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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.

# Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*\*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

“Intermezzo II”

Hermann Schroeder

## \*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 #667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

## 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 more 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 put and stuck 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 #291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

v. 4

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.*

*Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow  
the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.*

*With bold new decisions your people arise.*

**Refrain**

#### 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 5:6-10, 14-17

NT p. 181

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Mark 4:26-34

NT p. 38-39

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

“Growth”

HYMN #531

“Seed, Scattered, and Sown”

#### OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Intermezzo IV”

Hermann Schroeder

\*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.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Apostles' Creed (traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 #299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Poco Vivace”

Hermann Schroeder

## TODAY

### **Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

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

### **Sitting Closer to the Front**

As the days get warmer, family events and relaxation are going to be the priority for many Sunday mornings. If you are not at church, we will miss you! Please come for the 10:00 am Worship... you are welcome to dress casually. Also, we invite you to sit up front with your other church friends so when it is time to Pass the Peace, we are closer to each other. ~~Your Worship Committee

### **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.

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

Tomorrow night, **June 18** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room we will meet to organize the events for our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please join us!

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

The next meeting is this Wednesday, **June 20** from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the youth room.

### **Invisible City**

On Wednesday, **June 27**, from 9:00 a.m.-noon we will be cleaning, scrubbing and organizing our kitchen where we serve the Community of Need Meal. Please remember to sign up in the CE Lobby or in the narthex.

### **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.



### **Ohio Light Opera**

Please note that the Best Western is booked. However, there are several other hotels still available. Please call the church office for details.

## **Chair Yoga**

Chair Yoga will begin to meet on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

## **Mission and Outreach**

We are collecting plastic ware for Oaks of Righteousness this month. Forks are especially needed. Many thanks.

## **2018 Church Directory**

The 2018 Church Directory is hot off the presses! Please pick up a copy in the Narthex, CE Lobby, or in the Church Office.

## **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:** Steven Todd

**Ushers:** Bill Barnes; Jim Crammond; David Nielson; Helyn 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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 4:26-34</b>	<b>The use of parables</b>
Monday	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Israel to return from exile
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Living by faith
Wednesday	Proverbs 3:1-12	Trusting in God
Thursday	Hebrews 11:1-40	The meaning of faith
Friday	Revelation 21:22-22:5	The tree of life
Saturday	Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15	A song for the sabbath day
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 4:35-41</b>	<b>Jesus calms the sea</b>

## **THIS WEEK**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00	200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Meeting
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	2:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Confirmation Youth Group
<b>THURSDAY</b>		Newsletter Deadline
	5:30	Bed Ministry Board Meeting (Library)
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00	Bogedain Party (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship