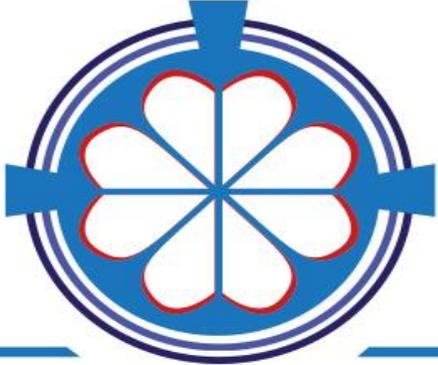


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

## OPENING WORDS

Leader: In the beginning, God spoke the world into being. So too, Jesus spoke and taught and healed and called the people into discipleship.

People: **We come today in wonder at the power and presence of the Triune God in the world. We come to renew and recommit ourselves to be disciples, called to respond to God's power and presence in our lives.**

## PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord”

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## \*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 138)

Leader: O Lord, I give you thanks and sing your praise with my whole heart.

People: **We thank you for your endless and faithful love. Your word is above everything.**

Leader: When I call out to you, you answer and strengthen my soul.

People: **All who have ears to hear from every place in society know the power of your love and forgiveness.**

Leader: O Lord, you give me strength to move forward regardless of what I may face. Your love empowers me.

People: **We know, O God, that we can fulfill your purpose for us because your love and forgiveness lift us up and give us all that we need.**

## \*OPENING HYMN #1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Grace and Truth, our world is full of noise. We are so distracted that it is hard for us to hear your voice. Sometimes we choose the noise because we are afraid that we don't know the answers, that we are somehow not enough to accomplish that which you have called us to be and to do. Forgive us our distractions, our desire to be safe in that which is known, not wanting to take risks and seeming to fail.**

**Help us open our hearts and minds to listen closely to the music of the world around us, the world that you created. Help us to listen carefully and patiently to one another, to hear in both the words and silences that which you are**



HYMN #735

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

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

OFFERTORY “Standing on the Promises”

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Thank you, God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for reaching out to win our hearts. In gratitude, we dedicate this offering. Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God, whose Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

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 #726

“Will You Come And Follow Me”

vs. 1, 2, 5

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in Seven”

Rutter

## 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.

### Valentine Tea



Please join us after worship for a Valentine Tea sponsored by Congregational Life.

### Gifts of the Heart

Beginning this Sunday, **February 10**, please watch for Valentine envelopes in your pews. The Deacons is sponsoring our annual Gifts of the Heart fundraiser. Your donations will help the Deacons with their many projects throughout 2019. Indicate on the envelope if your gift is in honor or in memory of someone special.

### 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

Cindy Morgan will be teaching about the Tabernacle at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings until Lent in the Cairl Room.



### Thursday Morning Bible Study

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

## Socialites

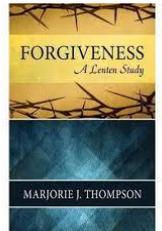
The next meeting for Socialites is on Saturday, **February 16** at the Schroeder residence at 5:30 p.m. All widows, widowers, and other singles are welcome. Please join us!

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

The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is still gathering your highly favored recipes for our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Cookbook! We need your recipes to help put this project together! Recipe forms are available in the Narthex and C.E. Lobby. The next 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee meeting is Monday, **February 18** at 6:30 p.m. in the Cairl Room.

## Lenten Studies

We are planning Lenten Study groups beginning in March. There will be a group on Sunday mornings after Worship (**starting March 10**), a group on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. (**starting on March 13**) and a Thursday morning group at 10:00 a.m. (**starting March 14**). The study will last 45 minutes each. All groups will use “Forgiveness” by Marjorie J. Thompson. Participants do not need to purchase a book but if you want to purchase one, please contact Judy Chesman. The cost is \$9.00. There will be no Adult Education on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. during the Lenten Study Series (March 10 through April 14).



## Chili Pot Luncheon

The Martha Mary Circle and Congregational Life will have our Annual Chili Pot Luncheon on Sunday, **March 3** after Worship to support our Bed Ministry. Donations of sheets and money are appreciated. Please come to enjoy some delicious chili and great fellowship!

## 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 5:1-11</b>	<b>Jesus calls the first disciples</b>
Monday	Isaiah 6:1-13	The call of Isaiah
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	The call of Paul
Wednesday	Numbers 27:12-23	Joshua appointed Moses' successor
Thursday	James 1:17-18	God's gifts to us
Friday	Exodus 4:10-17	Moses' miraculous power
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise the Lord with all your heart
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 6:17-26</b>	<b>Sermon on the plain</b>

## **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Valentine Tea (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15	Deacons Meeting
MONDAY	1:00	Martha Mary Circle
	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	7:00	Property Committee
	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:15	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Mission and Outreach Committee
	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	6:00	Personnel Committee
	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship

## **Church Leadership**

### **Elders**

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#### **Class of 2021**

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**Finance:** Alan Schroeder

**Mission and Outreach:** Jim Crammond

**Personnel and Policy:** Jennifer Hueston; Cheryl Eder

**Worship:** Diane Adams

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Jeffrey Haman  
Judy Chesman

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#### **Class of 2021**

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Gwen Peters

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**Vice Moderators of Deacons:** Mary DeSloover and Gwen Peters

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**Director of Music Ministries:** Robert Edwards;

**Administrative Assistant:** Sara Jones; **Financial Secretary:** Suzanne Bondie;

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**Custodian:** Sean Farris

**Pastors Emeriti:** Rev. Dean McGormley, Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley

**Liturgist:** Mary DeSloover

**Ushers:** Kim Hooper, Marilyn Marshall, George Kostoff