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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.

# Epiphany and Communion Sunday

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

## OPENING WORDS

Peace on earth and mercy mild.

**God and sinners reconciled!**

Joyful, all ye nations rise,

**join the triumph of the skies.**

Hark, the herald angels sing:

**“Glory to the newborn king!”**

## PRELUDE

“Gesù Bambino”

Pietro Yon

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

People, arise! Your light has come.

**The Word became flesh and lives among us.**

and we have seen his glory.

**Praise the Lord! Let the Lord’s name be praised!**

## \*OPENING HYMN #151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

## 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

**Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. But we have ignored this shining light. We have turned from the path and taken our eyes off the one who could guide us. We have measured justice on our own terms. We have judged others. We have become a law unto ourselves. Forgive us for being preoccupied with our own dreams and with our point of view. Wake us up and make us look up. We seek your light anew through your Son Christ Jesus 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 #143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” v.1 only

*Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; you who  
sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth: come and worship, come  
and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

### 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 29

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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#### SECOND READING – Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### SERMON “Home by Another Way”

HYMN #152 “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?”



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with choirs of angels  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

## 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal  
he has prepared for us.*

## COMMUNION PRAYER

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life.  
**May we who drink his cup bring life to others.**  
May we whom the Spirit indwells be life-giving to others.  
**So Christ will be in all and through all, now and forever. Amen!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #150                      "As With Gladness Men of Old"

## \*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 #136      “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”      v. 1 only  
*While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night, behold,  
throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Go, tell it on the mountain, over  
the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

POSTLUDE      “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”      arr. Elmore

## **TODAY**

### **About Today’s Musicians**

We welcome Sarah Albright, our organist this morning, to our service. Sarah Albright lives in Ann Arbor where she has taught piano and been music director in local churches for over 30 years. She is now retired from church music duties and enjoys substitute work in area churches.

### **Poinsettia Pick-Up**

Please remember to pick up your poinsettia from the church sanctuary.

### **Unhanging of the Greens**

After worship this morning, we will take down the Christmas decorations. Please stay after church to help. A light lunch will be provided.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee will be meeting at 12:15 p.m. after worship.

### **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**

Next Sunday, **January 14** we are starting 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!

## **Martha Mary Circle**

Tomorrow's **January 8** meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 12th at 1:00 P.M. at the manse.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

On Saturday, **January 13** at 8:30 a.m. there will be a Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sheet in the CE Lobby. Join us to pray for our families, our church, and our civic government leaders.

## **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting on **January 14** at 12:15 p.m. to accept the final nominations for the office of deacon, elder, and nominating committee.

## **Deacons**

The deacons, both outgoing and new, will be meeting at Panera Bread on **January 14**, at 12:30 p.m.

## **Aeolian Chorale Performs January 14**

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 on **Sunday, January 14 at 4:00 pm**. Led under the direction of Marshall Dicks, the group will present choral pieces for Christmas and Epiphany. A freewill offering will be taken.

## **Noisy Offering**

Next Sunday, **January 14**, 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.

## **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.

## **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 help conserve 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 come to the church office for pickup.



## **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 1:4-11</b>	<b>Baptism of Christ</b>
Monday	Genesis 1:1-5	The first day in all creation
Tuesday	Acts 19:1-7	Baptism into Christ
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:3-9	New birth into a living hope
Thursday	Luke 3:15-22	Baptism of Christ
Friday	Romans 6:1-5	Dying and rising with Christ
Saturday	Psalms 29	The great God over all creation
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 1:43-51</b>	<b>Jesus calls Philip and Nathaneal</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:** Laurie Hoffman  
**Ushers:** Carol Rabun, Kim Hooper, Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Unhanging of the Greens
	12:15	Nominating Committee
MONDAY	1:00	Martha Mary Circle (Cairl Room)
	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry 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
	6:00	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30	Property Committee
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study (Cairl Room)
	6:00	Personnel Committee
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship (Noisy Offering)
	12:15	Congregational Meeting
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:30	Deacons meeting at Panera Bread
	4:00	Aeolian Concert Chorale

**Sermon Notes**



*F. Marshall Dicks, Director  
David V. Hufford, Accompanist*

# *A Post Christmas Christmas Concert*

*Christmas & Epiphany Music*

**Sunday, January 14, 2018, 4:00 P.M.**

**First Presbyterian Church  
108 Washington Street  
Monroe, Michigan**

**Free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.**

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