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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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost & World Communion Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

Test me, O Lord, and try me; and judge whether I live with integrity.

For your love is always before my eyes, and I try to walk faithfully with you.

I do not reside with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

Lord, I love the house of your worship and the place where I sense your glory.

I am determined to live with integrity; redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy upon me.

Place my feet on steady ground, O God, that I may worship in your congregation.

PRELUDE "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" arr. J.W. Krug
 Sanctus Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, the Creator of us all.

Who makes of one blood all the peoples of the earth!

O come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, the Redeemer of us all,

Who makes all peoples one that we might seek and find the Lord!

O come, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, the Sustainer of us all,

Who makes all peoples one that we might know and serve the Lord!

O come and sing with one voice and many tongues:

Praise the Lord, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 340 "This is My Song" (Finland)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you have given us a voice and song and instruments to worship you. You have given us this community of faith, fellow travelers and seekers of your ways. And you have given us the worldwide communion of brothers and sisters in Christ, who like us, worship you, the one God in three persons.

Today we acknowledge that we have let our denominational differences divide us. We have labeled other Christians by how they worship and how they go about their faith. We are guided by caution rather than given to encouragement. And we fail to see in the other Christian the hands and feet of Christ. Forgive our prejudice, our ignorance, our pride. And open us up to study more about our own faith, our tradition, and our heritage, so that we can better share the good news of your salvation, given to all in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" v.1 (Switzerland)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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 78:1-4, 12-16

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Converted”

HYMN 625 “How Great Thou Art” vs. 1, 3-4 (Sweden)

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

OFFERTORY “At the Table of the World” Carl Johengen/Brian Wren

The congregation is invited to join in the singing of the refrain.

At the table of the world, some have plenty, some have none. At the table of our God, all are plentifully fed. Blow among us, Spirit of God, fill us with your courage and car! Hurricane and Breath, take us on a journey of love!. At the table of the world, some have honor, some have scorn. At the table of our God, all are welcomed and acclaimed. Blow among us....Set the table of our God in the Church and in the world, till the children, fed and loved, taste and see that life is good.

At the Table of the World

Brian Wren Carl Johengen

Blow a-mong us, Spir - it of God, _____

fill us with your cour-age and car! _____ Hur-ri-cane and

Breath, take us on a jour-ney of love! _____

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

These offerings we bring to you, God of grace, as expressions of our gratitude. Use them and us in the mission of your church as it guards the sacred treasure of the gospel by giving it away for the healing of the world. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— Nicene Creed (381), contemporary version**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered , died and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic church and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Almighty God, you built your worldwide church on the foundations of the apostles and prophets, who have proclaimed your gospel in spirit and in truth. You built it on Jesus Christ himself, who is the cornerstone, the pioneer, and the perfecter of our faith. Gather your church in unity on this day by your Holy Spirit that it may manifest your power among all the peoples of the world to the glory of your everlasting name. Amen.

Prayers our spoken in various languages of the world
Rusty Shorter--English
Helyn Schroeder—Spanish
Tom Bajkiewicz—Polish
Laurie Hoffman--French
Maria deJong—Dutch
Tom Bajkiewicz--Latin
Annemarie Kidder--Italian
Elinor Upjohn—Scottish
Annemarie Kidder—German

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.**

COMMUNION MUSIC "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" arr. J.W. Krug
Sanctus Bell Choir

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

Here in this place our thirst has been quenched.

Let us carry the cup beyond the door.

Here in this place our hunger has been sated.

Let us bear the bread into the world.

Let us carry the cup that it might be lifted; let us bear the bread that it might be broken.

From life to life, God's life is given! From life to life, all life is saved!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (Jamaica)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

★ 765 "May the God of Hope Go With Us" (Argentina)

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

POSTLUDE "Siyahamba" (South Africa)

TODAY

Congregational Meeting

After Worship this morning, a Congregational Meeting will be held for the purpose of reducing the number of deacons from 15 to 12 to better correspond with the size of our congregation.

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.

Congregational Retreat

Congregational Life is sponsoring a retreat for the entire congregation on this **Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9:30-12:30 p.m.** We welcome as our guest speaker the Rev. Paul Simpson Duke, Ph.D., who will lead us through a study on the Gospel of John in how to be friends in Christ. He will also be our guest preacher during Adult Education and in Worship on Sunday, October 8. The retreat is free and open to the public, so bring a friend.

Adult Education Classes

Next Sunday, **October 8** at 9:30 a.m. the Rev. Dr. Paul Duke will share with us in the Cairl Room. On **October 15**, Chrystal Martin, Executive Director of Family Counseling & Shelter Services will inform us about counseling, therapeutic visitation, domestic violence prevention, support groups, and about Sunrise House which provides a safe haven for domestic violence survivors and their children.

International Potluck

Congregational Life is sponsoring an International Potluck next Sunday, **October 8**. Bring a dish of your favorite International food and wear your ethnic dress.

Dedication of Shawls and Blankets on October 8

The women of Martha Mary Circle have been busy sewing, knitting, and crocheting blankets, hats, prayer shawls, pocket prayer shawls, security dolls, and lap robes to be used in several locales which will be blessed in Worship on next Sunday, **October 8**. They will go to Knit 4 Peace to be sent around the world, to local charities to help our neighbors, and to members of our church family to remind them that God loves them and so do we.

New Member Class to Start on Sunday, Oct. 15 after worship

Are you considering church membership or would like to learn more about who we are as a church that is Presbyterian and Reformed? We are offering a class that meets after worship at 12:15 p.m. on three consecutive Sundays in the pastor's office. After that participants may choose church membership and may be received on Sunday, Nov. 5. Please let Pastor Annemarie know if you are interested.

Martha Mary Circle

Time for Tea! Our group will be going to the British Tea Shop in Tecumseh, MI on Monday, **October 16**. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and will be leaving for the tea shop at 10:15 a.m. on that day.

Socialites

We will be meeting on **October 21** at 5:30 p.m.

Toledo Zoo

A trip to the Toledo Zoo is planned on Tuesday, **October 24**. This trip is open to everyone. The zoo offers a free day for seniors during September and October. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and stay until 2:00 p.m. Wheelchairs and scooter rentals are available. Judy Chesman will be leading the group.

Sanctuary Chancel Choir and Bell Choir

It is time for all who love to make music to gather and bring our musical offerings to the Lord. On every Wednesday night, at 7:30 p.m. come to the Choir Room and become a member of the Choir. If you would like to ring hand bells, and we need more members, come to bell rehearsal every Wednesday night, at 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study on Thursdays

We meet each Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. for a new six-week series "Putting Jesus First" based on Sarah Young's Jesus Calling series in the Library.

Message from Property Committee

This past week we began the painting of Boyd Chapel. Also, **please do not post any signs on the glass or wooden doors or walls!** Please use the bulletin boards located next to the main office. Thank you kindly.

Chair Yoga

The starting time of Chair Yoga with Chantelle has returned to 9:30 a.m. every Wednesday. It is open to all women and men. The cost is \$7 per class.

Thoughts and Prayers

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe extends our Christian sympathies to the family and friends of longtime member, Mary F. Schuster who joined the Church Triumphant on September 10. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

Rhythmic Ringers

Our new 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.

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 21:23-32	Parable of the two sons
Monday	Hosea 14:1-8	Return to the Lord
Tuesday	Philippians 2:1-3	Imitating Christ's humility
Wednesday	Isaiah 55:6-13	Turn to the Lord
Thursday	John 15:7-17	Obedying the commands of Christ
Friday	James 1:19-25	Do what the word says
Saturday	Psalms 25	A prayer for guidance and help
Sunday	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Congregational Meeting
	12:15	Fellowship
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff
	11:00	Prayer Shawl Meeting (Library)
	5:00	Rhythmic Ringers
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	1:00	Sparklers
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Women's Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	5:00	Cunningham Wedding Rehearsal
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	9:30	Congregational Retreat w/Rev. Dr. Duke (Fellow. Hall)
	3:00	Cunningham Wedding (Sanctuary)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class w/ Rev. Dr. Duke
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	International Potluck

Sermon Notes

Staff:

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

Financial Secretary: Suzanne Bondie; **Administrative Assistant:** Sara Jones;

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