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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.

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## OPENING WORDS

What does this worship need?

**Quiet where faith can grow.**

Song that rises into hope.

**Scripture that remembers love.**

Honest words and humble hearts.

**Gifts of gratitude and praise.**

Who shall come here?

**All who are lonely for the company of God.**

**Let us worship God!**

## PRELUDE

“As the Deer Pants for the Water”

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.**

**Our Lord is alive. Alleluia! Amen!**

## \*OPENING HYMN #637

“O Sing to the Lord”

vs. 1-3

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Blessed Lord, you are a God of peace and justice. You sent Jesus to us as our pioneer and trailblazer. He has blazed a path that leads to life and the fullness of joy. But we are looking for substitutes. He shows us that losing our life to him will enrich it. But we don't want to lose what we consider our own. We have heeded to our fears and followed empty alarms. We have compromised on the truth of your message. We have taken shortcuts with our lives and then blamed you for meager results. Enable us again to be filled with your Spirit, like children who trust and come gladly running into your caring arms.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, who lived among us as a servant, and who died on the cross for our sake, you are forgiven. Glory to God! **Amen!**

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### \*SONG OF AFFIRMATION #583

“Gloria, Gloria”

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

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### 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 – Ephesians 5:5-20

NT p. 194

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Acts 9:1-8

NT p. 127

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Saul of Tarsus: Struck Down, Lifted Up”

HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“His Eye is On the Sparrow”

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**God, receive these gifts and give us open hands. Fill our lives and give us open hearts. Touch us with courage and give us open minds. Bless this church and give us open doors. 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, sets 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*

**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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN #765                      "Song of Hope"**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE                      "Song of Hope"**

## **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

### **About our Guest Preacher**

Our guest preacher this morning is the Rev. Dr. Gary Paul “Gabe” Goodman. Gabe earned a Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.) degree in 2000 at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Alabama and Missouri, before being called to the Community Presbyterian Church in Atlantic Beach, Florida. Where he was named Pastor Emeritus after serving there for 34 years and was Honorably Retired by the Presbytery of St. Augustine this year. Gabe has been married to Maria for 40 years. They are presently traveling the country in an F-350 and a Fifth Wheel Travel Trailer. The Spirit has blown them to Monroe on this coming Sabbath Day. God has blessed them with three children and four grandchildren so far.

### **About our Guest Musicians**

This morning Nicholas Todd and Steven Todd will be sharing their musical talents with us. Nicholas Todd plays baritone. He is active in band and drama. Nicholas will be a junior at Ida High School. Steven Todd plays percussion. He is active in band and enjoys sports. Steven will be a freshman at Ida High School.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

The newsletter deadline for the September issue of "Your Church" is this 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 this 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.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, **September 8** at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the CE Lobby.

### **Worship Time Change**

We will begin to worship again at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, **September 9** for the autumn and winter months. Please mark your calendars.

### **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.

## **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.

### **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:** Tom Bajkiewicz

**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>John 6:51-58</b>	<b>Christ, the true food and drink</b>
Monday	Proverbs 9:1-6	Wisdom's feast
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:15-20	Be filled with the Spirit
Wednesday	Matthew 26:26-30	The Lord's Supper
Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Institution of the Lord's Supper
Friday	Acts 2:37-46	Life among believers
Saturday	Psalms 34:9-14	God teaches the fear of the Lord
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 6:56-69</b>	<b>Many disciples desert Jesus</b>

## 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
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	5:30	Bed Ministry Board Meeting (Library)
	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)
	1:00	Shorter Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)