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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.

Third Sunday in Lent and Communion Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

Move into our lives, O Lord, in a saving, centering way.

Move into our lives, O Lord, and make us stable.

Confirm in us what is strong and fill what is empty.

We allow you to fill us up with your presence.

PRELUDE

“Prelude on the *Ave Verum*”

W.A. Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sin is put away.

I confessed my transgressions to the Lord. Then he removed the guilt of my sin.

Let all the faithful say prayers to you in times of trouble.

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*OPENING HYMN #167 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Fountain of life, we have drunk from dusty wells of our own making. Bread of heaven, we have set up a table with the meager fruits of our own labors.

Treasure of all, we have sought riches in bankrupt storehouses of our own building.

Forgive us for turning away from your generous grace. Satisfy our hunger with your bounty that we may praise you joyfully, cling to you only, seek you wholly, and tell of your goodness gladly.

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 — Psalm 19:1-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

OT p. 498-499

SECOND READING — Galatians 6:9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NT p. 191

SERMON “Serving in Bebaem, Tchad”

HYMN #840 “When Peace Like a River”

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

OFFERTORY

“Prepare a Room for Me”

Randall Sensmeier

Prepare a room for me, your Savior, Host, and Priest, where I may gather you, my friends, to celebrate the feast. This room we have prepared; the Table now is set. We wait your promised presence Lord, where we once more are met. Where even two or three have come the Meal to share, unseen, but living, loving still, I surely will be there! Lord Jesus Christ, your grace can give. We come with empty hungry hearts that we may eat and live. My promise I will keep; your hunger will be fed, for in this Meal I offer you myself, the living Bread! All thanks to you, our Savior, Lord and Friend, that through this Loaf and Cup you share your love that has no end!

*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

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

This is the feast of victory for our God.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood sets us free to be the
people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

**For the Lamb that was slain has begun his reign in our midst and in our
hearts.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #503

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

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 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 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

Next Sunday, **March 11** will be the second part of our four-week series based on Bible Stories with Alice Kostoff facilitating. Please join us!

Memorial Service for Joanne Romoser

Services have been set for long-time member, Joanne Romoser who joined the Church Triumphant on January 27. A memorial service will be held here at the church on Saturday, **March 10** at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon following. We extend our Christian sympathies to her family and friends.

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.

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!

Deacons Seeking College Students

The Deacons are seeking names and addresses of all of our church college students. Each year, in the Spring, the Deacons send care packages to help our college students get through exam week. You may give names and addresses to the church office or send them to Ann Lux at ann@fredlux.com.

Enneagram

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

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

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
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Liturgist: Rusty Shorter
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	John 2:13-22	Jesus cleanses the temple
Monday	Exodus 20:1-17	The Ten Commandments
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Christ crucified
Wednesday	Matthew 22:34-40	The greatest commandment
Thursday	Matthew 5:43-48	Love for enemies
Friday	Romans 13:8-10	Love for one another
Saturday	Psalms 19	God as creator and giver of the law
Sunday	John 3:14-21	God so loved the world

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:30	Lenten Study (Library)
MONDAY	12:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Rhythmic Ringers
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Lenten Study (Library)
	6:00	Personnel
	6:30	Bell Choir
THURSDAY	7:30	Choir
	10:00	Lenten Study (Cairl Room)
	5:00	Lenten Study (Library)
FRIDAY	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
SATURDAY	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast
SUNDAY	11:00	Joanne Romoser Memorial Service
	8:30	Deacons
	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship
12:30	Lenten Study (Library)	

Sermon Notes