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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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension and Communion Sunday Mother's Day

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

OPENING WORDS

Jesus has come from God to triumph over death.

Jesus Christ has come as one of us so that death can be conquered.

He has laid the foundation for a completely new life.

In him we can become completely different women and men.

Let us make a new beginning with him.

Let us begin anew in Him, who was and is and is to come!

PRELUDE

“Sonata No. 1 in E Flat”

W.A. Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

God protects the vulnerable and shelters the weak.

God gives a home to the homeless and leads the captives into freedom.

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

Hallelujah, Amen!

*OPENING HYMN #369

“Blessing and Honor”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, father and mother to orphans, protector to outcasts, provider for the needy, savior of all: We confess that we have neglected the work you entrusted to us. We have been half-hearted in our prayers, in our care for those who suffer, in our witness to your love for us and all people of the earth. God of mercy, restore us and make us whole again. Support us. Strengthen and ground us that we may do your will on earth, until you come again.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Come to me,” Jesus says, “and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Hear the good news of Jesus' invitation. Receive the gift of abundant life in him.

*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” vs. 1-2

*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.”
We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you tread;
but in your promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Acts 1:1-11

NT p. 118

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Luke 24:44-53

NT p. 91

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“He Ascended”

HYMN #517

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Ave Verum Corpus”

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine; vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

(trans.)Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who has truly suffered, died on the cross for humanity, Whose side was pierced, pouring water and blood. Be a foretaste of heaven for us during our ordeal with death.

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Take from our hands what is yours, O Lord, to build up your church in worship and mission and love. And return to us your peace that we may be a walking witness of you in the world. 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 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 #348 "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor"

Johann Eberlin

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 on Wednesday, **May 23** from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the youth room. It includes a time of prayer, bible study, fun, and fellowship. We meet every other week in the Teen Room. Feel free to bring a friend!

Opera Tickets to Ohio Light Opera

Please order your opera tickets to the Pajama Game by **May 25**.

Adult Education Classes in the Cairl Room at 9:30 a.m.

Pentecost: The Power from Above

The feast of Pentecost is typically viewed as the birthday of the church. But what did really happen on that day? What is the meaning of the Jewish feast of Pentecost. And how do we experience our own Pentecost and “Pentecostal” power in our life? This class will meet on **May 20**. Our facilitator will be Pastor Annemarie Kidder.

Socialites

The Socialites will be meeting on **May 19** at the Schroeder residence at 5:30 p.m. Please join us!

200th Anniversary Celebration

The next meeting is **May 21** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. We will divide responsibilities and appoint a chair and co-chairs.

Public Luncheon

Please come to the next Public Luncheon on **May 24** at 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Invite a friend!

Bible Studies

On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Dallas and Donna Dieckmann are leading the Jesus Calling book study. On Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. Cindy Morgan will facilitate the Bible Study.

Mission/Oaks of Righteousness

Mission and Outreach is collecting any flavor of jam for the Oaks Homeless Shelter this month. Please place your items into the blue bin located in the office lobby.

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.

Note of Thanks

We thank you for all of the prayers, comfort, and support you have shared with us in the loss of our mom and grandmother, Marie DeSloover. Your kindness has strengthened and blessed us.

Sincerely, The DeSloover Family

Staff:

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

Administrative Assistant: Sara Jones; **Financial Secretary:** Suzanne Bondie;

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Liturgist: Karen Essary

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.

Sunday	John 17:6-19	Christ's prayer for his disciples
Monday	Acts 1:15-26	Matthias replaces Judas
Tuesday	1 John 5:9-13	Knowing about eternal life
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Be perfectly united
Thursday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for all believers
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-5	Keep the unity of the Spirit
Saturday	Psalm 1	The way to happiness
Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	1:00	Martha Mary Circle (Cairl Room)
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff Meeting
	2:00	Rhythmic Ringers
WEDNESDAY	9:30	Chair Yoga
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:00	Linswood Condominium Assoc. Meeting
	7:30	Choir
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study (Cairl Room)
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:30	Deacons Meeting