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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.

All Saint's Day, Communion Sunday and Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body.

Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name,

With one heart and mind, may we show the unity of your church.

And bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE

“Panis Angelicus”

César Franck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely,

And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

*OPENING HYMN #326

“For All the Saints”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised us men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 25:6-9

OT p. 652

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – John 11:32-34

NT p. 105

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Jesus Wept”

HYMN #172

“Blest Are They”

vs. 1, 2, 4

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”

Brahms, arr. Chesterton

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of the whole world; from you we receive the gift of life, and by your grace we have gifts to offer you. Accept our offering and our lives in praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brings us again from death to life, and holds for the promise of your everlasting kingdom. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

LITANY—Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.

You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

ROLL CALL OF SAINTS

Marie Soleau DeSloover—Mother

Dale DeSloover

Jennie Jezierski—Aunt

Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

Michael Kirtland—Son

Colleen Kirtland

Joanne E. Romoser—Sister

Jean Tacy

Gregory D. Sobieski—nephew

Marilyn Marshall

Peggy Lee Sulfaro—Wife

Frank Sulfaro

Edith F. Thompson—Wife

William Thompson

Todd Roy Thompson—Husband

Dee Thompson

Paul L. Vensel—Husband

Marjorie Vensel

Bernard M. Wilson—Brother

Bertrand Wilson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #562

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

And so in remembrance of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice.

In union with Christ’s offering for us, we live out the mystery of faith we proclaim:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal he has prepared for us.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God of grace and peace, as you have shared your life with us through the child in the manger and this simple meal together, let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world; through Jesus, bread of heaven. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Lobe Den Herren”

arr. Bish

TODAY

All Saint's Day

During worship this morning we will celebrate All Saint's Day. We will read the names of church members, family members and/or 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 give the family members that are present for today's special Roll Call of the Saint's a warm welcome!

Communion

This morning we will be observing Holy Communion. Congregational Life would like to suggest that parents bring their school age children upstairs to observe communion. Parents could leave the service during the offertory/anthem to get their children from downstairs. Please join us as we partake of the Lord's Supper this morning!

About our Guest Speaker

Diane Adams is a graduate of Adrian College, Eastern Michigan University, and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She is a retired educator, a former hospital chaplain, and one who has served as an interim associate in York, PA, and as a Christian education director in Monroe, MI. Diane was confirmed and married at First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, MI.

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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be this Saturday, **November 10** at 8:30 a.m. at the Fifth Wheel Restaurant. Please invite a friend as we pray and fellowship with one another.

Martha Mary Circle

The Martha Mary Circle will be meeting next Monday, **November 12** at 1:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. Please remember that the last date to order cheese balls is this Wednesday, **November 7**. Order forms are available in the Welcome Center, C.E. 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.

200th Celebration of Faith and Service

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

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!

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 and fall luncheons.

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 Friday, **November 16** at 10:00 a.m. Delivery will be on 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.

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.

Pastoral Care Needs

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

Staff:

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: Janet Spence

Ushers: Carol Rabun, Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

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 11:32-44	Jesus raises Lazarus
Monday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The Lord has delivered us
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6a	A new heaven and earth
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:12-38	Resurrection of the dead
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Death has lost its sting
Friday	Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 24	Entrance into the temple
Sunday	Mark 12:38-44	The widow's generous offering

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:00	Ecumenical Youth Group (Monroe Free Methodist)
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Personnel Committee
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	9:30	Worship Planning Meeting
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fifth Wheel Restaurant)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:15	Deacons Meeting

Sermon Notes