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Presbyterian

Church of Monroe

March 18, 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.

Fifth 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

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. Tim Doran

Charlotte Frary, Bells and Janet Spence, Flute

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord entered into covenant with Abraham and Sarah.

And not only with them, but also with us.

At times they doubted because of their age.

And at times we doubt because of our sins.

But God is God, and the covenant is everlasting.

Let us celebrate our covenant with the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Source of our being, you have loved us in ways too deep for words.

You gave us your only eternal Son as a sacrifice for our sin. You sent us your

Holy Spirit to empower us to love even as you have loved. But we have made

light of it. We have taken you for granted. We have lived unto ourselves. And

we have indulged in personal ambitions. Forgive us our ingratitude. Forgive

us our gross neglect of your good gifts. And teach us to love again with a pure

heart.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — Jeremiah 31:31-34

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — John 12:20-25

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Dying to Self”

HYMN

“The Samaritan Woman”

(Tune: “All Through the Night”)

When I wake up in the morning,
Grant me your peace.
When the light of day is dawning,
Grant me your peace.
I am waiting for your filling:
Keeping still and being willing
for your cleansing and distilling
waters of peace.

When I interact with others,
Grant me your peace.
When demands and duties bother,
Grant me your peace.
I'm on earth as your reflection,
Serving under your protection
By my speech and love in action,
all for your peace.

When I am embroiled in friction,
Draw me to you.
When the pain speaks in my diction,
Draw me to you.
From this din that is confounding
Pull me to this inner grounding
by a voice that is resounding
echo of you.

When I put my head to rest,
Hear what I say.
Right before I go to sleep,
Hear as I pray:
Taking stock of good and bad,
Where I failed you, made you glad,
I am grateful for your aid
this passing day.

When I wake up in the morning,
You are my peace.
When the light of day is dawning,
You are my peace.
I am yielding to your calling,
Running, though I may be falling,
Moving forward, though I'm stalling,
toward your peace.

--Annemarie S. Kidder, 2010

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

OFFERTORY "Agnus Dei" Eugene Butler
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, dona nobis pacem.
*(Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of
God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, grant
us thy peace.)*

*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

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 #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” Johan Kuhnau
(During the solemn season of Lent, the postludes will be more stately than celebratory.)

TODAY

Altar Flowers

Judy Statti of Lakewood, California, has given flowers in memory of Bill and Eunice Benriter’s Wedding Anniversary on March 18.

Fellowship in Boyd Chapel

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

Lenten Study

The Lenten Studies are 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 25** at 9:30 a.m. will be the fourth 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 next Sunday, **March 25**.

Wooster College Concert

The Chorus will be performing here this Tuesday, **March 20** at 7:00 p.m. 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 this Tuesday, **March 20**. We are asking for your help to provide cookies or bars. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex or the CE Lobby.

Invite a Friend for Holy Week and Easter!

Flyers are available throughout the church to pick up and hand to someone you want to see worship with us. Holy Week and Easter are great occasions in the life of the church to invite visitors. Remember, you are the living Scriptures and you are the light of the world in Christ. Pick up a few flyers today.

2018 Church Directory

We are updating our Church Directory. Please submit any updates to the church office 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.-3:30 p.m. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and in the CE Lobby.

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**.

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 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: _____

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Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder; **Director of Music Ministry:** Susan Barker;
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Liturgist: Karen Sobieralski
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.

Sunday	John 12:20-33	The grain of wheat that dies
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	A new covenant from God
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus as high priest
Wednesday	John 20:24-29	Thomas sees and believes
Thursday	1 Kings 19:11-18	Elijah meets God
Friday	1 Corinthians 5:14-21	Christ died for all
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-12	A prayer for cleansing
Sunday	Mark 15:1-39	The passion of Jesus

Sermon Notes

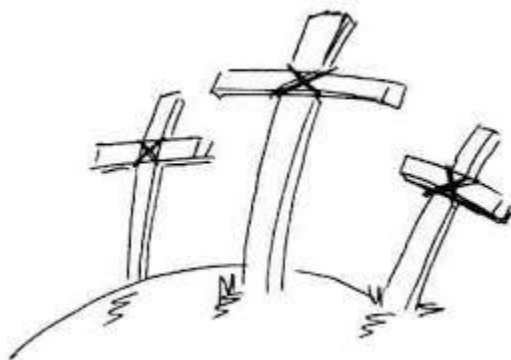
THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:30	Lenten Study (Library)
MONDAY	11:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	3:00	Sanctuary Piano Tuning
	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Rhythmic Ringers
	4:00	Arrival of Wooster College Chorus
	5:00	Dinner for Wooster College Chorus
	7:00	Wooster College Chorus Concert
	8:30	Reception for Wooster College Chorus (Boyd Chapel)
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Lenten 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

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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