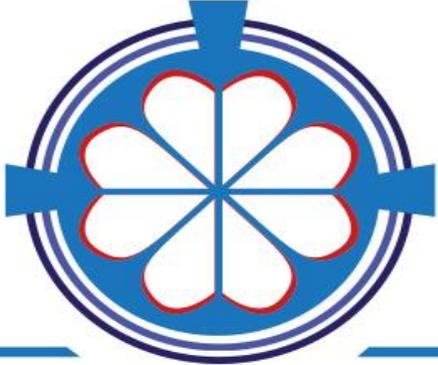


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Installation and Ordination of Officers

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

OPENING WORDS

The People who sit in darkness

Have seen a great light.

Make straight, then the crooked highways;

Exalt the valleys and make low the mountains.

PRELUDE

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world!”

We are gathered in your house, O God, to celebrate the light.

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven.”

Spirit of God, empower our witness to the Lights, in this service of worship.

*OPENING HYMN #177

“O Christ, The Great Foundation”

(Please find this hymn in the green hymnal, Sing! A new creation.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, you bless us with life in each new day; you fill our days with sunshine and joy. Yet we confess that we are more often inclined to notice the clouds and the disappointments. We let the gray skies move inside our souls and block out the rays of your grace. We let rain dampen our spirits and spoil your parade of blessings.

Creating God, open our eyes to see your beauty in all things. Open our ears to hear your words of forgiveness and to hear you calling our names. Deepen our trust in your will and way and let us always feel the sunshine of your grace.

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

Dr. Matt Meinke

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10

OT p. 498-499

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

NT p.174

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Varieties of Gifts”

Dr. Matt Meinke

*HYMN #185

“On Eagle’s Wings”

(Please find this hymn in the green hymnal, Sing! A new creation.)

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ST. PAUL

There are different gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways, and God's purpose is achieved through them all.

Each of us is given gifts by the Spirit to use for the good of all people. Together we are the Body of Christ, the Church, and individually members of Him.

PRESENTATIONS OF ELDERS AND DEACONS ELECT

Elders

Class of 2021 Diane Adams, Jim Crammond, Dale DeSloover

Deacons

Class of 2020 Liz Cunningham, Ann Orwin, David Nielsen

Class of 2021 Lynn Geiman, Gwen Peters

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

LAYING ON OF HANDS BY ELDERS AND DEACONS

PRAYER BY THE PASTOR

UNISON PRAYER

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: Give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world. Because our goal is faithfulness, take us past our need to always agree. Move us, by your love and our obedience, to worship and discipleship through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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

OFFERTORY

“Trio #1, Op. 49”

Josef Rheinberger

*DOXOLOGY ★606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, in peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and money for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God has created man in a personal relation with himself that man may respond to the love of the Creator. He has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. He has endowed man with capacities to make the world serve his needs to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Man is free to seek his life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

—*The Confession of 1967: The Love of God*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #128

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

(Please find this hymn in the green hymnal, Sing! A new creation.)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà for a Celebration”

Gene Clarke

TODAY

About our Guest Minister



Dr. Matt Meinke serves as the General Presbyter for Maumee Valley Presbytery (a gathering of 67 PCUSA congregations in SE Michigan and NW Ohio), previously coming from Indian Nations Presbytery in Oklahoma as stated clerk, leader, and pastor.

A native of Wisconsin, choir director, organist, and storyteller, Matt has served churches in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, graduating from Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA), Princeton, and Drew University (D. Min.). Matt's Morning Reflections, at www.mattmeinke.com, serve as a weekday devotional for many in our denomination. He also leads trips to the Holy Land and other pilgrimages, recently Journeys of Paul Mediterranean Cruise (Oct. 2018), and a planned Holy Land trip in January 2020.

Matt lives in Perrysburg, is an avid fisherman, scuba diver, traveler, local foodie, and Packer and Thunder fan, but also enjoys visiting his niece and nephews in Medina, Ohio.

About our Guest Musician

Pieter VerHow, originally of Palmyra, NY (near Rochester) and now of Clarkston, MI, began music study at the age of seven. He was first trained as a pianist and studied privately with professors at Eastman School of Music (a division of University of Rochester, Rochester, NY) for 11 years.

From 2002 - 2007 Pieter attended Houghton College (Houghton, NY) where he studied organ literature and church music under Dr. Judy Congdon (D.M.A.). Dr. Congdon was herself a doctoral graduate of Eastman.

Pieter is an accomplished vocal and keyboard musician who has performed as a soloist at venues both public and private. He also has many years of collaborative performance experience, having been employed as an accompanist and working with soloists and ensembles at the university level. His love of music is seen in his dedication to study and practice as well as music education in the community.

Most recently Pieter served as Director of Music Ministries and Choir at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills, MI, a position he held until 2014, having begun his tenure there in 2009. Now Pieter is active in substitute and assistant organist roles and always pleased to share his talent to glorify God and lead others in worship.

Installation/Ordination of Officers

This morning during worship a special portion of the service will include the installation and ordination for the office of Elder and Deacon. As a special reminder we ask our incoming officers to meet in the Library room at 10:15 a.m. this morning to meet with Alice and Dr. Matt Meinke before worship.

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.

Annual Report and Annual Meeting

The Annual Report is available on the table in the Narthex and small round table in the C.E. Lobby this morning. Please pick up a copy and bring it with you to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, **February 3** after worship in the sanctuary. Please join us for this important meeting.



Proposed Church By-Law Change

At the annual meeting on **February 3**, the Session will be proposing the following change to the bylaws regarding the number of elders to serve on Session. The bylaw is listed below for you to review and the verbiage to be changed in the bylaws is reflected below in italics and is underlined.

Part III – Officers Section 1. The Session

The Session shall consist of the pastor and *no less than nine (9) elders* in active service. The elders shall be divided into three (3) classes with *a minimum of three (3)* in each class, one of whom shall be elected each year for a full three-year term to begin at their ordination and/or installation. No elder shall serve on the Session for more than two (2) consecutive full terms and shall be ineligible to be elected to a new term until one (1) year shall have elapsed, provided, an elder may be elected to serve two (2) consecutive terms, the first of which was a partial term to fill a vacancy.

Nominating Committee

Anyone who is interested in serving on the Nominating Committee for 2019, please talk to Jennifer Hueston. We will vote on who will serve on the committee at the Annual Meeting on **February 3**.

Valentine Tea



On **February 10**, Congregational Life will have a Valentine Tea for the congregation after Worship. Please join us for a time of fellowship.

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!

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 entitled, "Forgiveness" by Marjorie Thompson. It has 6 chapters for the six weeks of Lent with study questions to initiate discussions for each chapter.

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.

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 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
Monday	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ezra reads God's law to the people
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	One body, many parts
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:1-7	The good news of deliverance
Thursday	Romans 12:1-8	Christ brings new life
Friday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Saturday	Psalms 19	God's glory in creation and the law
Sunday	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected

Church Leadership

Elders

Class of 2019

Jim Heisler
Rusty Shorter
Kathy Lee

Class of 2020

Cheryl Eder
Jennifer Hueston
Greg Hunter
Alan Schroeder

Class of 2021

Diane Adams
Jim Crammond
Dale DeSloover

Committee Chairperson(s)

Building and Property: Jim Heisler; Dale DeSloover

Congregational Life: Kathy Lee; Cheryl Eder

Finance: Alan Schroeder

Mission and Outreach: Jim Crammond

Personnel and Policy: Jennifer Hueston; Cheryl Eder

Worship: Diane Adams

Deacons

Class of 2019

Ann Lux
Karen Sobieralski
Mary DeSloover
Jeffrey Haman
Judy Chesman

Class of 2020

Liz Cunningham
Ann Orwin
David Nielsen

Class of 2021

Lynn Geiman
Gwen Peters

Moderator of Deacons: Ann Lux

Vice Moderators of Deacons: Mary DeSloover and Gwen Peters

Church 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: Bob Douglas

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler; Randy Stiffler

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	10:15	Incoming Elders/Deacons meet in Library before Worship
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	Session
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:15	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
	9:30	Worship Planning Meeting
SUNDAY	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)





Installation