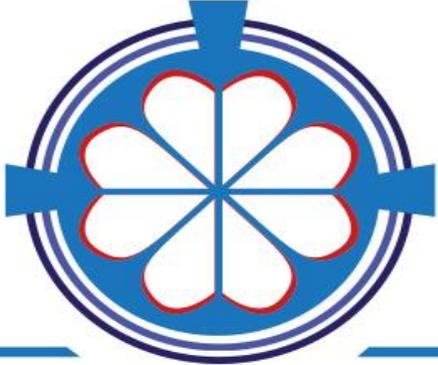


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March 3, 2019; 11:00 AM

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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.

Transfiguration of the Lord and Communion Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

Come into the presence of God. Come look for the radiance of Christ.

We come to be transformed by divine glory, and let others see God in our faces.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is above all things, exalted and worthy of praise.

Praise God! Holy and mighty is the Lord our God.

God is a mighty ruler who loves justice, establishes equity and cherishes righteousness.

Praise God! Holy and mighty is the Lord our God.

God is full of glory, a radiant sun, more splendid than all creation.

Praise God! Holy and mighty is the Lord our God.

*OPENING HYMN #1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God you come to us and reveal yourself through your Son, Jesus Christ. In his glory we are made new. Yet we often respond with fear rather than with enthusiasm, when we look upon your presence. Forgive our hesitancy to serve you bravely and joyfully. Teach us how to serve with boldness, and transform us into glory---glory we behold in the transfiguration of Jesus. 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 –Exodus 34:29-35

OT p. 81

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING –Luke 9:28-36

NT p. 69-70

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Do You See?”

Rev. Ellen McGormley

HYMN #192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Bread of the World”

***DOXOLOGY #606**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, we have been transformed by your majesty. We thank you. May these gifts now be used to help transform others in body and spirit. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. ----- A 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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God our Creator. You brought light out of darkness and set the sun to brighten the day and the moon and stars to illuminate the night. Your glory blinds the eyes of our sin, while your radiance warms our needy hearts. You lead us by the light of your truth into the way of righteousness and peace.

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:

Christ has died. Christ is 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

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

TODAY

Communion

Congregational Life would like to suggest that parents bring their school age children upstairs to observe when the service includes communion. Parents could leave the service during the offertory/anthem to get their children from downstairs. We hope this experience will help them understand communion in our church. Parents are responsible for instructing their children on the meaning of communion.



Chili Pot Luncheon

Martha Mary Circle and Congregational Life are having a Chili Pot Luncheon after Worship this morning. 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.

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.

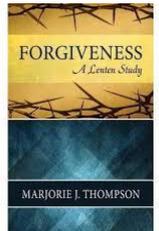
Ash Wednesday Worship Service



We will be having an Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, **March 6** at 7:00 p.m. This will be a communion service with the imposition of ashes. Please join us as we begin the season of Lent. There will be no bell choir that evening, but choir will meet at 8:00 p.m. after the worship service.

Lenten Studies

Our three Lenten Study groups will be studying “Forgiveness, a Lenten Study” by Marjorie J. Thompson during Lent. The classes will begin on Thursday, **March 7** at 10:00 a.m. with Cindy Morgan leading; on Sunday, **March 10** after Worship with Winnie Findley leading, and on Wednesday, **March 13** at 6:00 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley leading. The classes will last approximately 45 minutes. If you wish to purchase a book, please see 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). Please join us as we journey through this season of Lent and practice forgiveness in our lives!



Men’s Prayer Breakfast

A Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, **March 9** at 8:30 a.m. at the Fifth Wheel Restaurant. Please sign up on the sheet in the C.E. Lobby.

Daylight Savings Time Begins



Time to Spring Ahead!! On Sunday, **March 10** Daylight Savings Time begins!!! Please set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday evening so you have the correct time when you wake up on Sunday morning for Worship at 11:00 a.m.!

Martha Mary Circle

The Martha Mary Circle will be meeting on Monday, **March 11** at 1:00 p.m. at the Manse for a regular meeting.

200th Anniversary Cookbook

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.

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 9:28-43a	Jesus is transfigured
Monday	Exodus 34:29-35	The shining face of Moses
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	God's new agreement
Wednesday	Psalms 51:1-17	A prayer for forgiveness
Thursday	Acts 10:1-23	God speaks to Peter in a vision
Friday	Acts 10:24-33	Peter tells Cornelius about Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 99	Our Lord is King
Sunday	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Chili Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:00	Worship Committee
WEDNESDAY	6:30	No Bell Choir
	7:00	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
	8:00	Choir practice
THURSDAY	10:00	Lenten Study Group
	5:30	Bed Ministry Board Meeting
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast
SUNDAY	9:30	No Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15	Lenten Study Group
	12:15	Deacons

Church Leadership

Elders

Class of 2019

Jim Heisler
Rusty Shorter
Kathy Lee

Class of 2020

Cheryl Eder
Jennifer Hueston
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:

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 (11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.);

Wednesday (1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) and Thursday (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Director of Music Ministries: Robert Edwards;

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

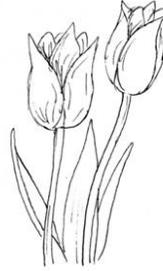
Sexton: Gary Bogedain; **Childcare:** Suzanne Bondie, Amy Morgan;

Custodian: Sean Farris

Liturgist: Rev. Dean McGormley

Ushers: Carol Rabun; Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

Easter Flower Order Form



**Easter is just around the corner!
It's time to order flowers for the season!**

The following flower varieties will be available:

Easter Lily

1 Stem - \$ 8.50 _____

2 Stem - \$14.50 _____

3 Stem - \$19.00 _____

Tulips

\$8.50 _____

Hyacinths

\$8.50 _____

Orders must be received by **Sunday, March 31**, and will be ordered on **Thursday, April 4**. Please fill out the order form in the bulletin or call Sara in the office at 734-242-1545 to order. Please feel free to take your plant home after the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service on Sunday, April 21.

In honor of: _____

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In memory of: _____

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Come
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Table

THE LORD'S SUPPER

