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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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Like Abraham and Sarah, we are a people of vision

Like Job and Thomas, we are a people of doubt.

Like Moses and Mary, we say Yes to you.

Like Deborah and Stephen, we have courage in faith.

Like David and the Apostle Paul, we have sinned before you.

Like John the Baptist and Mary Magdalene we play our part in your salvation of this world. Praise be to God!

PRELUDE “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” —Pastorale Jeffrey Blersch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us give thanks to God,

For He has allowed us to share in His story of salvation on earth.

We praise you for setting before us the path to walk.

We praise you for giving us men and women whose courage and vision guide us.

Praise God for sending us Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Through him we have peace and the fullness of joy.

Alleluia! Amen!

*OPENING HYMN #4 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you call us to paths unknown. You invite us to trust your Spirit's leading. You tell us to listen in faith and to walk not by sight and the opinion of others. Generations before us testify that your call is true. They tell us that you make good on your promises and will never leave nor forsake us. And yet, we shrink back from your call and claim on our life. We trust worldly wisdom and home-spun advice. We rely on common sense instead of divine leading. We hold sacred what we think we know and do not see the sacred that you reveal to us.

Forgive our unbelief, our stubbornness, our closed mind. And grant us a willing heart again that yields to your soft and tender voice.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579 “Lord, Have Mercy”
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord Jesus, you are God with us—Emmanuel. You call us not only disciples but friends. Draw near to us, abide with us, and renew us in your image. **Amen.**

*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 4:25-5:2

NT p. 194

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — John 6:35, 41-51

NT p. 98

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What is Eternal Life?”

HYMN #816

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

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

OFFERTORY

“He Touched Me”

Bill Gaither

Ann Lux, Soprano

Shackled by a heavy burden 'neath a load of guilt and shame, then the hand of Jesus touched me and now I am no longer the same. He touched, oh, He touched me, oh, the joy that floods my soul. Something happened and now I know He touched me and made me whole. Since I met this blessed Savior, since He cleansed and made me whole, I will never cease to praise Him. I'll shout it while eternity rolls. He touched me, oh, He touched me, and the joy that floods my soul. Something happened and now I know He touched me and made me whole.

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dearest Giver God, bless these gifts that in this holy place shelter may be offered, hard times be weathered, and glorious rainbows recognized. 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

RECOGNITION OF THE J. ROBERT UPJOHN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” —Fugue Jeffrey Blersch

TODAY

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

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

This morning during worship we will recognize Connor Gessner, Kayla Hawley, and Michael March as recipients of the J. Robert Upjohn Memorial Scholarship. Please remember to pray that God may lead these students’ steps as they embark on a new school year at their respective colleges.

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.

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, wheel chairs, and walkers are also available.

Altar Flowers

The flowers last Sunday, August 5 were given in honor of Alan and Helyn Schroeder’s fourth wedding anniversary. Congratulations Alan and Helyn!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

On Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m. Cindy Morgan is facilitating a study on the Gospel of Mark based on N.T. Wright's Bible study series in the Cairl Room. This is open to everyone. Each week we are growing in the word of Christ. Please join us!

Mission and Outreach

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

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. 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.

Martha Mary Circle

This Monday, **August 13**, the Circle will be going to the Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo, Ohio. 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!

Socialites

Socialites will be meeting at the Schroeder's residence this Saturday, **August 18** at 5:30 p.m. This is open to all singles, widows, and widowers. Please join us for a great time of fellowship.

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). The stuffed animals cannot have any removal parts that could become loose (buttons) such as eyes.

Newsletter Deadline

The newsletter deadline for the September issue of "Your Church" is Thursday, **August 23**. Please submit your items to the church office. Thank you.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Annemarie will be out of the office beginning Monday, August 13 through Monday, August 20. She will return on Tuesday, **August 21**. For immediate pastoral care needs during that time, please call the church office or the moderator of deacons, Ann Lux.

Confirmation/Youth Group

Confirmation classes will begin again on Wednesday, **August 29** 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.

ProMedica Hospice Volunteers

ProMedica Hospice is seeking new volunteers to help with any of the following: Companionship, Respite Care, Veterans, Light Housekeeping, Fundraising, Licensed Skills, and Community Outreach. Training takes place at: ProMedica Hospice of Monroe: 1070 N. Monroe Street, Suite A, Monroe, MI 48162. The next two training dates are: August 22-23 at 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (both days) or September 18-19 at 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (both days). For information please contact: Jeri Dushane, Volunteer Coordinator at (734) 240-8946.

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: Cheryl Eder

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 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven
Monday	1 Kings 19:4-8	Elijah flees from Jezebel
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Rules for the new life
Wednesday	John 4:1-16	Jesus promises living water
Thursday	Revelation 7:9-17	Never again will they hunger
Friday	Genesis 18:1-15	Abram and Sarai feed strangers
Saturday	Psalms 34:1-8	Taste and see
Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:15	Sermon Discussion (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	10:00	Martha Mary Circle going to Great Lakes Museum in Toledo, OH
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	1:00	No 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
SATURDAY	10:00	Vendor and Craft Show
	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Sermon Discussion (Boyd Chapel)