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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 after Pentecost and Communion Sunday

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

## OPENING WORDS

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;  
**kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Might, and cleanse us of our fears;  
**light the flame of hope and joy that wipes away the tears.**

## PRELUDE

“Passacaglia on ‘Abbot’s Leigh’”

Austin Lovelace

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless God, all people, and let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**God has kept us among the living and has prevented our feet to slip.**

Even though we have been tested by fire and led through dangerous waters,

**God has brought us unto a spacious place.**

Let us praise God!

**Let us praise God indeed!**

## \*OPENING HYMN #309

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts, divisive judgments, and empty desires. With reverent and humble hearts, we seek to draw near you by confessing our faults and wrongdoing, by confiding in your grace, ever hoping to find in you alone our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## \*SONG OF AFFIRMATION #300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

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*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

## 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 – 2 Corinthians 4:4-12

OT p.180-181

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING – Mark 2:23-3:6

NT p. 36-37

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Legal”

## HYMN #522

“I am the Bread of Life”

## OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“The Lone, Wild Bird”

David N. Johnson

*Ann Lux, Charlotte Frary, Winnie Findley—Soloists*

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight. And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me. The ends of earth are in thy hand. The sea's dark deep and far-off land. And I am thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me. The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.*

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Thank you, Lord, for creating us as members of the human race. Thank you, Lord, for redeeming and cleansing us from the dark stains of sin. Thank you, Lord, for renewing us unto new life and the freedom of the children of God whose lives will point to you. Amen.**

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” #562

**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 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 #297            “In Christ Called to Baptize”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE            “Fughetta on ‘Abbot’s Leigh”            Austin Lovelace

## TODAY

### **Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

Please join us for fellowship in Boyd Chapel 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.

## **Youth Group and Confirmation Class**

The next meeting is this Wednesday, **June 6** from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the youth room.

## **Invisible City**

This Wednesday, **June 6**, from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. we will help with yard work and cleaning at a local domestic shelter for women and children sponsored by the Family Counseling and Shelter Services. We will be leaving from church at 1:00 p.m. Please remember to sign up in the CE Lobby or in the narthex.

## **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday, **June 10** after worship for the purpose of electing three new deacons.

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be this Saturday, **June 9** at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the best biscuits and gravy this side of the Mississippi. The topic will be Mugwumps.

## **Martha Mary Circle Sewing Workshop**

The Martha Mary Circle would like to invite all of the ladies to attend a sewing workshop on **June 11** at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall where we will be working on flannel blankets, knitting, and needlework projects. A couple sewing machines will be made available for use. Hope you can join us for this fun and special time of fellowship! Lunch will be provided.

## **Mud Hens Game**

Let's all go to the Ball Game! Mudhens will be playing Indianapolis on Tuesday, **June 26**. It is a 12:05 p.m. game. We will carpool from the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. For questions, see Judy Chesman.



## **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:** Tom Bajkiewicz  
**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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 2:23-3:6</b>	<b>A question about the sabbath</b>
Monday	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Observing the sabbath
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Slaves for Jesus' sake
Wednesday	Exodus 20:8-11	Remember the sabbath day
Thursday	Ezekiel 20:10-13	God brings the people out of Egypt
Friday	Colossians 2:16-19	Signs of false religious practice
Saturday	Psalms 81:1-10	God makes us strong
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 3:20-35</b>	<b>Doing the work of God</b>

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	1:00	Choir Party at Douglas' residence
MONDAY	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	1:00	Invisible City at Family Counseling Shelter
	4:00	Bell Choir
	6:00	Confirmation Youth Group
THURSDAY	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	5:30	Socialities
SUNDAY	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship
	11:15	Congregational meeting