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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.

# Transfiguration of the Lord

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

## OPENING WORDS

Your word is a lamp unto our feet

**It is a light unto our path.**

Teach us your statutes, O Lord.

**Help us to meditate on what you ordain.**

Take delight in the Lord's commands!

**We shall take them to heart and live by what they say.**

## PRELUDE

“It is Well with My Soul”

Philip Bliss/arr. Bill Ingram

*Sanctus Handbell Choir*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us praise God, who gives living water.

**People: Like trees planted by the water are those who trust you.**

Leader: Like trees with deep roots are those who place their faith in you.

**People: Like green trees in winter are those who receive their life from you.**

**All: We praise you, God, for life has no end, through Jesus our risen Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN #667 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sinner and restore the disordered mind and heart and soul. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your ways. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We are misled by selfish desires, for we fail to seek the greater good. We are misled by false authorities, for we place greater stock in the voices all around than in the voice that is your Son's. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness and make us whole in body, mind, and spirit through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

## 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 #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” v.1

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.*

*There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.*

*There's no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.*

*There's no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

### 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 119:1-8

OT p. 566

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Mark 9:2-9

NT p. 44

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Preview”

HYMN #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”



\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #172 “Blest Are They”

v. 4

*Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.*

*Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.*

*Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!*

*Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.*

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in Eb”

J.S. Bach

## TODAY

### **Annual Meeting and Lunch**

After worship, our annual meeting will be at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After the meeting concludes Congregational Life will be providing loaded baked potatoes and salad. Please join us!

### **Gifts of the Heart**

Please use the pink envelope you will find in your pew this morning, **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.

### **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 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!



### **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service this Wednesday, **February 14** at 7:00 p.m. This will be a communion service with the imposition of ashes.

Please join us as we begin the season of Lent.

## **Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

Fellowship after Worship will return to Boyd Chapel starting next Sunday, **February 18** at 12:15 p.m.

## **Lenten Study**

The following are the dates and times for the upcoming Lenten Studies which will start next 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!

## **Martha Mary Circle**

The Martha Mary Circle will be meeting on Monday, **February 12** at 1:00 p.m. at the Manse. Diane Adams has kindly invited us.

## **Socialites**

The Socialites will be meeting on **February 17** at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cabbage rolls and stuffed peppers will be on the menu.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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

## **Pastoral Care**

Pastor Annemarie will be out of the office beginning February 18 through February 26. She will return on Tuesday, **February 27**. For immediate pastoral care needs during that time, please call the church office or the moderator of deacons, Ann Lux.

## **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.

### **Per Capita Due**

This month we are expected to pay one-half of the per capita fee to Presbytery. This year the assessment is \$31.00 per member. That amount is considered our share to support the Maumee Valley Presbytery, PCUSA, and their various programs. Please consider supporting these programs by paying the per capita fee. Thank you.

### **Memorial Service for Joanne Romoser**

Services have been set for long-time member, Joanne Romoser who joined the Church Triumphant on January 27. A memorial service will be held here at the church on Saturday, **March 10** at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon following. We extend our Christian sympathies to her family and friends.

### **Wooster College Concert**

Thank you to everyone who will be a host parent for a member of the Wooster College Choir. The Choir will be performing here on Tuesday, **March 20** at 7:00 p.m. For questions, please see Susan Barker.

### **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.

### **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:** Helyn Schroeder  
**Ushers:** Cory and Kathy Fogle; Rusty and Cathy Shorter

### **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 9:2-9</b>	<b>The transfiguration of Jesus</b>
Monday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah is taken into heaven
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Proclaiming Jesus as Lord
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-21	The practice of faith
Thursday	Proverbs 8:32-35	Listen to God
Friday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Return to the Lord your God
Saturday	Psalms 50:1-6	God shines brightly
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 1:9-15</b>	<b>Temptation of Jesus</b>

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Annual Meeting w/ Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY	1:00	Martha Mary Circle (Manse)
	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	No Bible Study (Library)
	6:30	No Bell Choir
	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)</b>
	7:30	No 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
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:30	Deacons Meeting
	12:30	Lenten Study-Dallas and Donna Dieckmann

## **Sermon Notes**