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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.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**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

“Deep River”

Spiritual, arr. Adolphus Hailstork

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

This Holy God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Let us sing a song of joy to the One who saves us.

We will sing and shout aloud for God is here!

*OPENING HYMN #409 “God is Here!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you are our light and our salvation. Do not turn away from us! We confess to having turned away from you—distracted by chores and obligations, reluctant to follow your lead, and reticent to living in obedience to your Law and to make sacrifices on your behalf. O God, prick us, startle us, and deflate our ego.

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 3rd grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 111

OT p. 562-563

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Mark 1:21-28

NT p. 35

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Speaking Truth”

HYMN #172 “Blest Are They”

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

OFFERTORY “Can I Ride?” Spiritual, arr. Kirby Shaw

If I got my ticket, Lord, can I ride? Ride away to heaven in the morning. I heard the sound of the gospel train. Now don't you want to get on board? Yes, that's my aim. Standing at the station and I'll patiently wait to see the train a-coming and she's never late. Lord, I've been running and my race is won; Lord, I got my ticket and my work's all done. I'm waiting at the station for that heavenly sign; time to get on board or you'll be left behind. If I got my ticket, Lord, can I ride? Ride away to heaven in the morning.

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Take, Lord, what is yours. Take our will, our mind, our heart and transform us into a people who walk with you as your earthly followers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

--The Apostles' Creed

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 #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.

TODAY**Guest Preacher this morning**

We welcome to our pulpit Kathie Budesky, IHM, a native Detroit, graduated from Loyola University of Chicago with majors in History and Theology. She holds Masters Degrees in History (University of Illinois at Chicago) and in Religious Studies/Spirituality (Mundelein College). For many years, Kathie taught Religious Studies and was Department Chair at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago where she was also the Director of Adult Faith Development. In addition, Kathie served as Principal at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis and at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, MI. In the fall of 2010, she was a Staff Associate in the Ignatian Program in Spiritual Direction and Retreat Ministry at Loyola House, Guelph, Ontario.

About today's music: Having recently celebrated Martin Luther King Jr's birthday, today's organ and choral music celebrates the great repertoire of the American spiritual. The main theme of all spirituals is a longing for freedom from bondage. The language was cloaked in words about trains, and chariots to heaven, and deep rivers, etc., but they were really all about the Underground Railroad and getting to the North.

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.

Year End Reports

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

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

Next Sunday, **February 4**, we will start a four-week series based on the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes with Winnie Findley facilitating. Please join us to hear about the everlasting keys to happiness!

Lenten Study

The following are the dates and times for the upcoming Lenten Studies which will start the week of Sunday, **February 18**:

Sunday at 12:30 p.m. with Dallas and Donna Dieckmann

Monday at 12:00 p.m. with Cindy Morgan

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with Kate McCoppin

Thursday at 10:00 a.m. with Alice Kostoff

Thursday at 5:00 p.m. with Laurie Hoffman

Please sign up in the Narthex and invite a friend for this special time!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, **February 10** at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the CE Lobby and invite a friend.

Annual Meeting and Mardi Gras Potluck

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, **February 11** at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After the meeting concludes we will have a Mardi Gras Theme Potluck. Congregational Life will be providing loaded baked potatoes. Please join us and bring a dish to pass.

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 Shawl Ministry

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

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.

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.

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.

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: Eugene Haman

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler, Randy Stiffler, George Kostoff

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	Mark 1:21-28	Jesus teaches in the synagogue
Monday	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Treat everyone with justice
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Love builds up others
Wednesday	Matthew 7:24-29	Jesus teaches with authority
Thursday	John 14:23-31	Obeying Jesus' teaching
Friday	Joshua 1:6-9	The Lord speaks to Joshua
Saturday	Psalms 111	Praise for God's wonderful works
Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
MONDAY		Deadline for Year End reports for Annual Meeting due today
	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
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship (Communion)
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:30	Lenten Study Training Session