

First 
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.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

O sing to the Lord a new song for the Lord has done marvelous things.

The Lord has made known his victory and has openly showed righteousness,

The Lord remembers mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

PRELUDE

“Come to the Water”

arr. Edwards

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name and worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*OPENING HYMN #375

“Shall We Gather At the River”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, return us to a sense of the holy. Restore to us the awareness of our holiness. Renew us with the remembering of just a few drops of baptismal water. In the name of the Creator, the Savior, and the Sustainer. 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 #836

“Abide With Me”

vs. 1, 3

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me. I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power? Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Alice Kostoff

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

LITANY OF BAPTISM

L: We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

P: With water you destroyed evil in the days of Noah. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

L: In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Christ, that he might lead us through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

P: We thank you loving God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in the resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

L: Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we receive into the community of faith those whom you have called and justified.

P: To Christ, to you and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen

BAPTISM OF JESUS’ CHILDREN

Everyone is welcome to come forward and touch the water in the baptism font. You may take a water marble if you choose.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Isaiah 43:1-7

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

“The Baptism of Jesus”

*HYMN #482

“Baptized In Water”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Crashing Water”

Southern Harmony

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We bring no treasures to share with the world. We only bring what we can to dedicate to this church and its mission; the same as our forefathers did since First Presbyterian Church of Monroe began in 1820. Bless each gift, all who give, and every work these offerings support. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles’ Creed

**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**

JOYS 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.

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH BIRTHDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN

“Our Church”

See bulletin insert

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Allegro 18th Century”

Anonymous

TODAY

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.

Our 199th Birthday Anniversary

During worship this morning we will observe our 199th Anniversary of the founding of our church. May we honor this day with gratitude for the vision our founding fathers entrusted to us to carry forth in our families, our church, and our community.

About our Guest Minister

Rev. Alex McLean, is our guest minister this morning! He is a retired Presbyterian minister who has served over 20 years in churches located in Michigan, New York, North Carolina, and Ohio. Please give him a warm welcome this morning!

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

Dallas Diekmann will be teaching various books of the Bible at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in January. In February, Cindy Morgan will teach about the Tabernacle until Lent.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Please come and join our group at 10:00 a.m. Thursday mornings in the Cairl Room for Bible Study!

Martha Mary Circle

The next meeting of the Martha Mary Circle will be tomorrow, **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 this 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.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting for the church will be held after worship on Sunday, **February 3**. Please join us for this important meeting.

Church Handbooks

We are requesting that Session Members turn in their Church Handbooks to the Church Office so that they can be updated and redistributed to the incoming Session Members.

Board Members Needed

Due to the resignation of members of the Bed Race to Aid Children Committee, the 501(c)3 Non-Profit that funds the Now I Lay Me Down Bed Ministry, will need Church Members for the Board. The Bylaws call for four Church Members and three Community Members at Large. If you are interested, please contact Kim Hooper for further details.

Pastoral Care Needs

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

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

200th Anniversary Cookbook Recipes

We are starting to gather your best recipes for our 200th Anniversary Cookbook. Please remember to pick up the recipe forms located in the Narthex and C.E. Lobby.

Manor School Sock Drive

The students at Manor School are having a Sock Drive. Their goal is to collect 1,000 pairs of socks by January 26. They will donate the socks to Oaks of Righteousness. Mary and Dale DeSloover's granddaughter, Libby, has asked if we would help her school reach their goal. Please place any adult/children size socks in the bin in the C.E. Lobby. Let's help the kids reach their 1,000 pairs.

Christmas Clean Out

Please stop by the back corner of the Boyd Chapel following worship this Sunday. There is a large collection of Christmas items looking for new homes. There are greens, wreaths, decorations, etc. Any items not taken will go the Bed Ministry garage sale this June. Thank you for shopping with us.

Sermon Notes

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	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 43:1-7	Restoration and protection
Tuesday	Acts 8:14-17	Receiving the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Ezekiel 36:24-28	God will make you clean
Thursday	Romans 6:1-11	Baptized into Christ's death
Friday	Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus' baptism
Saturday	Psalms 29	The voice of the Lord
Sunday	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana

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: Charlotte Frary

Ushers: Kim Hooper; Marilyn Marshall; George Kostoff

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
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MONDAY	1:00	Martha Mary Circle
	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	Property Committee
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY		Committee Reports due to Church Office today for Annual Report
	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:15	Staff Meeting
	6:00	Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY	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
SATURDAY	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship