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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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

There is no God like you.

In heaven above or on the earth beneath.

You keep covenant with those who walk in your ways.

And you seek covenant with all, so that every creature on earth might bring glory to your name.

PRELUDE

“We Gather Together”

Arr. Wilbur Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

In Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

Christ is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

**For all things in heaven and on earth are reconciled to God through Christ.
Alleluia! Amen!**

*OPENING HYMN #336

“We Gather Together”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, forgive us when we fill up every minute with something to do, complain or boast about how busy we are, waste other people's time by making them wait for us. God, forgive us when we forget how sacred every minute is, when we waste our own time in unimportant details, or when we watch the clock when someone needs our help. Hear us in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, who always had time for work and rest and called his disciples to be attentive and present to others.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The One who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it. Trust in him. Abide in him. And be redeemed by Him alone. **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 – James 3:1-12

NT p. 230

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Mark 8:31-38

NT p. 44

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Mindset”

HYMN #43

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord” (On Eagle’s Wings)

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Ariosto”

J.S. Bach

*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.

RECEPTION OF OUR CONFIRMANDS

Elliott Moore, Nicholas Todd, and Steven Todd

*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.

THE GIFT OF THE BIBLE

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 #69

“Here I am, Lord”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

TODAY

Confirmation Sunday

This morning, during worship we will receive our confirmands. After worship there will be a tea to honor the confirmands in the Fellowship Hall. Please stay to support our confirmands.

About our Guest Musician

Joy Schroeder is our guest musician this morning. She was the music director here for 25 years. She holds a doctoral degree in organ studies from the University of Michigan and is presently a doctoral candidate in the music theory program at the University of Oregon.

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.

Congregational Meeting

On **Sunday, September 30**, after worship we will have a congregational meeting moderated by a member of the Committee on Ministry to vote on Pastor Annemarie Kidder as the installed Pastor. As mentioned before, the Session has nominated Pastor Annemarie Kidder as their candidate for the office of installed pastor.

“Your Church” Newsletter Deadline

The October deadline for the newsletter is Thursday, **September 27**.

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!

Ecumenical Youth Group

The Rev. Kevin Eccles has launched an ecumenical Bible Study for Youth. Youth from any of our area churches are invited to meet at the Monroe Free Methodist Church at 3928 E. Dunbar Road, Monroe. The group meets on Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. Youth may join at any time. The focus of the study is the Book of Jonah and the Gospel of Luke. To make reservations, please call the church at (734) 863-4321 or let Pastor Annemarie know.

Adult Education

Next Sunday, **September 23rd** there will be no Adult Education Class due to the Bed Race. On Sunday, **September 30** at 9:30 a.m. Dallas Dieckmann will continue a study on 1 Corinthians. Nursery will be provided by Suzanne Bondie and Amy Morgan. Please join us and bring a friend!

New Children's Message Series

We have kicked 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.

Bed Race Sunday

The Bed Race sponsored by the Monroe County Bed Race to Aid Children will be next Sunday, **September 23**, at 1:00 p.m.

Public Luncheon

The Martha Mary Circle will be sponsoring a Public Luncheon on Thursday, **September 27** from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Carry Out is Available and the cost is \$7.00. Please invite your friends and co-workers. Setup for the luncheon will be Wednesday, **September 26** at 10:00 a.m.

The Gospel of John Retreat Seminar at IHM North Spirituality Center

On Saturday, **September 29**, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pastor Annemarie Kidder will lead a retreat on the Gospel of John at the IHM North Spirituality Center in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. This session will explore some of the women in the Gospel of John and the distinct ways in which Jesus interacts with them. They are Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the woman caught in adultery, the sisters Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene. The suggested offering is \$25.00.

Aeolian Chorale Concert

The Aeolian Chorale under the direction of Marshall Dix will be in concert with us again on Sunday, **September 30** at 3:00 p.m. They will present a selection of songs reflecting on and inspired by our lovely state entitled, "From Michigan, With Love." Please join us for this special concert and bring a friend!

World Communion Sunday and International Potluck

On Sunday, **October 7** during worship we will observe World Communion Sunday and following worship there will be an International Potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to pass!

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: Rusty Shorter

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.

Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Taking up the cross
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	James 3:1-12	Controlling the tongue
Wednesday	Philippians 3:7-16	Running towards the goal
Thursday	Hebrews 12:1-13	The example of Jesus
Friday	1 Peter 5:6-11	God will restore those suffering
Saturday	Psalms 116:1-9	A prayer of thanksgiving
Sunday	Mark 9:30-37	The servant of all is greatest

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Confirmation Tea (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY	7:00	200 th Anniversary Celebration Meeting
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Ecumenical Youth Group (Monroe Free Methodist)
	6:30	Bell Choir
THURSDAY		Newsletter Deadline today
	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	9:30	No Adult Education (Boyd Chapel)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	No Fellowship
	1:00	Bed Race