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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.

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

## Ordination and Installation of Officers

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

### OPENING WORDS

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be.

**You have drawn me to your presence, you have set your seal on me.**

### PRELUDE

“Adagio in B Flat”

Tomaso Albinoni

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

**and we have seen his glory.**

To all who received him,

**he gave power to become children of God.**

We have found the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

**We have seen him active in our own lives and we want to tell about him.**

\*OPENING HYMN #41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**“Follow me,” Jesus says. And we hesitate. “Follow me,” Jesus says again, “for I want to make you fishers of people.” But we prefer not to follow. We don't want to catch others for his kingdom. We want to do our own thing. God, helps us to be caught by you. Make us swim toward your quiet pond of freedom. For when we are in your net, we are safe. And when you catch us, we can freely share who we are beholden to. Deliver us, O God, from our head-strong wills. And grant us the willingness to be caught up by your word and your ways. We want to feel safe again, Lord, and you are our safety net, our guardian, and deliverer.**

### 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”      v.1

*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.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 62:5-12

OT p. 526-527

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Mark 1:14-20

NT p. 35

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      “Follow Me”

HYMN #463      “How Firm a Foundation”

# ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

## 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

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

## PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

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

OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Douglas Wagner

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my  
light.*

*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me,  
Lord; thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling and I with thee  
one.*

*Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's  
Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord, take our life and let it be consecrated to you; take our gifts, our talents,  
our all. Receive it that it may give glory to your holy name, through Christ our  
Lord. 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 #697                      “Take My Life”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” v. 2  
*Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.” That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.*

POSTLUDE                      “Marche en Rondeau”                      Marc-Antoine Charpentier

## **TODAY**

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

This morning we will be ordaining and installing our new officers for the year.

### **Potluck and Hymn Sign after Worship**

There will be a potluck and a hymn sing in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

**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.

### **Year End Reports**

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

### **Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for items for the February newsletter is this **Friday, January 26**.

### **Wooster College Concert**

Please sign up in the narthex to be a host parent for a member of the Wooster College Choir who will be performing here on Tuesday, **March 20** at 7:00 p.m. For questions please see Ann Orwin.

### **Thoughts and Prayers**

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family and friends of long-time member Todd Roy Thompson who joined the Church Triumphant last Saturday, January 13.

## **Deacon Meal Request**

The Deacons arrange meals for members who are recovering from illness or hospitalization. If you are willing to provide a meal, please sign up in the CE Lobby or call the church. Thank you.

## **Gifts of the Heart**

Please use the pink envelope you will find in your pew on **February 11** to honor or remember your favorite Valentines. The Gifts of the Heart donations are used by your Deacons to support the members of our congregation with cards, flowers, etc.

## **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>Mark 1:14-20</b>	<b>Jesus calls disciples</b>
Monday	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Jonah goes to Nineveh
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Live without anxiety in daily life
Wednesday	Genesis 12:1-9	God calls Abram
Thursday	Mark 3:13-19	Jesus appoints the twelve
Friday	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Live the life assigned to you
Saturday	Psalms 62:5-12	God is powerful and kind
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 1:21-28</b>	<b>Jesus teaches in the synagogue</b>

**Sermon Notes**

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Potluck & Hymn Sing (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting (Library)
	5:00	Rhythmic Ringers
	7:00	Session
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		Newsletter Deadline
	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship

### 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:** Cheryl Eder  
**Ushers:** Bill Barnes, Mark Eby, Jim Crammond, Helyn Schroeder