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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.

# Baptism of the Lord and Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

## OPENING WORDS

Turn from sin and be baptized;

**Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.**

Quitting all the sins you prized,

**yield your life to God's control.**

## PRELUDE

“Adagio”

G.F. Handel

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to the Lord all glory and praise.

**Worship the Lord from the bottom of your heart.**

The voice of the Lord hovers over the waters.

**The God of Creation thunders over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**The voice of the Lord can move mountains.**

\*OPENING HYMN #619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is righteous and just to forgive and cleanse us. Let us confess our sins together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. In baptism you have offered us the Holy Spirit. Yet we pay little heed to the Spirit's wisdom and power in us. In baptism you made us sons and daughters. Yet we act unlike those who are part of your family. Cleanse us from our sin and the disobedient word and deed. Have mercy on us and forgive how we have tainted your name and violated our adoption into your body, Christ's church.**

## 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 #373

“O Day of Peace”

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*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May  
swords of hate fall from our heads, our hearts from envy find release, till by  
God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.*

### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

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

### NOISY OFFERING

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Acts 19:1-7

NT p. 139

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Mark 1:4-11

NT p. 34-35

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

“Power from Above”

HYMN #493

“Now There Is No Male or Female”

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

OFFERTORY “Lord, When You Came to Jordan” Genevan Psalter  
*Lord, when You came to Jordan and asked to be baptized, what was your vow and vision of love and sacrifice? Was there a sudden splendor of prophets, priests, and kings, a wind that stirred the waters, a blur of mighty wings? Was this God's crowning moment of all You had become, the Spirit's power and blessing: "Go now, You are My Son?" Did scripture join with scripture in words of sharp surprise: "The Lord's Messiah shall conquer, rejected and despised"? Faith rests content with questions of when and why and how, but craves the gift of seeing what God is doing now. Lord, bring us to our Jordan of newly opened eyes, through love, immersed in living, as You were once baptized.*

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Thank you, Lord, for the seal of baptism placed upon us. You mark us as your own. We will show with our lives and by the gifts we offer that we belong to you as the children of God. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

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 #662

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.  
Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord, the Newborn King.  
In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” v. 1  
*Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.” Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

POSTLUDE

“Processional”

G.F. Handel

## TODAY

### Noisy Offering

This morning during worship we will take up the noisy offering, formerly the two cents-a-meal offering. Noisy offering invites our congregation to prayerfully contribute a few cents at each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty. Proceeds will go to the Community of Need Meal.

### Congregational Meeting

After worship there will be a congregational meeting at 12:15 p.m. to accept the final nominations for the office of deacon, elder, and nominating committee.

### Elders

#### Class of 2020

Cheryl Eder  
Jennifer Hueston  
Greg Hunter  
Alan Schroeder

#### Class of 2019

Kathy Lee

#### Class of 2018

John Chesman  
Cory Fogle

### Deacons

#### Class of 2020

Judy Chesman  
Shannon Costello  
Mary DeSloover  
Jeffrey Haman  
Ann Lux  
Brad Norwood  
Karen Sobieralski

### Nominating Committee

#### 2018 Members at Large

Dan Batista  
Kathy Fogle  
Cathy Shorter  
Anne Todd

### Deacons

The deacons, both outgoing and new, will be meeting at Panera Bread **today** at 12:30 p.m.

### **Aeolian Chorale Performs Today**

Not quite done yet with Christmas? Missed out on Christmas Eve worship due to snow and ice? Here is a chance to make up and attend a post-Christmas concert. The Aeolian Chorale will perform **today** at 4:00 p.m. Led under the direction of Marshall Dicks, the group will present choral pieces for Christmas and Epiphany. A freewill offering will be taken.

### **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.

**Bible Study on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** Come and join us for Bible Study.

### **Adult Education Classes**

We have started a three-week series on Baptism (the Lord's and Our's), Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and Spiritual Gifts with Tom Bajkiewicz facilitating. Please join us!

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Library.

### **Socialites**

The Socialites will be meeting on Saturday, **January 20**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to all widows, widowers, and other singles.

### **Ordination/Installation of Officers**

Next Sunday, **January 21** we will be ordaining and installing our new officers for the year.

### **Year End Reports**

The deadline to submit your year-end reports to the church office for the Annual Report is Monday, **January 29**.

### **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.

## Winter Room Use

Please remember to turn down the thermostat after your meetings to save energy.

## Sermons

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

## Pledge cards

Please remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it in the offering plate. Blank pledge cards are available in the narthex, from the ushers, or in the church office. Thank you very much!

## Offering Envelopes

If you would like a box of offering envelopes for your pledges please pickup outside the church office by the table.

## 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>John 1:43-51</b>	<b>Jesus calls Philip and Nathaneal</b>
Monday	1 Samuel 3:1-20	The call of Samuel
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Honor God with your body
Wednesday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Thursday	Genesis 28:10-17	God blesses Jacob
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Called to be saints
Saturday	Psalms 139	The Lord knows us well
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 1:14-20</b>	<b>Jesus calls disciples</b>

### 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:** Sean Farris  
**Pastors Emeriti:** Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley  
**Liturgist:** Dale DeSloover  
**Ushers:** Cory and Kathy Fogle; Rusty and Cathy Shorter

## Sermon Notes

### THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Congregational Meeting
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:30	Deacons meeting at Panera Bread
	4:00	Aeolian Concert Chorale
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (Library)
	5:00	Rhythmic Ringers
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	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
SATURDAY	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship (Installation of Officers)
	12:15	Fellowship Potluck (Fellowship Hall)