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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.

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Labor Day Observance, and Communion Sunday

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

## OPENING WORDS

The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new.

**The Spirit has given us breath and kindles the fires of love among us.**

Come here and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

**We are open now to God's presence and His holy surprises.**

## PRELUDE

“Preludio in d Minor”

J.S. Bach

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise.

**You discern my thoughts from far away.**

**You search my paths and my lying down.**

**You are well familiar with all my ways.**

How complex to me are your thoughts, O God!

How big is the sum of all of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand of the earth;**

**I reach the end...and I am still with you.**

## \*OPENING HYMN #81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you search us and know us. You know the secrets of our heart. You are there when no one is looking. You know what we think. You know our motives. How often we would like to run away from you, escaping your probing eyes. How often we try to hide from your searching gaze. And we imagine that we can do things our way.**

**In mercy, forgive and heal our tendency to wander off. Fashion us by your Spirit into vessels made for good use. Mold and shape us again into those who show your likeness and love, so that we can bring healing to a broken world.**

## 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 #300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored;  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

### 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 – James 1:17-27

NT p. 229

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Mark 7:14-23

NT p. 42

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

“Inside Out”

HYMN #503

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

### OFFERING

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

**\*DOXOLOGY ★606****\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We have brought to you only what is already yours, dear God. We give because you have given first. Use this offering of our hands and anoint us, the givers, for the building up of your kingdom for your glory alone. 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

Here in this place our thirst has been quenched.

**Let us carry the cup beyond the door.**

Here in this place our hunger has been sated.

**Let us bear the bread into the world.**

Let us carry the cup that it might be lifted; let us bear the bread that it might be broken.

**From life to life, God's life is given! From life to life, all life is saved!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“The Summons”

arr. by Mark Hayes

**TODAY**

**Communion**

Congregational Life would like to suggest that parents bring their school age children upstairs to observe communion. Parents could leave the service during the offertory/anthem to get their children from downstairs.

**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.

### **About our Guest Musician**

We welcome to our Music Leadership this morning pianist, Gayle Stevens, former Director of Music at our church for many years. She is now active at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor.

### **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.

### **Labor Day Church Office Hours**

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, **September 3** in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, **September 4** at 9:00 a.m.

### **Worship Time Change**

We will begin to worship again at 11:00 a.m. next 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!

### **Confirmation/Youth Group**

Confirmation classes will meet next on Wednesday, **September 12** 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 this Saturday, **September 8** at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in the CE Lobby.

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

Next 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.

### **New Children's Message Series**

Next Sunday, **September 9**, we will kick off a new children's message series called "Treasure Box." Children will bring up a "treasure box" that contains one item and bring it forward. The pastor will then have to come up with a story or biblical message that's related to this item.

### **Chili Dinner after Worship**

After worship next 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; **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:** Jeff Haman

**Ushers:** Carol Rabun: Kim Hooper: Garv 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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</b>	<b>Authentic Faith</b>
Monday	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	God commands obedience
Tuesday	James 1:17-27	Hearing and doing the word
Wednesday	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
Thursday	Matthew 15:1-20	Tradition of the elders
Friday	Amos 5:21-24	The importance of justice
Saturday	Psalms 15	Who worships the Lord
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 7:24-37</b>	<b>Jesus heals the Gentiles</b>

## **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	11:15	Sermon Discussion (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY		OFFICE CLOSED (Happy Labor Day!)
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	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
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Location TBA)
SUNDAY	9:00	Christian Education Kick-Off Breakfast (Boyd Chapel)
	9:30	Adult Education (Boyd Chapel)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Chili Dinner (Fellowship Hall)