip, we lift Christ up in this world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #326

“For All the Saints”

vs. 1-4

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

RECESSION

Tolling of the Passing Bell

Please remain in silence for the retiring of the bell and the passage of the cross and choir from the Sanctuary.

TODAY

About today's service: In our Reformed tradition, All Saints' Day marks the time to give glory to God for the ordinary holy lives of believers in this and every age who have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints.

All Saints Candle

The wooden candle stand for today's All Saints Day Worship service has been crafted by Gary Follbaum. Gary used various types of wood from all over the world, each identified in writing on the back, thus giving the candle holder the multi-colored structure. Take a look at this beautiful piece of art today! Thank you so very much, Gary!

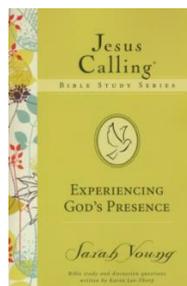
Sunday Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

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.

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. Please call ahead so we can order additional books.



Bible Study on Thursdays

We meet each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. studying “Putting Jesus First” by Sarah Young with Elder Alice Kostoff as our teacher. We are growing in number as we are growing in Christ and will meet in the Cairl Room.

Adult Education Classes

Next Sunday, **November 12**, Dallas Dieckman will introduce us to Ulrich Zwingli who helped to reform the church in Switzerland. On **November 19** Pastor Annemarie will speak to us about John Calvin, founder of the Reformed tradition.

Thanksgiving Baskets

We have begun to collect the items needed to fill the 40 Thanksgiving baskets which include: jam/jelly, cereal, soup, green beans, corn, stuffing, gravy mix, jello, cake mix, frosting. For additional items, check the chart in the Lobby. Deacons will be purchasing perishable items the Friday before delivery, **November 17**. Thanks to all for supporting this Thanksgiving gift.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

The Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be place in Fellowship Hall this Saturday, **November 11**, at 8:30 a.m. Please sign up in the CE Lobby so that we know how much food to prepare.

Martha Mary Circle

Martha Mary Circle will continue to sell their cheese balls today for their annual sale. Order forms will be available in the Welcome Center and the CE Lobby or see Judy Chesman. Our choices are the same as last year (Celebration Cheddar, Chipped Beef and Cookies and Cream). Orders will be delivered next **Sunday, November 12**.

Charlotte Frary will also be selling her fruit cakes. You can order them with the Cheese Balls. Martha Mary Circle will be meeting on Monday, **November 13** in the Cairl Room at 1:00 p.m.

Socialites

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, **November 18** at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Thoughts and Prayers

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe extends our Christian sympathies to the families and friends of Irene Drouillard, who joined the Church Triumphant on October 26. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

Community of Need Meal

The item of the month for the pantry is sugar.

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.

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 23:1-12	Jesus denounces Scribes & Pharisees
Monday	1 John 3:1-3	Our hope in God
Tuesday	Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away tears
Wednesday	John 14:1-7	Do not let your hearts be troubled
Thursday	John 11:17-27	The resurrection and the life
Friday	2 Corinthians 1:3-7	God of all comfort
Saturday	Psalms 34	Honor the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	Parable of the wise and foolish girls

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Prayer Shawl Meeting (Library)
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:00	Rhythmic Ringers
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	5:00	Worship Committee
	6:00	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Property Committee
	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	8:30	Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY	8:30	Deacons Meeting
	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	12:15	Cheese Ball/Fruit Cake Pick Up

Sermon Notes

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;

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

Liturgist: Dale DeSloover

Ushers: Carol Rabun, Kim Hooper, Gary & Jo-Ann Follbaum