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Presbyterian

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.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Come to Christ, the living bread, who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

Come to Christ, who gives living water that you may never thirst again.

Come to Christ so that being filled, you may abate the hunger and thirst of others.

Come to God in whole-hearted praise for Jesus Christ, who gives us life.

PRELUDE

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our mothers and fathers cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress.

**O give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

For God's steadfast love we give thanks to the Lord,
for His wonderful works laid out before us.

**God knows how to satisfy the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.**

*OPENING HYMN #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of all good things, we have stored up treasure that does not last. We have filled ourselves with bread that does not sustain. We have looked for other providers, when only you can satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. Forgive us for seeking elsewhere what you have already prepared for us. Stir our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that our affections may be set on things above, and our gaze may be governed by your goodness. Clothe us with the new self that Christ has implanted in us, so we will be made fully alive.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is our strength and deliverer. If the Lord has set you free, you are free indeed. In the name of Jesus Christ, and through the power of the cross, 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 #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Open my eyes that I may see, glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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 4:1-16

NT p. 193-194

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – John 6:24-35

NT p. 98

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Health Food”

HYMN #504

“We Come as Guests Invited”

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

OFFERTORY “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”
Ann Orwin, Soprano

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dearest Giver God, bless these gifts that in this holy place warm 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #562

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal
he has prepared for us.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

All praise is yours, O God. You bring us to this table as one.
**Lead us now to that glorious day when all your children will gather in your
kingdom and sit at the table.**
We pray this through Jesus Christ,
Who is our peace made flesh. Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Glory to God on High"

J.S. Bach

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

Communion

Congregational Life would like to suggest that parents bring their school age children upstairs to observe when the service includes communion. Parents could leave the service during the offertory/anthem to get their children from downstairs. We hope this experience will help them understand communion in our church. Parents are responsible for instructing their children on the meaning of communion.

Real Wine on Communion Sunday

The Session approved serving wine on Communion Sundays where communion is served by intinction. The station with wine will be on the pulpit side by the piano.

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. 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.

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.

Martha Mary Circle

The Circle will be going tentatively to the Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo, Ohio next 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). The stuffed animals cannot have any removal parts that could become loose (buttons) such as eyes.

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: Winnie Findley
Ushers: Carol Rabun, Kim Hooper, Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

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 6:24-35	Christ, the bread of life
Monday	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Bread from heaven
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
Wednesday	Matthew 6:9-13	The Lord's Prayer
Thursday	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	You do not live by bread alone
Friday	Isaiah 55:1-11	The abundant life
Saturday	Psalms 78:23-29	God feeds the people
Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	11:15	Sermon Discussion (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	No Chair Yoga
	11:00	No Staff Meeting
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