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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.

# Second Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J.S. Bach

OPENING WORDS

The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet from garden tomb through darkened city street.

**Unlocks the door of grief, despair and fear, and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace be with you.

On the evening of Jesus' resurrection, the disciples were gathered in fear. The risen Christ appeared in their midst and said,

**Peace be with you.**

We come today, some of us filled with joy, some of us filled with fear, and to each one of us, Christ says,

**Peace be with you.**

Let us lean into that peace as together we worship the risen Christ.

\*OPENING HYMN #233 “The Day of Resurrection!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Wondrous God, you have broken the power of sin and death. By your great mercy you have given us new birth into living hope. This we proclaim. This we want to believe. This is our Christian faith. But seeds of doubt grow quickly in our hearts as soon as we leave here. Fear chokes off confidence and prevents us from receiving your Spirit. We multiply our sorrows by worshiping what we see and we hear anything but you.**

**God, in your mercy, grant us the peace that passes our human understanding. Forgive us and draw us close to you, that we may breathe deeply of your presence and find in you the fullness of joy.**

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 #817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” v. 1

*We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as one e'er spoke, “My peace be with you here.”*

## 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 — Acts 4:32-35

OT p. 122

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING — John 20:19-31

NT p. 115

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Skipping Church”

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

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

OFFERTORY “Praise to the Lord”

J.S. Bach

\*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--Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and buried;  
he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 #238**

**“Thine Is the Glory”**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fogue in C”

J.S. Bach

## **TODAY**

### **Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

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

### **Deacons Meeting**

There will be a Deacons Meeting in the Resource Room after worship today.

### **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.

### **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.

## **Adult Education Classes in the Cairl Room**

### **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. We will kick off the series on April 8. 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.

### **Bible Studies**

On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Dallas and Donna Dieckmann will lead the Jesus Calling book study of Experiencing God's Presence. On Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Alice Kostoff will lead the Jesus Calling book study on Putting Jesus First. The study groups will continue during May and June. During the summer, a new group will meet on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. led by Cindy Morgan.

### **New Youth Group and Confirmation Class**

We are kicking off a new youth group on Wednesday, April 11 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. It will include a time of prayer, study, fun, and fellowship. We will meet every other week in the Teen Room. It will be facilitated by several parents and Pastor Annemarie. If you would like to help, please let Pastor Annemarie know.

### **Church 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Organizational Meeting**

2020 is not that far away! Our church will be 200 years old and we need to celebrate what we have accomplished in our community. Come to our gathering on Monday, **April 16** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. Bring your ideas, things you have seen in other churches or would like to see in our church. Everyone is welcome to attend and help plan for our bicentennial.

## 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!

## 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;  
**Administrative Assistant:** Sara Jones; **Financial Secretary:** Suzanne Bondie;  
**Sexton:** Gary Bogedain; **Childcare:** Suzanne Bondie, Amy Morgan;  
**Custodian:** Sean Farris  
**Pastors Emeriti:** Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley  
**Liturgist:** Susan Flaherty  
**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 20:19-31</b>	<b>Jesus appears to the disciples</b>
Monday	Acts 4:32-35	The sharing of goods
Tuesday	1 John 1:1-2:2	The word of life
Wednesday	John 14:23-31	Jesus speaks of peace
Thursday	Romans 5:1-11	We have peace with God
Friday	Philippians 4:4-9	The God of peace be with you
Saturday	Psalms 133	The blessing of unity
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 24:36b-48</b>	<b>Jesus appears to his disciples</b>

### Sermon Notes

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15	Deacons Meeting (Resource Room)
MONDAY	1:00	Martha Mary Circle
	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Rhythmic Ringers
	2:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Mission/Outreach Committee
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	5:00	Worship Committee
	6:00	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00	Youth Group
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:00	Property
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study (Cairl Room)
	6:00	Personnel
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	5:30	Congregational Life Meeting
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship