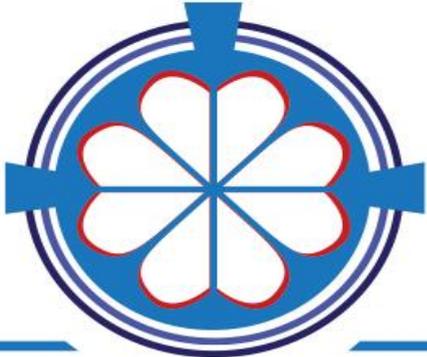


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Epiphany of the Lord Sunday and Communion Sunday

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

## OPENING WORDS

Come, Lord

**Come be the light for our path and a lamp in our darkness.**

Come, Lord

**Fill our days with song and our nights with blessing.**

## PRELUDE

“Das Alte Jahr Vergangen 1st”

J.S. Bach

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine for your light has come

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Arise, let us leave the gloomy night;

**Let us behold the glorious sight;**

Your glory shone for the face of the son, Jesus

**Who alone could say, “I am the Light of the World.”**

Let us celebrate the Light of the World,

**For upon us has the Light shined!**

## \*OPENING HYMN #151

“We Three Kings”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of eternal hope, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern and miss the reach of the stars. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means “God with us.” You bring a candle of hope, the light of peace, the radiance of joy. Shine your light on our path and walk with us through all our valleys with the sun at our backs. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Isaiah 60:1-6

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING –Matthew 2:1-12

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Scandal of the Magi”

\*HYMN #175

“Seek Ye First”

CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**As the magi presented costly gifts to the Child they dared to worship as your special messenger, we would give our best through the church, as it continues as Christ’s body, and the carrier of good news. Keep us open to the signs of your presence and your needs wherever it leads us. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...Glory be to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*—From our Brief Statement of Faith.*

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” #552

**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 abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all you people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #157

“I Danced In The Morning”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Antioch”

arr. Peterson

#### **TODAY**

#### **Unhanging of the Greens**

This morning after worship please join us 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.

## **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.

## **About our Guest Minister**

The Rev. Michelle James is a wife, mother and Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbytery of Detroit, living in Grosse Ile MI. She has served churches large and small in Michigan, Virginia, North Carolina and Ohio as Pastor, Co-Pastor (with her husband, Tom), and Associate Pastor. She met Tom in Louisville KY where they attended Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and where they were later married. They have three beautiful children: Emma, a freshman at U of M; Annie, a sophomore at Grosse Ile High School; and Charissa, an eighth grader at Grosse Ile Middle School. Their dogs, Jack and Duke, add lots of energy, laughs and hair to their lives. Currently, Michelle is a part-time Event Support Specialist with Rise against Hunger, an international hunger relief agency. In her spare time, she enjoys dirt therapy, family game night, attending their girls' volleyball and basketball games, and playing silly computer games.

## **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**

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

## **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 Boyd Chapel. 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.

## **Extra Fruit Cakes**

There are some extra fruit cakes available. Please come to the Church Office during office hours for pick up or see Charlotte Frary on Sunday morning. The cost is \$7.00.

## **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. The deadline to update your information is Monday, **January 28**. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook Recipes**

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

### **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>Matthew 2:1-12</b>	<b>Wise men come to worship Jesus</b>
Monday	Isaiah 60:1-6	Nations will come to the light
Tuesday	Ephesians 3:1-12	Paul's mission to the Gentiles
Wednesday	Daniel 2:17-49	Nebuchadnezzar's dream
Thursday	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh
Friday	1 John 1:1-10	God is light
Saturday	Psalms 72:1-7	Prayer for a righteous king
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</b>	<b>The baptism of 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

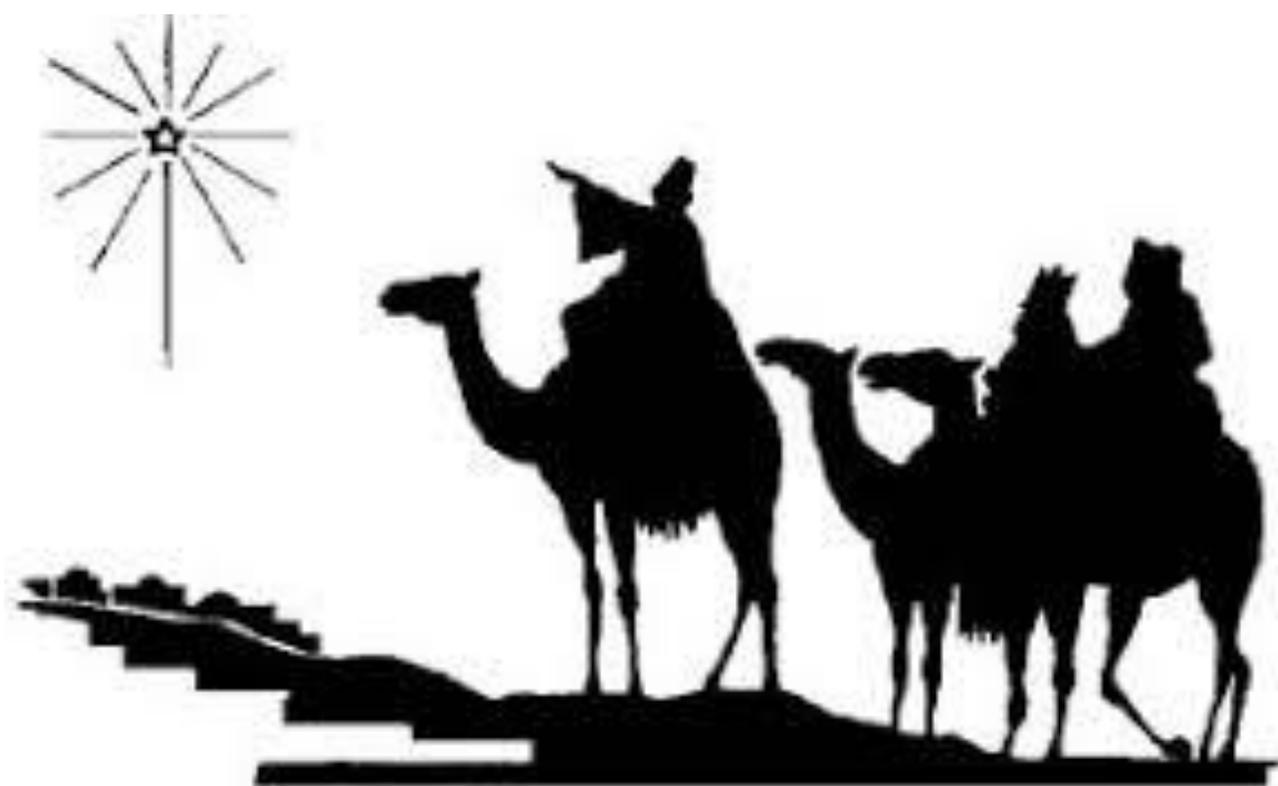
**Liturgist:** Cindy Morgan

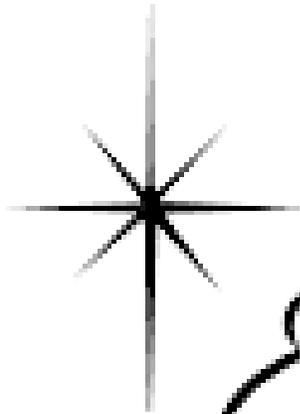
**Ushers:** Carol Rabun, Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	12:15	Fellowship
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:15	Staff Meeting
	6:00	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Mission/Outreach Committee
WEDNESDAY	6:30	Bell Choir
	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)
	9:00	Officers Training (Boyd Chapel)
	9:00	Dieckmann Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship
	12:15	Deacons Meeting

## **Sermon Notes**





# *Epiphany*

