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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.

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## OPENING WORDS

The Spirit of God calls to us

**With sighs too deep for words.**

The Spirit of God calls to us,

**Claiming us as His own.**

The Spirit of God summons us to become more than we are now.

**Come Holy Spirit, shape us, mold us, make us new!**

## PRELUDE

“Seek Ye First”

Lafferty

*Charlotte Frary-Handbells and Janet Spence-Flute*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

**let me never be put to shame.**

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

**incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my rock and refuge,

**a mighty fortress and the God in whom I trust.**

## \*OPENING HYMN #275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of tender care, like a mother, you have fed and defended us. You have protected us from what was meant to destroy and shielded us from being harmed. You have showered us with abundant gifts and helped us taste your sweet presence. Still, we act in self-sufficiency. We lean on our own understanding. We plan our own future. We forget when it was you who gave us peace.**

**Show us your mercy again. Forgive our stubborn ways. Overlook our ingratitude. We seek your Spirit. We welcome your designs for us. We long to live by your provision and plan.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God speaks again and again to us the words of forgiveness: “You are my child; with you I am well pleased.” Hear then again these words of joy and hope. And know that through Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen!**

### \*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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – 1 Kings 8:1-6; 10-11; 22-30; 41-43

OT p. 311-312

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

“O Lord of Mercy”

Cesar Franck

*Winnie Findley, Soloist*

SECOND READING – John 6:56-69

NT p. 98-99

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“What’s Next?”

HYMN #438

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #853

“We are Marching in the Light of God”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Toccatina and Fugue in F”

Dietrich Buxtehude

### **Goodbye from Susan Barker**

I wish to thank the staff and congregation for their support and enthusiasm for the Ministry of Music over the last two and a half years. I have been richly blessed during my tenure as your Music Director. God is working his purpose out, as the hymn says, at Monroe First Presbyterian and will continue to do so. Many thanks to all of you for your friendship, which I will treasure always.

~~With gratitude, Susan Barker

## **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

### **Pulpit Exchange**

Today, Pastor Annemarie will be preaching at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Temperance while their pastor, the Rev. Lew Carlson will be offering the sermon at our church. Please welcome Pastor Lew.

### **About our Guest Speaker**

This Sunday we welcome again, the Rev. Lewis Carlson. He 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.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Sparklers**

The Sparklers will meet this Wednesday, **August 29** at 1:00 p.m. to "sparkle and polish" the sanctuary and the Hall of Memories to gear up for our fall program kickoff and for Worship.

## **Confirmation/Youth Group**

Confirmation classes will begin this 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.

## **Adult Education Kick-Off Sunday**

On Sunday, **September 9th** at 9:30 a.m. we are having a kickoff for our fall Adult Education classes! Dallas Dieckmann will start a study on 1 Corinthians with an introduction to the Apostle Paul's life in Boyd Chapel. Nursery will be provided by Suzanne Bondie and Amy Morgan. Please join us and bring a friend! We will have

bagels, cream cheese, and juice available before Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. in Boyd Chapel.

### **Chili Dinner after Worship**

After worship on Sunday, **September 9**, please join us at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, the Martha Mary Circle and Congregational Life will have a Chili Dinner to aid the Bed Ministry! Please bring a donation or a set of single sheets for the Bed Ministry. We will provide the chili for everyone. If you have a special recipe that you would like to provide, feel free to do so.

### **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:** Helyn Schroeder

**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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 6:56-69</b>	<b>Many disciples desert Jesus</b>
Monday	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	The tribes renew the covenant
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:10-20	The whole armor of God
Wednesday	Exodus 32:1-20	The golden calf
Thursday	Matthew 19:16-22	A young man goes away sad
Friday	1 John 2:18-28	The departure of some
Saturday	Psalms 34:15-22	The Lord is with you
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23</b>	<b>Authentic faith</b>

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:15	Sermon Discussion (Boyd Chapel)
	1:00	Shorter Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	1:00	Deacons Visit
	1:00	Sparklers
	5:00	Worship Committee
	6:00	Confirmation Youth Group
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)