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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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

There is no God like you.

In heaven above or on the earth beneath.

You keep covenant with those who walk in your ways.

And you seek covenant with all, so that every creature might bring glory to your holy name.

PRELUDE

“Simple Gifts”

James Pethel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship our gracious God with holy expectation.

Expect the opening of a sacred treasure.

Expect God to make a dwelling here.

Expect the Word of God to touch down and reach down into your heart and mine.

Renew us, O Lord, by your gentle Spirit.

*OPENING HYMN #369 “Blessing and Honor”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our salvation, in Jesus Christ you show us the fullness of grace, the boundlessness of beauty, and the simplicity of truth. You deck the table for us, you prepare a feast of sight and sound and palate. But we ignore your abundant gifts. We are ungrateful to the core. We take for granted how good we have it. And we choose to ignore your presence in our life and your workings in our midst.

Forgive us for turning a deaf ear to the One who loved us into being. And pour out your Spirit upon us that we may see Christ more clearly and love him more dearly.

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 #583 “Gloria to God”

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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 106:1-6, 19-23

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

“At the River”

Aaron Copland

Zach Everly, Tenor

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angels' feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God, that flows by the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Election”

HYMN #626 “As the Deer” (sing twice)

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

OFFERTORY “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully. We will serve Thee faithfully.

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

These offerings we bring to you, God of grace, as expressions of our boundless 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—

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man. . . .

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.

So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

--From The Westminster Confession of Faith (1647), Book of Confessions

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 #547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" v. 3
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

POSTLUDE "Carillon"

Louis Vierne

TODAY

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.

New Member Class to Start Today 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 starting today **October 15** 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.

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.

Martha Mary Circle

Tomorrow our group will be going to the British Tea Shop in Tecumseh, MI. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and will be leaving for the tea shop at 10:15 a.m. See you in the morning!

Adult Education Classes

Next Sunday, **October 22**, Renee Shaw, Executive Director of Salvation Army/Harbor Light will be with us. On **October 29** Pastor Annemarie and Susan Barker will minister to us about Martin Luther and Katharina Von Bora's marriage and hymns on Reformation Sunday. Please join us!

Toledo Zoo

A trip to the Toledo Zoo is planned on Tuesday, **October 24**. 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.

Public Luncheon

A Public Luncheon will be held on Thursday, **October 26** at 11:00 a.m.-1:00 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

The painting of Boyd Chapel is still continuing. 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.

Thanksgiving Is Coming

This year Deacons and Mission and Outreach are working together to fill baskets for 40 families in our community. We will begin collecting food on the 28th of October. The list and the baskets will appear this coming week so that everyone can see what is needed. Please give thanks to God for all He has done for you by helping to fill our baskets.

Mission and Outreach Reminder

We are collecting deodorant for the shelter at Oaks of Righteousness in the month of October. The new bin is beside the display case in the lobby. I checked yesterday, and the Dollar Tree has a wide variety of deodorants for a \$1.00 each. Please help us fill the bin.....Ann Lux

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 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
Monday	Luke 14:15-24	Parable of the great banquet
Tuesday	Philippians 4:1-9	Words of encouragement
Wednesday	Esther 5:1-8, 7:1-10	Esther hosts a banquet
Thursday	Isaiah 25:1-9	The Lord will prepare a feast
Friday	Revelation 19:5-10	The wedding feast of the Lamb
Saturday	Psalms 23	The good shepherd
Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	12:15	New Member Class (Pastor's Office)
MONDAY	10:00	Martha Mary Circle-meet here for trip to the British Tea House (Tecumseh, MI)
	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
	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
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class-w/Salvation Army
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	12:15	New Member Class (Pastor's Office)

Sermons

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

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: Jewel Peters
Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley
Liturgist: Eugene Haman
Ushers: Bill Barnes, Mark Eby, Jim Crammond, and Helyn Schroeder