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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.

# Second Sunday in Lent

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

## OPENING WORDS

Create in me a pure heart, O God,

**And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation

**And grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.**

## PRELUDE

“Chorale in A Minor-Adagio”

Cesar Franck

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.**

\*OPENING HYMN #620 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal ruler of all, you have made us citizens of your glorious realm and given us a place in your house. Yet we live as though your table were bare and your promises empty. Quicken us to believe your words of promise; open our eyes to the goodness and bounty of our inheritance in Christ. Teach us to live as children of heaven, trusting fully the goodness of your rule, the greatness of your power, and the extravagance of your love.**

## 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 2

OT p. 489

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

SECOND READING — Mark 8:31-38

NT p. 44

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**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Take Up Your Cross”

HYMN #735 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

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

OFFERTORY

“When Jesus Wept”

Peter Paul Olejar

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

\*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.**

\*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*

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 #720

“Jesus Calls Us”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE                    “Allegro ma non troppo”                    Cesar Franck  
*(During the solemn season of Lent, the postludes will be more stately than celebratory.)*

## **TODAY**

### **Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

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

### **Lenten Study**

The Lenten Studies are underway and meeting on these days:

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 join us any week!

### **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**

Next Sunday, **March 4** we will start a four-week series based on Bible Stories with Alice Kostoff facilitating. Please join us!

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Library. See you on **March 13**.

### **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 Chorus. The Chorus will be performing here on Tuesday, **March 20** at 7:00 p.m. Founded in 1964, the Wooster Chorus is comprised of students representing all academic areas within The College of Wooster's liberal arts program. Three-time finalists and a 2017 Honorable Mention for the American Prize in Collegiate Choral Performance, the Chorus has been praised for its beautiful sound, high level of artistry, and engaging performances. Please come to enjoy the music and bring a friend!

## **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:** Mary Ann Hooper  
**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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 8:31-38</b>	<b>Jesus predicts his death</b>
Monday	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Sign of the covenant
Tuesday	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise realized thru faith
Wednesday	Mark 9:30-37	The Son of Man betrayed
Thursday	Matthew 16:1-26	Taking up the cross
Friday	Mark 10:32-45	Jesus again predicts his death
Saturday	Psalms 22:23-31	Suffering and praise
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 2:13-22</b>	<b>Jesus cleanses the temple</b>

## **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:30	Lenten Study (Library)
MONDAY	12:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:00	Rhythmic Ringers
	7:00	Session
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	6:30	Bell Choir
THURSDAY	7:30	Choir
	10:00	Lenten Study (Cairl Room)
	5:00	Lenten Study (Library)
FRIDAY	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
SATURDAY	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
	9:00	Retreat (Boyd Chapel)
SUNDAY	11:00	Schroeder Shower (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship (Communion)
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:30	Lenten Study (Library)

## **Sermon Notes**