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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.

Reformation Sunday and Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

God of mercy, have mercy on us.

God of wisdom, illumine our minds.

God of light, shine into our hearts.

Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

God of power, be our refuge,

A mighty fortress and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Amen.

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress”

Vaclav Nelhybel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

You have set your decrees and ordained your laws.

Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is truth.

Give us understanding so that we may live.

*OPENING HYMN #275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you have given us a rich and godly heritage, through the sure testimony and holy example of our mothers and fathers in the faith. But we let the light of our faith grow dim; we stray from the paths they commend to us. Forgive us. Renew us by your Holy Spirit. Fan in us a new and brighter flame of faith, that, like those who have gone before us, our words and deeds would mightily declare the good news of your salvation, given to all in 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 #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 3rd grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee
Believers Room, #159.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 46:1-3, 8-11

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Ephesians 2:4-10

NT p. 192

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SERMON

“Martin Luther and Katharina von Bora: Joined in Christ”

HYMN "Be Still, My Soul"

Jean Sibelius

Be still, my soul, and cease the reckless striving,
give up the wish to conquer and to quell;
leave to the Lord the guiding and providing,
the claim to judge, the chances to prevail.

Let go of battles of your own devising,
and let the Lord appease your thought and will.

Be still, my soul, and face the haunting worries
of changing times, of turbulence and strife;
the roaring waters and the quaking mountains,
the sense of being out of step with life.
They are much smaller than you first had thought them
and smaller still when seen against God's light.

Be still, my soul, you are the holy dwelling,
the sanctuary of the living God,
the house built on the rock of Christ's salvation,
the new creation born of word and blood;
you have been freed from life in isolation:
you are a son and daughter of your God.

Be still, my soul, and cease the empty striving,
the urge for triumph and the need for gain.
Your fear of losing is but vain and idle,
the urge to cling the source of needless pain.
Be still, my soul, and learn to be abiding
in patient trust that God will never fail.

--Annemarie Kidder, 2002; from Psalm 46

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

OFFERTORY "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir and Jeff Lewandowski, trumpet

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died, one voice, one song
we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body,
one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God
and Father of all, who is in you all.*

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:4-6, 13)

*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 reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in men as sin in the sight of God. In sin, men claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their fellow men, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.

All human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All men, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus all men fall under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the one who assumes that he is guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

God's love never changes. Against all who oppose him, God expresses his love in wrath. In the same love, God took on himself judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring men to repentance and new life.

--From The Confession of 1967, 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 #826 "Lift High the Cross"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #748 "Go With Us, Lord"

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

Johann Walther

TODAY

Reformation Sunday

Today 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 and it marks the beginning of how we worship as a church today.

About our Guest Trumpeter

We welcome to our worship leadership this morning trumpeter Jeff Lewandowski. Jeff is a native of Detroit. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Music from Grand Valley State and a Master of Music degree from San Francisco Conservatory. He has performed with numerous orchestras around the world, including the San Francisco Symphony and the Detroit Symphony, among many others. Welcome, Jeff, and thank you for playing this morning.

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 29** in the Cairl Room.

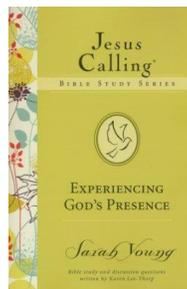
Welcome to FPC of Monroe!

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 this 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 and friends 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.

NEW Bible Study Group to start: Starting on **Wednesday, November 1 at 6 p.m.**, we will kick off a new Bible Study group. We will be studying "Experiencing God's Presence," which is part of the Jesus Calling series by Sarah Young. The group will be facilitated by Kate McCoppin and will meet weekly on Wednesday at 6 p.m. throughout the month.



Daylight Savings Time

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

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, **November 5**, we will continue to study the leaders of the Reformation movement with Dallas Dieckmann introducing us to John Knox, a Scottish reformer who started the Presbyterian Church. On **November 12**, Dallas Dieckman will introduce us to Ulrich Zwingli who helped to reform Switzerland. Please join us!

Thanksgiving Baskets

Today we will begin 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. –Ann Lux

Martha Mary Circle

Martha Mary Circle will start selling their cheese balls today, **October 29** 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 on **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.

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	Ephesians 2:4-10	From Death to Life
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	True righteousness
Wednesday	Romans 1:8-17	The gospel is the power of God
Thursday	Galatians 2:15-21	Justified through faith
Friday	Galatians 3:1-14	Works of the law or faith
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our refuge
Sunday	Matthew 23:1-12	Humble yourselves

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	12:15	Nominating Committee (Cairl Room)
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
	1:00	Sparklers
	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
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

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;

Custodian: Jewelley Peters

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Liturgist: Helyn Schroeder

Ushers: Kay & John Gawle, Liz Cunningham, Marilyn Marshall