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Presbyterian

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-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Love circles around

Always reaching out

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And God's love embraces all.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who are scattered and torn,

Here find hope.

Come, you who are scared and lonely,

Here find love.

Come, you who are tired and tense,

Here find rest.

Come, you who are confused and searching,

Here find guidance

Come, you who are happy or sad,

Here join the song. Here let your lives be embraced by God's grace.

*OPENING HYMN #336

“We Gather Together”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, the world is filled with awesome mystery that sometimes takes our breath away and sometimes fills us with doubts and questions. We confess that such mystery makes us feel uncomfortable, for we are not in control. Though we know that your ways are not our ways and that you are far wider and deeper than we can imagine, we still think we know best and don't ask for your guidance,

Lord, forgive our arrogance and stubbornness. Forgive us for trying to be God, for being impatient with the working out of your purposes for us. Give us a childlike trust that deepens our faith and radiates peace. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING *Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.*

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Over and over your grace sustains us, over and over your love provides for us, over and over your arm steadies us. We give you these gifts, with gratitude and joy, thankful that you are God over all. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Winnie Findley

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.

MINUTE FROM PRESBYTERY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #546

“Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

TODAY

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.

About our Guest Speaker

Rev. James Jacobs is our Guest Speaker in Worship today. He was the Director of Pastoral Care at Mercy Memorial Hospital in Monroe, Michigan from 1999 through 2012 from where he retired in 2012. He previously served as a Pastor for 10 years at First United Methodist Church in Monroe, Michigan. Please greet him with a warm welcome this morning.

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.

Christian Sympathies

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe extends its Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Barbara Pillarelli, who joined the Church Triumphant on **November 14, 2018**. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

For Advent: We will be using the book, "Celebrating Advent" by Ann Hibbard. It is a book of family devotions and activities for the Christmas Season. Please join us in celebrating Advent during Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:00 in the Cairl Room!

Congregational Meeting

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

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. tomorrow night, **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.

Thanksgiving Church Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, **November 22** and Friday, **November 23** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen on Monday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m.



Stewardship Sunday

We will be bringing forward our time, talent, and tithe forms unto the Lord during worship next 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.

Hanging of the Greens

Please join us after worship on **December 2** to help in the "Hanging of the Greens". We will need many helping hands to help us decorate for the Christmas season. Congregational Life will be providing a light lunch. Please dress casual for Worship. If you are unable to decorate, please come for the fellowship and cheer us on from the sidelines.

Tom Treece Concert

On Saturday, **December 8** at 7:00 p.m. Tom Treece will be with us in concert. Please join us as we worship our Risen Savior through Christmas Carols of Joy. The Worship Committee will be provide a light supper at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tom Treece will be selling his CD's and books at the concert.

Fruit Cake Orders

Please remember that the last date to order Fruit Cakes is Tuesday, **December 4**. Order forms are available in the Welcome Center, C.E. Lobby, and the Church Office. For questions see Charlotte Frary. Please place your Order forms in the box outside of the Church Office. Orders will be delivered on Sunday, December 9.

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: Cacie Clifford and Connor Gessner

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 13:1-8	The signs of the end of the age
Monday	Daniel 12:1-3	The resurrection of the dead
Tuesday	Hebrews 10:11-25	A call to perseverance
Wednesday	1Samuel 26:21-25	David spares Saul's life
Thursday	James 1:2-8	Faith and wisdom
Friday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Saturday	Psalm 16	A life centered on the Lord
Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at IHM Chapel
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:15	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY		Newsletter Deadline
	6:00	Ecumenical Youth Group (Monroe Free Methodist)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY		Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed
	9:00	Schroeder's (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00	No Bible Study
	5:00	Schroeder's (Boyd Chapel)
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY		Office Closed
	9:00	TOPS
	9:30	No Worship Planning Meeting
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship