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Presbyterian

Church of Monroe

April 1, 2018; 11:00 AM

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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.

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday and Communion Sunday

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

PRELUDE

“A Joyful Alleluia”

Cynthia Dobrinski

OPENING WORDS

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen for us today.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

BRASS PRELUDE

“St. Anthony Chorale”

Johannes Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

my flesh faints for you, and in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary; beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, I will lift up my hands and call upon your name.

*OPENING HYMN #232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

READING OF THE DECALOGUE (The Law of God)

Exodus 20:1-17

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

We confess to you, Lord, our self-indulgent appetites, our using of other people, our envy of those more fortunate than us. Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done, so that we may go and sin no more.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579 “Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION #619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” v. 1

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God’s praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children 3rd grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

OT p. 176

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Mark 16:1-8

NT p. 54-55

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Egg Hunt”

HYMN #240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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

OFFERTORY “Risen Alleluia!” Allen Pote
Christ is risen, risen alleluia! He is risen from the dead. Christ is risen, risen alleluia! He is risen as he said. Alleluia! Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle won. The victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun, alleluia. The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead; all glory to our risen Head, alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, he is risen, alleluia, alleluia!

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, full of compassion, I commit and offer myself to you, in whom I am and live and think. Be the goal of my pilgrimage and a rest stop by the wayside. My soul takes refuge in you. And my heart sings your praises with what I give to you. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen. From the *Book of Common Worship*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, 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

In the breaking of the bread we recognize that the Lord is among us.

In the drinking of the cup we participate in his death.

Each day we die a little to our old and sinful self.

Each day we are made alive a little more in Christ.

We truly are what we eat.

And we act on what we believe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #245

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

TODAY

Brass Quartet: Eliana Charnock and Stephanie Britton, trumpets, and Desean Rouser and Daniel Snow, trombones

One Great Hour of Sharing

Please use the envelope in your pew for the One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering is one of the largest ecumenical offerings and supports peoples all across the globe who live in poverty and conflict.

Fellowship in Boyd Chapel

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

2018 Church Directory

We are updating our Church Directory. Please submit any updates to the church office by this Sunday, **April 1**.

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.

Enneagram

Pastor Annemarie's seminar on the Enneagram at Visitation North Spirituality Center in Bloomfield Hills, MI has been rescheduled to this Saturday, **April 7** at 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and in the CE Lobby.

Adult Education Classes

Mission Emphasis in April

During the month of April, all adult education programs during the 9:30 a.m. hour will focus on mission and mission agencies in the Cairl Room. We will kick off the series on April 8 (after Easter Sunday, which falls on April 1).

Here then are the programs:

April 8: Family Counseling and Shelter Services of Monroe with Executive Director Crystal Martin. The agency sponsors programs related to domestic violence and broken family relations; in addition, they run a shelter for women and children.

April 15: Bed Ministry Program with members of the Board; an overview of its history, ministry, and mission.

April 22: MCOP with Executive Director Stephanie Kasprzak. The agency offers programs intended to reduce poverty and homelessness, along with providing support to senior citizens.

April 29: Oaks of Righteousness/Victory Village with Pastor Heather Boone. The church runs a homeless shelter and provides additional services to reduce homelessness.

Martha Mary Circle

The next meeting of the Martha Mary Circle is Monday, **April 9** at 1:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room.

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 **April 10**.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sheet in the CE Lobby.

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. Information shared is confidential!

Per Capita Due

As of February 27, we have received \$1,436.00 in per capita fees. For those who have met this commitment of \$31.00 we thank you. Our total commitment to Presbytery is \$8,798.32.

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

Liturgists: Maryann Hooper and Mark Baker

Ushers: Carol Rabun; Kim Hooper; Gary and 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.

Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	The tomb is empty
Monday	John 20:1-18	Jesus is risen!
Tuesday	Isaiah 25:6-9	God wipes away all tears
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Witnesses to the resurrection
Thursday	Acts 10:34-43	The gospel is for all
Friday	John 11:1-27	Jesus is the resurrection and the life
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	A song of victory
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Jesus appears to the disciples



Easter Flowers

(Please feel free to take your plant home after the Worship Service)



Presented by:

Anne Todd

George and Alice Kostoff

Kim and Maryanne Hooper

Charlotte Frary

Ronald and Ruby Pope

Mark Baker

David and Chris Todd

Randy Stiffler

Bob and Nancy Douglas

Sara Jones

Jim and Sue Heisler

Liz Cunningham

In Loving Memory Of:

McKenzie Orde

Caralee Stevens Hoffmeyer

Leona Todd

Stuart and Wanda Todd

Robert Todd

George and Jean Kostoff

Vernon and Harriet Dahl

Marie, Dale and Virginia Hooper

Bud and Bonnie Allison

Kay Wise

Ted and Edna Meline

Joan and Mac McClain

Mr. and Mrs. William Pope

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haynes

Peggy Baker

Stan and Barb Czaniewski

Charlie and Wilma Hall

Vernon and Loris Stevens

(Grandparents of David Todd)

Leo C. and Helen Liedel

Russell Boudrie

(Grandparents to Chris Todd)

Richard Stiffler

Jr. and Ana Flack

Bob and Marge Cornoyer

Todd Thompson

Claudette Goff

Dale and Arlene Douglas

Frank and Wilma Taylor

Loved Ones

Our Parents

Don Corfman



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Presented by:

Frank and Karen Sobieralski

Kim and Maryanne Hooper

Randy Stiffler

Sara Jones

In Honor Of:

Sue Croxley

Lenore Bucks

The Jeff Hooper family

The Ryan Reynolds family

Linda Stiffler

Loved Ones

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Rhythmic Ringers
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	1:00	Sparklers
	6:00	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	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	12:30	Enneagram Seminar with Annemarie at Visitation North Spirituality Center in Bloomfield Hills, MI
SUNDAY	8:30	Deacons Meeting
	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship

Sermon Notes