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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.

Pentecost Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

*PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Please pass the ribbons to one another beside and across the aisle from you.

#408 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In these last days it shall come to pass that God’s Spirit is poured out on all flesh.
Sons and daughters shall prophesy, the young shall see visions, the old shall dream dreams.

On both men and women God is pouring out his Spirit with power and might.
And they shall prophesy and proclaim his glorious reign.

Let us call upon the name of the Lord!

Let us give thanks and praise for what God has done!

*OPENING HYMN #280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our light, our salvation, our home: we humble ourselves before you, having refused your good gifts. You invite us to taste that you are good; but we prefer what is cheap and easily obtained. You show us yourself so that we would abide with you; but we close our eyes for fear to be confronted,

convicted, and directed to live our lives differently. You call us to be open to your leading; but we prefer to stay behind and to focus on what we want. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our wayward lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to act as your hands and feet, namely the hands and feet of 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 #286 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” v. 2-3

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure. Breathe on Me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 37:1-14

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Michael Helman

Rhythmic Ringers, Charlotte Frary-Director

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SERMON

“Listening to Other Tongues”

Ann Lux

HYMN #291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“You Are the Song”

Craig Courtney/words by Pamela Martin

Not a breath and then a breeze, empty skies, then wings of peace, not a spark, and then a blaze, not a word, then songs of praise. You are the wind, You are the fire, You are the wings of peace, You are my soul's desire. You are the Spirit, Three-in-One. You are the words, You are the song. In the wind, Your song's refrain. In the fire, Your dancing flame. In the wings, Your rhythm flows to my heart, where Your song grows. You are the wind, You are the fire, You are the wings of peace, You are my soul's desire. You are the Spirit, Three-in-One, You are the words, You are the song.

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Take what is yours, O Lord, take our mind, our will, our all. And return to us your peace so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may be Christ's face to one another. Amen.

A LITANY OF PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Creator,

In the beginning you moved over the waters.

From your breath all creation drew life.

Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor,

By your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.

You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power,

You came as fire to Jesus' disciples;

You gave them voice before the rulers of the world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier!

Holy Spirit, Giver of life,

You guide and make holy the church you create;

You give gifts—

The spirit of wisdom and understanding

The spirit of counsel and fortitude

The spirit of knowledge and piety

The spirit of the fear of the Lord

That the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

Come, Holy Spirit!

God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need. Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed. Befriend the friendless, and help the helpless.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits. In our labor, give us rest; in our temptation, grant us strength; in our sadness, allow for your consolation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God eternal, look upon your church and open our hearts as we offer up to you our individual prayers. (Please offer up your prayers out loud.)

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 #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Minuet"

W.A. Mozart

Please remain seated during the playing of the Postlude.

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!

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

Please join us for our last Adult Education Class on Exodus this spring on **May 27**. Our facilitator will be Dallas Dieckmann.

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 Public Luncheon this Thursday, **May 24** at 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Invite a friend!

Opera Tickets to Ohio Light Opera

A group will be going to Wooster on Friday, July 13 and 14. We will carpool from the church at noon on Friday. Dinner in Wooster will be at 5:00 p.m. and the performance of the Pajama Game at 7:00 p.m. We will leave the hotel on Saturday morning after breakfast. Tickets for the musical are \$54. You will have to make hotel reservations yourself for the Best Western Hotel. A double room is \$106 which includes breakfast. For questions and to sign up please call Sara in the church office 242-1545 by this Friday, **May 25** and your check made payable to Judy Chesman.

Recognition of Military Personnel and Veterans

We will recognize our military personnel and veterans during worship on **May 27**.

Worship Time Change

We will begin to worship at 10:00 a.m. on **June 3** for the summer months.

Bible Studies

On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Dallas and Donna Dieckmann are leading the Jesus Calling book study. There will be no Thursday morning Bible Study this week due to the Public Luncheon.

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: Mary DeSloover

Ushers: Bill Barnes, Jim Crammond, David Nielson, and Helvyn Schroeder

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	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit is given
Monday	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	Work of the Spirit
Tuesday	Ezekiel 37:1-14	The valley of dry bones
Wednesday	Romans 8:22-27	The Spirit intercedes
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:22-28	God's Spirit is put within you
Friday	Joel 2:21-29	God Spirit poured out
Saturday	Psalm 104:24-34	All living things depend on God
Sunday	John 3:1-17	Born of the Spirit

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:30	Deacons
MONDAY	7:00	200 th Anniversary Celebration Meeting
	7:00	AA (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		Newsletter Deadline
	11:00	Public Luncheon
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY		Deadline to order tickets to Pajama Game today
	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship