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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.

Reformation Sunday and Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

God of mercy, have mercy on us.

God of wisdom, illumine our minds.

God of light, shine into our hearts.

Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

God of power, be our refuge,

A mighty fortress and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Prelude”

Lefébure-Wély

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right.

You have set your decrees and ordained your laws.

Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is truth.

Give us understanding so that we may live.

*OPENING HYMN #275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you have given us a rich and godly heritage, through the sure testimony and holy example of our mothers and fathers in the faith. But we let the light of our faith grow dim; we stray from the paths they commend to us. Forgive us. Renew us by your Holy Spirit. Fan in us a new and brighter flame of faith, that, like those who have gone before us, our words and deeds would mightily declare the good news of your salvation, given to all in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 #835 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee; let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Refrain

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Winnie Findley

Children 3rd grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Job 42:1-6, 10-17

OT p. 488

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Mark 10:46-52

NT p. 47

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The 9th Inning”

HYMN #819

“Be Still, My Soul”

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

These offerings we bring to you, Lord, as expressions of our 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

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in men as sin in the sight of God. In sin, men claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their fellow men, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.

All human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All men, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus all men fall under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the one who assumes that he is guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

God's love never changes. Against all who oppose him, God expresses his love in wrath. In the same love, God took on himself judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring men to repentance and new life.

--From The Confession of 1967, 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 #826

“Lift High the Cross”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Toccata & Fugue”

Anonymous (Italian)

TODAY

About our Guest Speaker

The Rev. Barbara Esterly is a past Moderator of the Maumee Valley Presbytery and is Honorably Retired. She served as a Chaplain at Toledo Hospital and as an Interim Pastor for Toledo area churches. She and her husband, Joe, reside in Sylvania, Ohio.

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.

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.

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.

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 may be 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 Friday, **November 16** at 10 a.m. Delivery will be on Saturday, **November 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.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service, titled "In All Things Give Thanks" at the IHM Chapel (610 West Elm Ave) at 7:00 PM on Monday, **November 19** to pray together and thank God for all the gifts that He has given us. Rev. Melanie Eccles will be sharing the message for the evening, the Monroe High School Orchestra will be sharing their gifts in music, and it is asked that you bring canned goods to donate to a food drive that evening.

Martha Mary Circle

Martha Mary Circle has started selling 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). Please place your Order forms in the box outside of the Church Office. Orders will be delivered on **Sunday, November 11**. The last date to order is November 7.

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.

Thoughts and Prayers

We extend our Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Michael Kirtland who joined the Church Triumphant on October 19.

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!

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

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 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Monday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	The new covenant
Tuesday	Romans 3:19-28	Righteousness through faith
Wednesday	Ephesians 2:1-10	Saved by grace through faith
Thursday	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	But now my eye sees you
Friday	Hosea 2:10-15	God draws Israel close
Saturday	Psalms 46	God is our protection
Sunday	John 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY		Deadline of Loved Ones Names for All Saint's Day Service
	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:30	Choir practice
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	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship

Sermon Notes