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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.

# First Sunday in Lent

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

## OPENING WORDS

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceitful speech.

**Turn from evil and do good.**

Seek peace and pursue it.

**For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer.**

## PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Sandra Eithun

*Rhythmic Ringers-Charlotte Frary, Director*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the hour that the Lord has made.

**And we will seek him here with our whole heart.**

Let us worship with gladness.

**We gladly worship and praise our God!**

\*OPENING HYMN #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God of wonder and beauty and wisdom, you surprise us daily with your good gifts. You teach us humility, but we choose pride. You teach us forgiveness, but we hang on to grudges. You teach us to give in, but we hold on and insist on having it our way. When we feel offended, we retaliate. When we are admonished, we do not amend our ways. When we are confronted with evil, we do not pray to you immediately. Forgive us our foolish ways and our wayward hearts. Remind us of the better way, so we become the bearers and living sign posts of your coming reign.**

## 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 #172

“Blest Are They”

v.1 (sing twice)

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.*

*Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.*

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

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

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 119:33-40

OT p. 567

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING — Mark 1:9-15

NT p. 34-35

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Lenten Lessons”

HYMN #313

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

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

OFFERTORY         “God Will Provide a Lamb”                             Sally DeFord  
                           Isaiah and Elizabeth Brockman, Duet  
   Amanda Brockman, Pianist

*What shall I set upon the altar? Where is my offering for sin? When I stray from His side, when I wander, how shall I return to God again? What shall I set upon the altar? I who must come with empty hands? With only my empty heart to offer, God will provide a Lamb. Sing, oh my soul, and praise His kindness; Sing for His gift of matchless love; sing for the goodness of the Lamb of God, who makes my simple offering enough. Humbly I seek Him at the altar, poor and unworthy as I am, with only my broken heart to offer, God will provide a Lamb.*

\*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 and rejoice in being your followers, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 #707                     “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE                     “St Anthony Chorale”                             Johannes Brahms  
*(During the solemn season of Lent, the postludes will be more stately than celebratory.)*

## **TODAY**

### **Guest Preacher this morning**

We welcome to our pulpit Kathie Budesky, IHM, who returns to our pulpit. She is the Director of Visitation North Bloomfield Hills, MI.

### **Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

Please join us for fellowship in Boyd Chapel after worship today.

### **Lenten Study**

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

### **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.

### **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!

### **Trip to Milford**

This Wednesday, **February 21** Pastor Annemarie will be leading a retreat in Milford. The topic is Mary Magdalene. We will be carpooling and leaving the church at 8:15 a.m. If interested, please let Alice Kostoff know.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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.

### **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:** Alice Kostoff

**Ushers:** Bill Barnes, Jim Crammond, David Nielson, Helyn Schroeder

## **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 1:9-15</b>	<b>Temptation of Jesus</b>
Monday	Genesis 9:8-17	God's promise to Noah
Tuesday	1 Peter 3:18-22	Suffering for doing right
Wednesday	Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus' temptation
Thursday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant
Friday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	God will provide a way out
Saturday	Psalms 25:1-10	Prayer for guidance
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 8:31-38</b>	<b>Jesus predicts his death</b>

## **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15	Deacons Meeting
	12:30	Lenten Study (Library)
MONDAY	12:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	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	Lenten Study (Library)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
	10:00	Bible Study (Cairl Room)
	5:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	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
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:30	Lenten Study-Dallas and Donna Dieckmann

## **Sermon Notes**