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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.

# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## OPENING WORDS

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

**Our helper he, amidst the flood of mortal ills prevailing.**

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe,

**His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.**

PRELUDE “Holy God, We Praise Your Name-Trumpet Tune” Jeffrey Blersch

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

**In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.**

Christ is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.

**For all things in heaven and on earth are reconciled to God through Christ.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN #4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, you show yourself merciful to the needy, exalting the humble, and humbling the exalted. When we were low, you lifted us up and fed us with the bounty of your goodness. But we have set aside the tender ways of humility; we have become overly confident and rich in our own eyes; and we are proud of our strength and accomplishments. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and self-sufficiency. Renew in us a meek spirit, so that we will first and foremost give you the honor and praise.**

## 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      “Glory to God”

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

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 99

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Matthew 5:17-19

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SERMON

“Loyalties and the Law”

READING OF THE LAW

Gregory Hunter

HYMN #288      “Spirit of the Living God”

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

OFFERTORY      “And the Father Will Dance”      Mark Hayes  
*And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! And He will joy over you in song! My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day. Awake my soul and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, O daughter of Zion with all of your heart. Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. And He will joy over you in song. And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves! Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!*  
(Zaphaniah 3:14,17, Psalm 34:2,4)

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**These offerings we bring to you, Lord, 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—

**The Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, everywhere present, and is the source of all good thoughts, pure desires, and holy counsels in men. By him the prophets were move to speak the Word of God, all the writers of the Holy Scriptures inspired to record infallibly the mind and will of God.**

**The Holy Spirit, whom the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask him, is the only efficient agent in the application of redemption. He regenerates men by his grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance, and persuades and enables them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith. He unites all believers to Christ, dwells in them as their Comforter and Sanctifier, gives them the spirit of Adoption and Prayer, and performs all those gracious offices by which they are sanctified and sealed unto the day of redemption.**

--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 #299 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

## \*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 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name - Toccata and Fugue"  
Jeffrey Blersch

## 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.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee will be meeting after worship this Sunday, **October 22** in the Cairl Room.

### **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.

## **All Saints Day**

**Please submit the name of your loved ones who died this past year to the church office no later than Tuesday, October 31.** On Sunday, **November 5**, we will celebrate All Saints Day at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. It is the time when we read the names of church members and/or family members who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year. As part of the liturgy, a candle will be lit in their honor. Our music and readings will reflect the reverence of this worship service. Please invite friends and family.

## **Toledo Zoo**

A trip to the Toledo Zoo is planned this 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. One of the new features at the zoo is a five month old white tiger. Judy Chesman will be leading the group.

## **Public Luncheon**

A Public Luncheon will be held this 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. in the Library studying “Putting Jesus First” by Sarah Young with Elder Alice Kostoff as our teacher.

## **Adult Education Classes**

Next Sunday, **October 29** Pastor Annemarie and Susan Barker will introduce us to the hymns of the Reformation. We will begin to study the leaders of the Reformation movement throughout the month of November. On **November 5**, Dallas Dieckmann will begin with John Knox, a Scottish reformer who started the Presbyterian Church. Please join us!

## **Reformation Sunday**

**Next Sunday, October 29** is Reformation Sunday which this year honors 500 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door in Wittenberg, Germany. Our music, readings, and the sermon will reflect the Reformation. Please invite friends and family to this special service which marks the beginning of how we worship as a church today.

## **Thanksgiving Baskets**

Items needed to fill the 40 baskets 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. Thanks to all for supporting this Thanksgiving gift. –Ann Lux

## **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.

## **Daylight Savings Time**

Please remember to set your clocks back one hour on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** for Daylight Savings Time.

## **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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 5:17-19</b>	<b>The Law and the Prophets</b>
Monday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	The example of faith
Tuesday	Jeremiah 29:1-7	Advice to the exiles in Babylon
Wednesday	Daniel 1:3-21	Daniel in the king's court
Thursday	Romans 13:1-7	Duties towards state authorities
Friday	Isaiah 45:1-7	Cyrus serves the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 96	Sing a new song
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 22:34-46</b>	<b>Loving God and neighbor</b>

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	12:15	Nominating Committee (Cairl Room)
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Carpool at church for Toledo Zoo trip
	11:00	Prayer Shawl Meeting (Library)
	5:00	Rhythmic Ringers
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Session
	9:30	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:30	Bell Choir
THURSDAY	7:30	Choir
	10:00	No Women's Bible Study
	11:00	Public Luncheon
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
SUNDAY	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

### Staff:

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