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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.

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**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 might bring glory to your holy name.

PRELUDE

“Bethany”

arr. R. Elliot

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship our gracious God with holy expectation.

Expect the opening of a sacred treasure.

Expect God to make a dwelling here.

Expect the Word of God to touch down and reach down into your heart and mine.

Renew us, o Lord, by your gentle Spirit.

*OPENING HYMN #369

“Blessing and Honor”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our salvation, in Jesus Christ you show us the fullness of grace, the boundlessness of beauty, and the simplicity of truth. You deck the table for us, you prepare a feast of sight and sound and palate. But we ignore your abundant gifts. We are ungrateful to the core. We take for granted how good we have it. And we choose to ignore your presence in our life and your workings in our midst.

Forgive us for turning a deaf ear to the One who loved us into being. And pour out your Spirit upon us that we may see Christ more clearly and love him more dearly.

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 #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 – Job 38:1-7

OT p. 484

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Mark 10:35-45

NT p. 47

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Invisible Servants”

HYMN #626

“As the Deer”

(sing twice)

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

These offerings we bring to you, God of grace, as expressions of our boundless gratitude. Use them and us in the mission of your church as it guards the sacred treasure of the gospel by giving it away for the healing of the world. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man. . . .

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

--From The Westminster Confession of Faith (1647), Book of Confessions

JOY AND CONCERNS

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 #804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Bourrée”

Handel

TODAY

About our Guest Speaker

Debra Davies is a Candidate under care of MVP and a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary. She has been a Ruling Elder for 38 years, a Deacon, and is a member of the Tecumseh First Presbyterian Church. Her particular interests include teaching adult education, spiritual practices, and pastoral care.

Usher's Report

The ushers will be passing out bulletins as you enter the Sanctuary. You are welcome then to seat yourself. The offering will be taken in the same manner as communion is served. They will come from the front and move down the center aisle, and return by the side aisles starting at the back. If anyone would be interested in becoming an usher, contact the church office.

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.

Public Luncheon

The Martha Mary Circle will be sponsoring a Public Luncheon on Thursday, **October 25** 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, **October 24** at 10:00 a.m.

All Saints Day

Please submit the name of your loved ones who died this past year to the church office no later than this Tuesday, October 30. On Sunday, **November 4**, we will celebrate All Saints Day at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. It is the time when we read the names of church members and/or family members and friends who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year. As part of the liturgy, a candle will be lit in their honor. Our music and readings will reflect the reverence of this worship service. Please invite friends and family.

Showing Our Thanks By Helping Others

As Thanksgiving approaches, Deacons and Outreach are busy making plans for our Thanksgiving Basket deliveries. We are very blessed this year because MCOP will be able to provide many of our food items at extremely reasonable prices. The list we post at church will be much shorter. Once again the charts will be in the lobby and Narthax along with baskets in which to place donated items. If you would prefer to donate funds which we can use to purchase items from MCOP and also the perishable foods, please make checks out to Deacons-FPC with a note on the memo line-Baskets. All donations maybe given to Ann Lux or Mary DeSloover.

This is one of the most important projects that our groups undertake during the year. Set up will be Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. Delivery will be on Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. Willing hands to help pack and deliver baskets are always needed. Please join us on either of these dates to help share the love of Christ in our communities.

Adult Education

Throughout the month at 9:30 a.m. Dallas Dieckmann will continue a study on 1 Corinthians in the Cairl Room. Nursery will be provided.

Dish Pick Up from the Public Luncheon

Please remember to pick up your dishes that you brought to the Public Luncheon. They are in the Resource Room next to the Cairl Room. Some dishes have been left from the spring luncheons.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

On Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m. Cindy Morgan and Alice Kostoff are co-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!

Pastoral Care Needs

Please direct any Pastoral Care needs to the Church Office. Information shared is confidential!

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November "Your Church" newsletter is Thursday, **October 25**.

Martha Mary Circle

Martha Mary Circle has started to sell their cheese balls. Order forms are available in the Welcome Center, CE Lobby, and the Church Office. For questions see Charlotte Frary. Our choices are the same as last year (Celebration Cheddar, Chipped Beef and Cookies and Cream). Orders will be delivered on **Sunday, November 11**. The last date to order is November 7.

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: Eugene Haman

Ushers: 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 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to serve
Monday	Isaiah 53:4-12	Suffering servant song
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:1-10	Jesus the great high priest
Wednesday	Numbers 12:1-9	Moses is a servant of the Lord
Thursday	Galatians 5:13-15	Serve on another in love
Friday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Use your gifts to serve others
Saturday	Psalms 91:9-16	God's protection
Sunday	Mark 10:46-52	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	Session
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00	Public Luncheon Setup
	1:00	Deacons Visit
	6:00	Ecumenical Youth Group (Monroe Free Methodist)
THURSDAY		Newsletter Deadline
	10:00	No Bible Study
	11:00	Public Luncheon
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship

Sermon Notes