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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.

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany and Communion Sunday

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

## OPENING WORDS

This is what the Lord says:

“Maintain justice and do what is right;

**For my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.”**

Blessed are those who do this.

**Blessed are those who listen to Me.**

## PRELUDE

“Sonata No. 2-Adagio”

Felix Mendelssohn

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You are the light of the world.

**People: We carry in our bodies the light of the world.**

Leader: You are the salt of the earth.

**People: We are filled with a passion to do what is right.**

Leader: Let your light shine before others.

**People: We can because the Lord strengthens us and gives us light and life.**

\*OPENING HYMN #744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Lord, you sealed us as your own by the waters of baptism. You placed on us your stamp. You put into us your light. We are called to live for you and make you our goal and aim. But we resist your call. We pursue our own desires. We manufacture our personal goals. And we are fearful of your claim upon our life. Forgive us for seeking to justify our refusal to heed your call. Stir us up by your Spirit to embrace the mission of Jesus Christ, which is our mission, namely to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, and to proclaim the good news that God lives among us.**

## 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 11:1-7

OT p. 494

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING — Mark 1:29-39

NT p. 35

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Casting out Demons”

HYMN #738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”



**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 #503                   “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

#### \*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

“Sonata No. 2-Allegro Maestoso”

Felix Mendelssohn

## **TODAY**

### **Communion Sunday**

This morning we will be observing Holy Communion. The bread is symbolic to the body of Christ and the drink represents the blood of Christ which was shed to cover all sins. Jesus explained these symbols to his disciples in the Upper Room during the Last Supper. Please join us as we partake of the Lord's Supper this morning!

### **Lenten Study Training Session**

After worship this morning Pastor Annemarie will facilitate a training session with the leaders of the Lenten Studies in the Cairl Room.

### **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!

### **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 this 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 Lunch**

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, **February 11** 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 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.

### **Ash Wednesday**

There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, **February 14** at 7:00 p.m. This will be a communion service with the imposition of ashes. Please join us and we begin the season of Lent.

### **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 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.

### **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:** Shannon Costello  
**Ushers:** Carol Rabun, Kim Hooper, Gary & Jo-Ann Follbaum

## **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 1:29-39</b>	<b>Jesus heals many people</b>
Monday	Isaiah 40:21-31	The Lord gives strength
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	The rights of an apostle
Wednesday	Isaiah 35:3-10	God is coming to heal you
Thursday	Matthew 8:5-17	Jesus heals in Capernaum
Friday	Luke 6:12-19	Jesus spends a night in prayer
Saturday	Psalms 147	Praise the Lord
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 9:2-9</b>	<b>The transfiguration of Jesus</b>



## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
	12:30	Lenten Study Training Session
MONDAY	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	Sparklers
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00	Personnel
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study (Cairl Room)
	1:00	Friends in Council (Cairl Room)
	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
	9:30	"Enneagram" with Pastor Annemarie (Visitation North)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Annual Meeting with Loaded Baked potatoes following