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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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Surprising God, you come to us in ways we do not expect:

We ask for success:

you teach us acceptance.

We ask to be loved.

You teach us to love.

We ask for ease.

You challenge us.

Walk among us now, Surprising God, and make your presence known!

PRELUDE

“Serenade”

R. Drigo

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us call to mind the deeds of our Lord,
for we want to remember your wonders of old.

**We will meditate on your work,
and bring to mind your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy,
no one is greater than You.

**You are the God who works wonders
and we have come to worship you.**

*OPENING HYMN #32

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty deliverer, you open to us the highways of freedom and a new life. You fulfill your promises to us as we seek your face and lift your name on high.

You are there for us and give us more than we could ever ask. Yet, we have become slack in trusting you and are unfamiliar with the goodness you alone can provide. We prefer to stay where we are. We come up with creative excuses. And end up being cynical and superficial in all things of the Spirit.

Deliver us from our poor preoccupied selves and teach again persistence in prayer and trust in your promises made to us through your Son Christ Jesus.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The One who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it. Trust in him. Abide in him. And be redeemed by Him alone.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION #353

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — 2 Samuel 7:1-17

OT p. 281

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Mark 6:30-34

NT p. 41

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Shall We Build?”

Lewis W. Carlson

HYMN #834

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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

OFFERTORY “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Thomas Dorsey arr. by Schrader

*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

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

--From a Brief Statement of Faith of 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 #687 “*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“*Scherzino*”

J. Anderson

TODAY

About our Guest Speaker

The Rev. Lewis Carlson is the pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Temperance, where he has served since 2011. Originally ordained in the United Methodist Church, Rev. Carlson has served churches in Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan. He lives in Dearborn with his wife, Patty. Rev. Carlson will also facilitate today's sermon discussion after worship.

About our Guest Musicians

We welcome to our Music Leadership this morning pianist, Gayle Stevenson, former Director of Music at our church for many years. She is now active at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. Joining her is her daughter, professional flutist Kelly McDermott. Kelly has played here many times and has her own ensemble, Nessa. Welcome Gayle and Kelly!

Sermon Discussion

From 11:00 to 11:30 a.m., there will be 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.

Vendor Fair at Church—Vendors Sought

On Saturday, **August 18** from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. there will be a Vendor Fair in the Fellowship Hall. The vendors are Thirty One, Doterra, Young Living, and many crafters. There are open spaces for any member from the church who would like to sell their crafts. There is no fee for our members. Please contact Rhonda Nowitzke (734) 731-0406 for questions.

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 will meet this Tuesday, **July 24** at 6:30 p.m.

Eby Log Cabin

Please remember to cover at your designated time at the Eby Log Cabin during the Monroe County Fair on Wednesday, **August 1**.

Martha Mary Circle

The Circle will be going tentatively to the Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo, Ohio on Monday, **August 13**. Please sign up in the CE Lobby. We will carpool from the church at 10:00 a.m. and have lunch in Toledo. Please join us for this day of adventure!

Bed Ministry needs Stuffed Animals

The Now I Lay Me Down Bed Ministry is asking for donations of new or lightly used stuffed animals. Each child gets a book and a stuffed animal, and we are running low on stuffed animals (children's books are also gratefully accepted).

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;

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Custodian: Sean Farris

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Liturgist: Charlotte Frary

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler; Randy Stiffler; George Kostoff

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 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals the people
Monday	Jeremiah 23:1-6	God promises a righteous king
Tuesday	Ephesians 2:11-22	United by Christ
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:1-11	God's people are comforted
Thursday	John 10:1-18	Jesus the Good Shepherd
Friday	2 John	Truth and love
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 6:1-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:15	Sermon Discussion (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	No Staff Meeting
	6:30	Endowment Committee
WEDNESDAY	1:00	Deacons Visit
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Sermon Discussion (Boyd Chapel)

Sermon Notes