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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.

# Veterans Day Observance and Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## OPENING WORDS

In Christ, today we are made new

**And filled with hope.**

In Christ, the old ways have lost their glitter and appeal,

**For we have turned toward the new light.**

## PRELUDE

“Prelude in C”

J.S. Bach

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, we belong to a new community

**Discovering we are friends, sisters and brothers in Christ.**

In God, we receive a new name and a new call;

**We are God’s beloved, and we carry on the ministry of reconciliation.**

In Christ, we are a new creation,

**And we live as signs of reconciliation and love.**

## \*OPENING HYMN #331

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We revel in power and privilege while many are struggling to survive. We boast of our great contributions while some who have little give all. Forgive us, God of grace. Strip us of all pride and pretense and clothe us in your mercy alone, ready to meet you in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we 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 TIME

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

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word, and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom. Amen.

## FIRST READING – Psalm 146

OT p. 581-582

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING – Mark 12:38-44

NT p. 49-50

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"Two Views"

## HYMN #354

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*(Stewardship-Property, Personnel, Finance)*



\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Unknown

**God Bless our:**



Thanksgiving  
Food Baskets

## **TODAY**

### **Veterans Day**

Although we can never say thank you enough to our Veterans for their service to our country, we will recognize our Veterans this morning during worship.

### **Minute for Mission-Stewardship**

During worship throughout this month we will be featuring during Minute for Mission how our mission principles for stewardship are met by our Committees.

### **Blessing of our Thanksgiving Baskets**

During worship, Ann Lux will bless our Thanksgiving Baskets which will be distributed this weekend to families that are in need. May the Lord bless you for donating these items as we ask Him to bless the families that will be nourished and fed this coming Thanksgiving through your gracious giving.

### **About our Guest Speaker**

Marilyn Smith, the eldest of nine children, grew up on a farm outside Adrian, Michigan. She became a member of Palmyra Community Presbyterian church when she was thirteen. In the 1980's she was ordained as an elder in Southfield Presbyterian Church where she served for fifteen years on the Session. She taught elementary school for forty-two years before retiring. Three years ago she completed the preaching course offered by the Maumee Valley Presbytery. Marilyn said, "Delving into Scripture offers me the opportunity to open my heart-even more deeply than before-to God and what the Scriptures mean to us today." When Marilyn is not studying, she and her husband of fifty-four years enjoy spending time with their son, David, and three wonderful granddaughters.

### **Cheese Ball Delivery Today**

Please remember to pick up your Cheese Ball Orders today. If you have any questions, please see Charlotte Frary.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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!

## **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship on **December 9** for the purpose of electing new Deacons and Elders for 2019.

## **Property Committee Meeting**

The Property Committee will be meeting tomorrow, **November 12** at 7:00 p.m.

## **Martha Mary Circle**

The Martha Mary Circle will be meeting tomorrow, **November 12** at 1:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. Please join us as we discuss our Christmas projects. This is open to all ladies of the church.

## **200<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Faith and Service**

Our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning group plans to meet tomorrow, **November 12** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. Please join us!

## **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 Narthex 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 this Friday, **November 16** at 10:00 a.m. Delivery will be this Saturday, **November 17** at 9:00 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.

### **Downtown Monroe Tree Lighting**

On Saturday, **November 17** between 5:30-7:30 p.m. during the Downtown Monroe Tree Lighting event our church will serve as a warming center. Mission and Outreach is asking that you please come to the church to help out. There will be horse drawn carriage rides, live entertainment, and the tree lighting with Mayor Clark at 7:00 p.m.

### **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer 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 p.m. 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.

### **Stewardship Sunday**

We will be bringing forward our time, talent, and tithe forms unto the Lord during worship on Sunday, **November 25**. Please prayerfully consider how you are going to give to the church in your time, your talent, and in tithing for the upcoming year of 2019.

### **Dish Pick Up from the Public Luncheon**

There are 16 dishes that have been placed into the Resource Room from the spring and fall Public Luncheons. Please take a look you may be able to help someone in locating their dish. A gentle reminder from someone will help.

### **Pastoral Care Needs**

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

**Staff:**

**Director of Music Ministries:** Robert Edwards;

**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:** Dale DeSloover

**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 12:38-44</b>	<b>The widow's generous offering</b>
Monday	1 Kings 17:8-16	Elijah helps a widow
Tuesday	Hebrews 9:24-28	Christ's great sacrifice
Wednesday	1 Kings 17:17-24	Elijah revives the widow's son
Thursday	James 1:27-28	Look after orphans and widows
Friday	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	God defends the weak
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God's help
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 13:1-8</b>	<b>The signs of the end of the age</b>

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
	12:15	Deacons Meeting
MONDAY	1:00	Martha Mary Circle (Cairl Room)
	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	Property Committee
	7:00	200 <sup>th</sup> Celebration Planning Meeting
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Monroe High School Track Banquet (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Mission/Outreach Committee
WEDNESDAY	1:00	Sparklers
	5:00	Worship Committee
	6:00	Ecumenical Youth Group (Monroe Free Methodist)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	9:30	Worship Planning Meeting
	10:00	Thanksgiving Basket Set-Up (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	9:00	Delivery of Thanksgiving Baskets
	5:30	Socialites
	5:30	Downtown Monroe Tree Lighting (Warming Center here at church)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship

## **Sermon Notes**

