

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.

Third Sunday in Lent

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

OPENING WORDS

New every morning is your mercy, O God.

You save us from our transgressions.

You bless us with steadfast love and mercy.

In true repentance, we find new life.

PRELUDE

“Lenten Suite”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you are our God.

We will praise you with joyful lips.

Lord, you are our God.

Our souls thirst for you.

Lord, you are our God.

We will behold your power and majesty.

Lord, you are our God.

We will bless you all the days of our lives.

*OPENING HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A broken and contrite heart is the acceptable sacrifice to you, O God. And so we come before you today, as sinners in need of your mercy. Grant us your forgiveness, O God. Help us turn from our old ways. Lead us into newness of life, that our actions may be found pleasing in your sight.

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 #634**

“To God Be the Glory”

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To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Judy Chesman

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING –1 Corinthians 10:1-13

NT p. 172

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Luke 13:1-9

NT p. 76

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Bearing Fruit”

Rev. Alex McLean

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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.

---- A Brief Statement of Faith

HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

TODAY

About our Guest Minister

Rev. Alex McLean, is our guest minister this morning! He is a retired Presbyterian minister who has served over 20 years in churches located in Michigan, New York, North Carolina, and Ohio. Please give him a warm welcome this morning!

A Lenten Study Group after Worship

After worship this morning please join us for a Lenten Study Group. We are studying the book, "Forgiveness, a Lenten Study", by Marjorie J. Thompson.

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 in the nursery and Wee Believer's rooms located near the parking lot entrance of the church. Hearing assistance, wheel chairs, and walkers are also available.

Easter Flower Orders

Please submit your Easter Flower Orders by next Sunday, **March 31**. An order form is in your bulletin.

Co-Interim Pastors Out of Office

Dean and Ellen McGormley will be gone on a previously scheduled commitment this week and will return on Wednesday, **April 3**. Please call the church office for pastoral assistance.

200 years of Faith and Service

The Bicentennial Committee will meet this Monday, **March 25** at 7:00 p.m. (Cairl Room).

Lenten Studies

Our three Lenten Study groups have begun studying "Forgiveness, a Lenten Study" by Marjorie J. Thompson. The classes are held on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.; on Sundays after Worship; and on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we journey through this season of Lent and practice forgiveness in our lives! Our Adult Education Class will resume on Sunday, **April 28** at 9:30 a.m. in the Cairl Room.

Spring Cleaning in Wee Believer's Room

The Martha Mary Circle will meet on Monday, **April 8** at 1:00 p.m. to clean, organize, and throw out stuff that is broken in the Wee Believer's Room. All ladies are invited to join us as we "spring clean". Please wear your cleaning clothes and bring rags, etc. with you to help clean.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

A Men's Prayer Breakfast will take place on Saturday, **April 13** at 8:30 a.m. at the Fifth Wheel Restaurant. Please sign up on the sheet in the C.E. Lobby and join us for a special time of food and fellowship!

Christian Sympathies

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe extends its Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Richard Burkett, who passed away on March 20, 2019. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts support God's people experiencing need in supporting ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, resettlement, food for the hungry, community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen families and communities. Please pick up a "fish" offering box to place your coins in during the Lent season and on Easter Sunday, **April 21** we will take up the "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering during Worship.



Cookbook Update

We plan to still have a Cookbook for our 200th Anniversary which will be put together by the Martha Mary Circle. Please keep submitting your recipes until the end of May. If you have any questions, please see Alice Kostoff or Helyn Schroeder.

Oaks Needs Ranch Salad Dressing

The blue bin is out so that the Deacons can collect donations of Ranch Dressing for Oaks. It is the most popular salad dressing with the residents. Let's see how many nights we can provide them with as we collect Ranch Dressing for the next three Sundays.

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 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-9	Abundant Life
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Warnings from Israel's history
Wednesday	Ezekiel 18:25b-32	Repent and live
Thursday	Luke 3:1-9	The fruit of repentance
Friday	Hosea 14:1-9	Return to the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 63:1-8	Comfort in God's presence
Sunday	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	No Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15	Lenten Study Group
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	200 th Anniversary Committee (Cairl Room)
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	No Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:00	Lenten Study Group
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY	10:00	Lenten Study Group
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
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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 out of the office and will return on Wednesday,
April 3 (9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) and Thursday, April 4 (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: Glee Taylor

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler; Randy Stiffler

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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Sermon Notes

