

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.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

OPENING WORDS

Now is the moment of grace.

This is the hour of blessing.

For this is the day God is making.

Let us rejoice and sing.

PRELUDE

“What He Ordains”

Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God saves us.

God calls us with a holy calling.

God calls us according to his own purpose and grace.

His grace has been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ.

For us, our Savior abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

We have been appointed heralds for this gospel.

We know in whom we have put our trust.

We shall guard the good treasure entrusted to us.

*OPENING HYMN #49

“The God of Abraham Praise”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your forgiveness is total, no notebook, tape recorder or post-it note to remind you of that moment when... You take our confession, offered with hands outstretched, and gently, like the loving heavenly Father that you are, put it to one side to be forgotten. No grudges, no itching for judgment. No resentment or ill will. Not like us, who find it easy to say sorry but so hard to forgive, absolutely. Forgive us Father, that we are often more willing to accept forgiveness than to forgive. More willing to accept your love, than to share it with those who have hurt us. Teach us to forgive, as you forgive. 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 – Matthew 28:16-20

NT p. 489

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Genesis 26:1-6, 23-31

OT p. 22-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Does God Promise?”

Rev. Ellen McGormley

HYMN #315

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and 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

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. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life... In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. —*From the Brief Statement of Faith.*

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 #838

“Standing on the Promises”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Improvisation”

Edwards

TODAY

Welcome Tea after Worship

After Worship, Congregational Life will host a Welcome Tea to welcome our new interim co-pastors, Dean and Ellen McGormley. Please join us!

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

We will not be publishing a Heritage Cookbook for our 200th Birthday Celebration due to low interest in the collection of recipes. We thank the people who participated by submitting recipes. Please watch for further details about our 200th Birthday Celebration and volunteer to help in another area of our event planning. Please contact Alice Kostoff. The next 200th Anniversary Committee meeting is **March 18** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room.

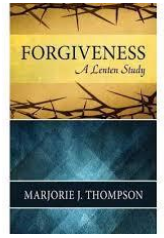


Chili Pot Luncheon

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. There is a sign-up sheet in the C.E. Lobby. Please bring a dessert 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 6:27-38	Love for enemies
Monday	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Joseph reveals himself
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	The resurrection body
Wednesday	Genesis 43:16-34	Joseph is kind to his brothers
Thursday	Romans 8:1-11	Life in the Spirit
Friday	1 John 2:7-17	A new commandment
Saturday	Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40	Trust the Lord
Sunday	Luke 9:28-43a	Jesus is transfigured

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Welcome Tea (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	Session
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	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	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	10:00	Set-up for Chili Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Chili Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

Church Leadership

Elders

Class of 2019

Jim Heisler
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Kathy Lee

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Cheryl Eder
Jennifer Hueston
Alan Schroeder

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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

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Ann Lux
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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:

Co-Interim Pastors: Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley and Rev. Dean McGormley;
Ellen: (734) 652-7147 (home) and Dean: (734) 497-8069 (home)

This Week they will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

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

Liturgist: Rev. Dean McGormley

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler; Randy Stiffler