

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.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

OPENING WORDS

Come all you weary and hurting

Here, find rest for your souls.

Here, enter into the grace of forgiveness;

Here, taste the living water of renewal.

PRELUDE

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

Neymark

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the blue God comes to us.

In the midst of turmoil Jesus walks toward us.

As darkness closes in the spirit lights a way for us.

Out of the blue Jesus comes through;

When times are tough, God can be enough.

May our praise be loud and strong.

*OPENING HYMN #187

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Saving God, we are your people, yet the world cannot see this. We are your children, and fail to live in peace. We are your voices, and choose to be silent. We are your hands and feet and walk a different road. Forgive us for ignoring your love, for brushing aside your hand and trusting our own wisdom. Enable us to worship you in spirit and in truth, to bring to you our joyful songs in the everyday moments of our lives; that your name might be glorified through our words and lives. 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 #834** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Winnie Findley

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 1

OT p. 489

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – John 6:17-26

NT p. 97-98

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SERMON

“The Cost of Discipleship”

Debra Davies

HYMN #172

“Blest Are They”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Sing A New Song”

Chancel Choir

***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, accomplish much good and bring healing to our troubled world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

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 #238**

“Thine Is the Glory”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Te Deum”

Charpentier

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.

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!

200th Anniversary Cookbook Recipes

The 200th Anniversary Committee is still gathering your highly favored recipes for our 200th 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 200th Anniversary Committee meeting is tomorrow, **February 18** at 6:30 p.m. in the Cairl Room.

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit newsletter items into the Church Office by this Thursday, **February 21**.

Welcome Tea

Congregational Life will host a Welcome Tea on Sunday, **February 24th** for our new interim co-pastors, Dean and Ellen McGormley. Please join us and give them a warm welcome.

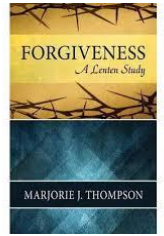


Chili Pot Luncheon

Martha Mary Circle and Congregational Life are having a Chili Pot Luncheon on **March 3** after Worship. We will have enough chili for everyone, but feel free to bring your own recipe to share. We are collecting money, sheets, bedding, etc. for the Bed Ministry.

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 7**). 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).



Blue Bin for February

During the remaining days of February we will be collecting toilet paper in the BLUE BIN. This donation will go to help and support the residents at Oaks of Righteousness Shelter. This cold, snowy weather has increased the number of residents at the shelter. NOTE: the Dollar Tree has this item at a good price.

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.

Sunday	Luke 6:17-26	Sermon on the plain
Monday	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Trust in the Lord
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	The resurrection of the dead
Wednesday	Acts 13:26-34	Bring the good news
Thursday	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Blessings for obedience
Friday	Matthew 5:1-11	The Sermon on the Mount
Saturday	Psalms 1	Blessed are the faithful
Sunday	Luke 6:27-38	Love for enemies

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	6:30	Bicentennial Meeting (Cairl Room)
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:15	Staff Meeting
	6:00	Congregational Life Committee
WEDNESDAY	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
		Newsletter Deadline
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship

Church Leadership

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