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Church of Monroe

March 11, 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.

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

## OPENING WORDS

Blessed are you who are poor.

**For yours is the kingdom of God.**

Blessed are you who hunger now.

**For you shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are you who weep now,

**For you shall laugh.**

## PRELUDE

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” American Folk Hymn, arr. J. Krug  
*Sanctus Handbell Choir*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all the faithful offer prayers to God! In times of distress, trouble shall not overtake us.

**You are a hiding place for us, O God. You preserve us and show us the way.**

Pray always and be glad.

**for sustaining love surrounds those who trust in God.**

\*OPENING HYMN #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of steadfast mercy, we have kept silence when we should have confessed our sin. We have hidden ourselves, when we should have acknowledged our shame. Even as we have denied our weakness, our strength has shriveled to nothing. Still you receive us as we call upon you, forgive us as we confess to you, and renew us as we trust in you. Be our hiding place, our secure refuge in times of distress, and we will praise you with glad songs of deliverance.**

## 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 #286 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

## 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 – Numbers 21:4-9

OT p. 139

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

### SECOND READING – John 3:14-21

NT p. 94

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

## SERMON “Coming to the Light”

## HYMN #280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

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

OFFERTORY            “God So Loved the World”            John Helgen  
*God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that all who would believe in him should never die but have everlasting life. God did not send his son that the world might be condemned, but that the world through him might be saved. God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that all who would believe in him should never die but have everlasting life.*

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord, take our life and let it be consecrated to you. Take our gifts and our talents. Receive them for your glory and for the building of your heavenly kingdom on earth, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

--Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

THE LORD’S PRAYER-A DRAMA

Charlotte Frary, Alice Kostoff

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 #361            “O Christ, the Great Foundation”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Toccata in A Minor”

Jan Pieter Sweelinck

*(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 11:00 a.m. with Cindy Morgan (time change)

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 Intergenerational**

Next Sunday, **March 18** will be the third part of our four-week series based on Bible Stories with Alice Kostoff facilitating. This is open to children, youth, and adults. Please join us in the Cairl Room.

### **Easter Flower Order Form Attached**

Please make your order for Easter flowers soon!! Orders and enclosed check must be received by Sunday, **March 25**.

### **Sparklers**

Just for this month on **March 14** at 1:00 p.m., the Sparklers will be dusting and polishing the Sanctuary a week later than usual. With Wooster College Choir, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter all at the end of the month, we want it to be *sparkling*! Please come to help.

## **Irish Jig Dinner**

The Saturday Night Socialites would like to invite the whole congregation to join them for an Irish Jig Dinner on Saturday, **March 17** at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be games and fellowship.

## **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!

## **Wooster College Choir Reception**

After the performance of the Wooster College Chorus a reception will follow in Boyd Chapel on **March 20**. We are asking for your help to provide two dozen cookies or bars for that social time. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex or the CE Lobby. Then please come, bring a friend, and enjoy a wonderful night of music!

## **2018 Church Directory**

We are updating our Church Directory. Please let us know if you have any updates to your contact information by **April 1**.

## **Enneagram**

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

## **Lost!**

Somewhere around the church, a plain white 4x6 unmarked envelope containing an old passport was lost. If found, drop off at or call the church office, (734) 242-1545 to leave your name for a reward.

## **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**.

**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**

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

**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.

# Easter Flower Order Form



**Easter is just around the corner!  
It's time to order flowers for the season!**

**The following flower varieties will be available:**

***Easter Lily***

**1 Stem - \$8.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Stem - \$13.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**3 Stem - \$17.50** \_\_\_\_\_

***Tulips***

**\$7.50** \_\_\_\_\_

***Hyacinths***

**\$7.50** \_\_\_\_\_

Orders along with your check must be received by **Sunday, March 25**, and will be ordered on **Monday, March 26**. Please fill out the order form in the bulletin or call Sara in the office at 734-242-1545 to order. Please feel free to take your plant home after the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service on Sunday, April 1.

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_



### **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:** Charlotte Frary  
**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>John 3:14-21</b>	<b>God so loved the world</b>
Monday	Numbers 21:4-9	The serpent of bronze
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:1-10	Faith is a gift from God
Wednesday	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
Thursday	Isaiah 12:1-6	Thanks to God, our Savior
Friday	Galatians 2:15-21	Saved through faith in Christ
Saturday	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Thanksgiving for deliverance
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 12:20-33</b>	<b>The grain of wheat that dies</b>

## THIS WEEK

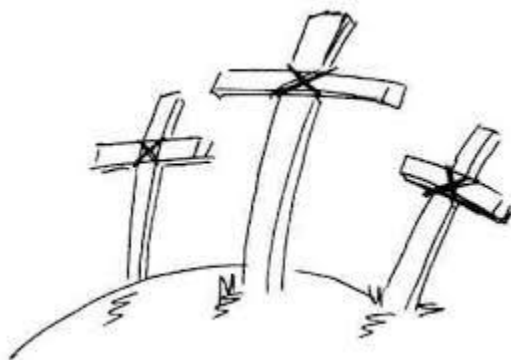
SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:30	Lenten Study (Library)
MONDAY	11:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	1:00	Martha Mary Circle
	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Rhythmic Ringers
	2:00	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Mission and Outreach Committee
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	1:00	Sparklers
	5:00	Worship Committee
	6:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	6:30	Property
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Lenten Study (Cairl Room)
	5:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	6:00	Personnel
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	5:30	Socialites (Irish Jig Dinner)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:30	Lenten Study (Library)

## **Sermon Notes**

# Holy Week and Easter Worship Services 2018

"We warmly invite you to join us at the First Presbyterian Church of Monroe for a celebration of Christ's resurrection and his saving power. Jesus says, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples' (Matt. 28:18-19a). If you are a disciple of our Lord and wish to follow him, please offer him your presence in worship."

--Annemarie S. Kidder, Pastor



**March 29 at 7 p.m.--Maundy Thursday with Communion**  
followed by the stripping of the church

**March 30 at 7 p.m.--Ecumenical Good Friday Service with  
Massed Choirs of Various Area Churches** involving  
scriptures, hymns, anthems, and the dramatic dimming of lights

**April 1 at 11 a.m.--Easter Celebration with Communion,**  
both Chancel and Bell choirs and a brass quartet

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