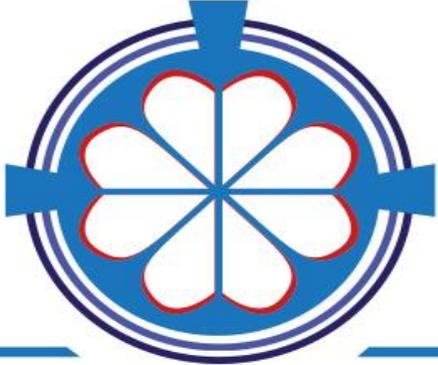


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

OPENING WORDS

From the east and west

We are drawn to the source of Light.

People of all colors and shapes

Are drawn to the Creator of Life.

Young, old and in between

Are summoned to the Fountain of Joy.

PRELUDE

“Nearer My God to Thee”

Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has put the door of eternity ajar;

The Light of Life streams into every dismal corner;

Fear and shame flee like shadows before the dawn.

Arise! Shine! Our light has come!

Lift up your eyes and look around!

The Lord will be our everlasting light.

*OPENING HYMN #318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We think we go about our lives largely unobserved, O God. Then we discover how much we reveal through body language, facial expressions, the gait of our walk, the activities we choose, and the places we go. Lead us toward being equally transparent in the living out of our faith. In the name of Jesus. 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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 25:8-14

OT p. 502

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING –John 2:1-11

NT p. 93

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Cana Grace”

HYMN #835

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Daughter of Zion”

Handel

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Your abundant outpouring to us, O God, has included many things we have come to enjoy and take for granted. May all that we dedicate here, including life itself, accomplish much good and bring healing to our troubled world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Question: What do you believe when you say: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth?"

Answer: **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth with all that is in him, who also upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is for the sake of Christ his Son my God and my Father. I trust in him so completely that I have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul. Moreover, whatever evil he sends upon me in this troubled life he will turn to my good, for he is able to do it, being almighty God, and is determined to do it, being a faithful Father.** *From the Heidelberg Catechism: Of God the Father*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #298

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Great Redeemer"

Conte

TODAY

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 Dieckmann 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!

No Choir Rehearsal this Week

There will be no Choir Rehearsal this Wednesday, **January 23**. The next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, **January 30** at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

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.

Lenten Studies

Congregational Life would like to have Lenten study groups again this year. If you would be interested in facilitating a group, let someone on our committee know. We have chosen a Lenten Study book by Marjorie Thompson. It has 6 chapters for the six weeks of Lent with study questions to initiate discussions for each chapter.

Cookies for Fellowship Needed

If anyone is in the mood to bake cookies during this cold season, we would appreciate your donations for the fellowship time after Worship each Sunday. Thanks, Congregational Life.

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.

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 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana
Monday	Isaiah 62:1-5	Jerusalem will be saved
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	Spiritual gifts
Wednesday	Lamentations 3:22-24	God's steadfast love endures
Thursday	Hebrews 13:1-6	Service well-pleasing to God
Friday	Romans 8:37-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-10	Human sin and God's goodness
Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth

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: Mary DeSloover

Ushers: Jim Crammond, Helyn Schroeder, David Nielsen



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	6:30	Bicentennial Meeting
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:15	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	No Choir practice
THURSDAY		Newsletter Deadline
	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
	9:30	Worship Planning Meeting
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	11:00	Nielsen Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship (New Officer Installation/Ordination)
	12:15	Fellowship

Sermon Notes