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Church of Monroe

March 25, 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.

# Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

*\*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 World, I Now Must Leave Thee”

Johannes Brahms

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is Jesus, who comes in God’s name.

**Hosanna! The realm of God draws near.**

Blessed are all who come in God’s name.

**Hosanna! The realm of God draws near.**

Blessed are you, when you come in God’s name.

**Hosanna! The realm of God draws near.**

## \*OPENING HYMN #198

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Strong Savior, we join voices in praise to you, gladly proclaiming you as our King. Yet we have not followed your rule. We seek more to fulfill our own desires than to accomplish your plan for us. We strive more to extend our influence than to seek your kingdom.**

**Forgive us for saying one thing, then living another. Help us by your Spirit to walk in your way of the cross, that we would love God with all our heart, and our neighbor as ourselves.**

## 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 #197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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*“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

## 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 — Isaiah 50:4-9a

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### A DRAMA—based on Mark 15:1-39

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Pilate: “What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?”

Crowd: “**Crucify him!**”

Pilate: “Why? What crime has he committed?”

But they shouted all the louder.

Crowd: “**Crucify him! Crucify him!**”

*Jesus—David Todd; Peter—Greg Hunter; High Priest—Tom Bajkiewicz;  
Maid—Janet Spence; Pilate—Dan Batista;  
Bystanders/Disciples/Soldiers—Chancel Choir  
Narrator—Pastor Annemarie S. Kidder*

### HYMN #218 “Ah, Holy Jesus”



\*HYMN #209

“My Song is Love Unknown”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “O God, Thou Faithful God”

Johannes Brahms

*(During the solemn season of Lent, the postludes will be more stately than celebratory.)*

## TODAY

### **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. There will be cake and ice cream in honor of Kathy Fogle’s retirement. Congratulations Kathy!

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

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

## **Holy Week and Easter Worship Services 2018**



**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.

## **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**

#### **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 agencies 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.

### **Deacons Flower Pickup**

After worship please pick your flowers for the shut ins from the Wee Believers room.

### **Helpers needed for Maundy Thursday Community of Need Meal**

Please sign up on the sheet in the CE Lobby to be a helper at the Community of Need Meal on Maundy Thursday. Extra hands make light work.

### **2018 Church Directory**

We are updating our Church Directory. Please submit any updates to the church office by next Sunday, **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 today **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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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:** Janet Spence  
**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 15:1-39</b>	<b>The passion of Jesus</b>
Monday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	A Servant Song
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	The Christ Hymn
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes disciples' feet
Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	God's suffering servant
Saturday	Psalms 31	Prayer for deliverance
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 16:1-8</b>	<b>The tomb is empty</b>

## **Sermon Notes**

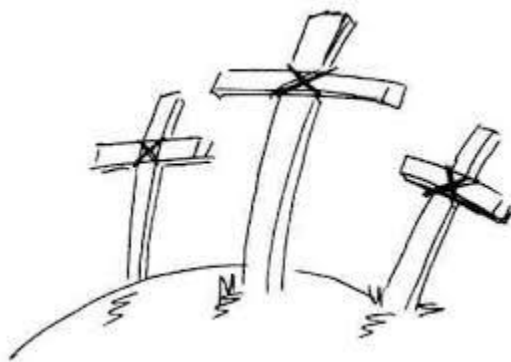
## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Rhythmic Ringers
	7:00	Session
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	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
	7:00	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	7:00	Ecumenical Community Wide Good Friday Service
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	9:30	No 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



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