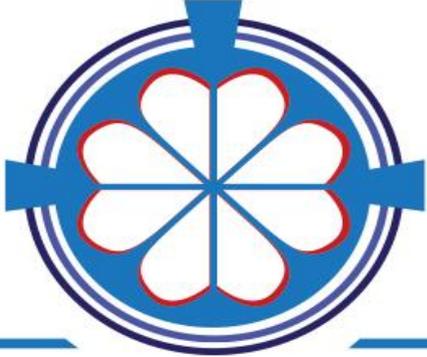


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

## OPENING WORDS

Child of God and child with human parents, teach us to grow in wisdom, both by listening and by asking questions.

**Help us to keep in proper balance our duties to the church family and our own households that we too may increase in favor with God and our peers. Amen.**

## PRELUDE

“We Three Kings”

Arr. Hebble

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Presents unwrapped.

**Batteries are run down, the trees are turning brown**

Still, one present glows so bright,

**The child in the manger with heavenly light.**

Christmas continues the whole year around.

**Whenever love and kindness abound.**

So gather your wits and sing loud and strong.

**Christmas continues, so raise up your song!**

## \*OPENING HYMN #146

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ageless God, forgive us if we have kept the young from worshipping with us.**

**Help us to accept new words and new music that can involve the young. By the examples of Samuel and Jesus, open our minds to the service that can be rendered to you by the young in years and the young at heart. 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 #113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” v. 2

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the  
gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Alice Kostoff*

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 148:1-6

Book of Common Worship p. 780

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Luke 2:41-52

NT p. 59

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“So what now?”

\*HYMN #150

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

CALL TO OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.*

OFFERTORY

“Low How a Rose”

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We choose to give our money to you with light hearts, gifting boldly and  
cheerfully. Accept these gifts from our hands, for the work of your church.  
Amen.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Communion of saints, called from the entire human family is united by God.

**As the people of God, we love one another.**

We experience, practice, and pursue Community with one another.

**We give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.**

We are a benefit and blessing to one another.

**We share one faith and have one calling.**

We are one body, and are of one soul and mind.

**We have one God and Father.**

We are filled with one Spirit.

**We are baptized with one baptism.**

We eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

**We confess one name and are obedient to one Lord.**

We work for one cause and share one hope,

**All thanks be to God.**

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Alice Kostoff*

## 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 #134

“Joy to the World”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

Bish

## 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.

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

We want to thank you for your donations in purchasing poinsettias this year to help make our sanctuary beautiful throughout Advent and Christmas. If you have not already done so, please remember to take your plant home.

### **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 lead us as we continue to study the Word of God. Nursery will be provided.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Bible Study will resume on Thursday, **January 3**. Please come and join our group at 10:00 a.m. Thursday mornings in the Cairl Room!

### **Church Office Hours**

The Church Office will remain open on New Year's Eve (regular hours) and be closed on New Year's Day. The office will reopen on Wednesday, **January 2** at 9:00 a.m.

### **Unhanging of the Greens**

Please join us after worship on **January 6** for a soup lunch and desserts to help us pack away the Christmas decorations around the church. Many helping hands and your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

As we begin a new year, please join us for a Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, **January 12** at 8:30 a.m. at the Fifth Wheel Restaurant for a time of fellowship and prayer.

### **Officers Training**

There will be an officers training on Saturday, **January 12** from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All officers are required to be present at this training.

### **Martha Mary Circle**

The next meeting of the Martha Mary Circle will be on Monday, **January 14** at 1:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. Please join us as we begin new projects at the dawn of this new year!

### **Committee Year-End Reports**

The Committees need to begin writing their year-end report that will be included in the Church Annual Report. Please send your reports to the Church Office by Tuesday, **January 15**.

### **Officer Installation/Ordination**

Our installation and ordination of Officers will be during worship on **January 27**. Please be present for this worship service.

### **2019 Church Directory**

It's time to update the church directory for the year 2019! Please carefully review your contact information in this past year's directory to make sure it is correct. If you have moved, changed a phone number, an email address, or if you are a new comer and wish to have your contact information included in the Church Directory, please call the Church Office. If you know of someone that has moved and you have the current contact information please let the Church Office know. The deadline to update your information is Monday, **January 28**. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting of the church will be on Sunday, **February 3** after Worship.

### **Pastoral Care Needs**

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

## **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>Luke 2:41-52</b>   | <b>The boy Jesus at the temple</b>    |
| Monday        | Ecclesiastes 3:1-8    | Everything has its time               |
| Tuesday       | Proverbs 1:1-7        | How proverbs can be used              |
| Wednesday     | 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  | Hanna visits Samuel                   |
| Thursday      | Colossians 3:12-17    | New life in Christ                    |
| Friday        | James 3:13-18         | Two kinds of wisdom                   |
| Saturday      | Psalms 148            | Let all things praise the Lord        |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Matthew 2:1-12</b> | <b>Wise men come to worship Jesus</b> |

### **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:** Tom Bajkiewicz

**Ushers:** Kay and John Gawle; Liz Cunningham

### **THIS WEEK**

|           |                                |  |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
| SUNDAY    | 12:15                          | Fellowship                                     |
| MONDAY    | 6:00                           | Chair Yoga                                     |
|           | 7:00                           | AA (Fellowship Hall)                           |
| TUESDAY   | New Year's Day (Office Closed) |  |
|           | 10:00                          | Chair Yoga                                     |
|           | 11:15                          | No Staff Meeting                               |
| WEDNESDAY | 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                       |
|           | 8:00                           | Heroin Anonymous                               |
| SUNDAY    | 9:30                           | Adult Education (Cairl Room)                   |
|           | 11:00                          | Worship  |
|           | 12:15                          | Fellowship-Unhanging of the Greens             |

## **Sermon Notes**

Joy  
to the world