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Presbyterian

Church of Monroe

July 15, 2018; 10:00 AM

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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.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

We are a people of the water.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

We are watered by his word.

We grow by his love that has been poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRELUDE

“Simple Gifts”

James Pethel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

Christ is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

**For all things in heaven and on earth are reconciled to God through Christ.
Alleluia! Amen!**

*OPENING HYMN #336

“We Gather Together”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our salvation, in Jesus Christ you show us the fullness of grace, the boundlessness of beauty, and the simplicity of truth. Yet we are distracted by many things and forget the one thing needed. We neglect deepening our relationship with you. We skip over our quiet time. We rush our prayers. We are casual about attending church and soaking up your Word to us.

Forgive us for turning a deaf ear to the One who loved us into being. And pour out your Spirit upon us that we may see Christ more clearly and love him more dearly.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is the gift of God, not result of works, so that no one can boast about them. In the name of Jesus Christ, and through his gracious self-surrender unto death, we are forgiven. Live then the forgiven life.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION #418

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

“Come home, come home! You who are weary come home.”

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling “O sinner, come home!”

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Ephesians 1:3-14

OT p. 192

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Mark 6:14-29

NT p. 40-41

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SERMON

“Speaking Truth to Power”

HYMN #451

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

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

OFFERTORY “All Things Bright and Beautiful” Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, we give a portion only of what we have received. Sanctify these gifts and make holy and pure the hearts of each giver here so that your light in this city will shine brighter and your kingdom will draw nearer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, set us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

From A Brief Statement of Faith, The Book of Confessions

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 #342 “Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “When in Our Music God is Glorified” James Pethel

TODAY

Sermon Discussion

From 11:00 to 11:30 a.m., Pastor Annemarie will offer a 30-minute sermon discussion in Boyd Chapel. Bring your sermon notes and questions. This time is meant for a closer look at the scripture readings and preaching text of the day and the practical applications to our life.

Sitting Closer to the Front

We invite you to sit closer to the 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.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

On Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m. a new Bible Study has kicked off. Cindy Morgan is facilitating a study on the gospel of “Mark” based on N.T. Wright’s bible study series. Please join us!

Mission and Outreach

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

Thoughts and Prayers

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family and friends of long-time member Edith Thompson who joined the Church Triumphant on July 11.

Monroe County Fair Parade Float

The Bed Race To Aid Children will again this year have two beds in the Monroe County Fair Parade. Help is needed to push the beds and walk in the parade. The parade is on Sunday, **July 29th** at 1:00 P.M. Please contact Dale DeSloover at 734-242-7979 (or @ ddesloover@comcast.net) if you will be able to help with this fun walk/ride through town. Both adults and children are needed. The theme this year is: Celebrating The Past, Creating The Future. Providing beds to children helps to create the future for children.

Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, **July 24** at 6:30 p.m. It was previously scheduled for this Tuesday.

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: Bob Douglas
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.

Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist
Monday	Amos 7:7-15	Vision of the plumb line
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Thanksgiving for blessings
Wednesday	Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for obedience
Thursday	Romans 3:9-26	God's judgment and mercy
Friday	Proverbs 11:23-30	A generous person
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	God speaks peace to the people
Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals the people

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:15	Sermon Discussion (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	1:00	Deacons Visit
	1:00	Sparklers
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Sermon Discussion (Boyd Chapel)

Sermon Notes