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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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Let us wake up from being half asleep.

For God is dawning on the world like morning light.

Let us turn to the east with joy on our lips.

For God's face shines upon us and gives us peace.

PRELUDE "From God I Will Not Turn"

Dietrich Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord has dominion from sea to sea, from here to the ends of the earth.

A scepter of equity is in the Lord's hand.

The Lord rides forth to defend the truth and to destroy all falsehood.

The hand of the Lord reaches out to lift up the needy and feed the hungry.

Therefore, with joy and gladness let us come into the presence of the Lord our God.

We praise the name of the Lord with the words of our lips and the deeds of our lives.

*OPENING HYMN 35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy God, we confess our lack of love. We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We complain about others. We neglect the work of your hands in others and in ourselves. How easily we have cultivated prejudice! How quick we are to pass judgment on others while excusing our own behavior! Help us to see the log in our own eye, to amend our faults, and to ask for forgiveness daily. This we pray in and through Christ, who knows us and loves us in spite of ourselves.

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 634 "To God Be the Glory"

v.1

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory; great things he has done.*

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 19

OT p. 498-499

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Luke 7:36-50

NT p. 66-67

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SERMON

"Swept Away"

HYMN 839 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

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

OFFERTORY “The Prayer of St. Francis” Rene' Clausen

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is injury,
help me to pardon. Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith. Where there is despair,
let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let me bring light.
Where there is sorrow, let me bring joy. O Lord, master divine,
grant that I not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive and in pardoning that we are pardoned.
For in dying we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace. Amen.*

*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—

Q: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

--Question #1 from The Heidelberg Catechism (1562), Book of Confessions

BLESSING OF BLANKETS AND SCARVES

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 733 "We All Are One in Mission"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" v. 1
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE "Jig Fugue" Dietrich Buxtehude

TODAY

Guest Preacher: This morning, we welcome as our guest preacher, the Rev. Paul Simpson Duke, Ph.D., who is the co-pastor of First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor together with his wife, Stacey. He is a former seminary professor of preaching and has authored several books on the New Testament and articles in New Testament commentaries.

Dedication of Shawls and Blankets on October 8

This morning we will bless the many blankets, hats, prayer shawls, pocket prayer shawls, security dolls, and lap robes made by the women of Martha Mary Circle. The items 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.

International Potluck

After Worship, today Congregational Life is sponsoring an International Potluck. Bring a dish of your favorite International food and wear your ethnic dress. Please join us!

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.

Adult Education Classes

Next Sunday, **October 15**, Chrystal Martin, Executive Director of Family Counseling & Shelter Services will join us and on **October 22**, Renee Shaw, Executive Director of Salvation Army/Harbor Light will speak to us about their mission.

New Member Class to Start Next Sunday, October 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 starting next Sunday, **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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
Monday	Isaiah 5:1-7	A song of the vineyard
Tuesday	Philippians 3:4b-14	To know Christ
Wednesday	Hosea 2:10-16	God pursues Israel
Thursday	Colossians 2:16-23	Christ brings new life
Friday	Luke 13:6-9	Parable of the fig tree
Saturday	Psalms 80	Prayer for Israel's deliverance
Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast

Sermon Notes

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:00	International Potluck
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff
	11:00	Prayer Shawl Meeting (Library)
	5:00	Rhythmic Ringers
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Mission/Outreach Committee
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	5:00	Worship Committee
	6:30	Bell Choir
	6:30	Property
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Women's Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
	6:00	Personnel Committee
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	8:30	Deacons Meeting
	9:30	Adult Education Class-w/Family Counseling Shelter
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	12:15	New Member Class (Pastor's Office)

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
Pastors Emeriti: Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley
Liturgist: Jennifer Hueston
Ushers: Cory & Kathy Fogle, Rusty & Cathy Shorter