

First 
Presbyterian
Church of Monroe

March 31, 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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

OPENING WORDS

Rejoice in God! Rejoice today!
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PRELUDE

“Footprints of Jesus”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrate and rejoice. We are the forgiven family of God!

Praise God, who loves us so.

Celebrate and rejoice. We are the beloved children of God!

Rejoice in Christ, who welcomes us home!

Celebrate and rejoice. We are the renewed people of God!

Praise to the Spirit, who calls us here!

*OPENING HYMN #20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father, hold us in the arms of your forgiveness and grace. When we run from you or abandon your guiding light, welcome us back with mercy. When we squander your gifts or reject your generosity, love us into right living. When we hide from our shame or mask our guilt, coax us into the light of your abundant love. Hear our prayers, dear Lord.

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.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious God, you hold out your arms to us and welcome us home. We are grateful for the many blessings you bestow on us. Give us the courage to be as gracious to others through our hospitality and our offerings. Bless us we pray. Amen.

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 #547**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Chorale”

TODAY

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 Believers 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 today, **March 31**. An order form is in your bulletin.

Co-Interim Pastors Out of Office

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

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 at the shelter (as it is with many of us). Using up one bottle a night is not unusual. Let's see how many nights we can provide them with this week as we collect Ranch Dressing.

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 15:1-3, 11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father
Monday	Joshua 5:9-12	Passover at Gilgal
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	The ministry of reconciliation
Wednesday	Hosea 2:13-20	The Lord courts Israel as a bride
Thursday	Luke 15:4-10	Lost and found
Friday	Colossians 1:15-23	The work of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	Easter Flower Orders Due Today
	9:30 No Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00 Worship
	12:15 Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	12:15 Lenten Study Group
	6:00 Chair Yoga
TUESDAY	7:00 AA (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 Chair Yoga
WEDNESDAY	11:00 No Staff Meeting
	5:00 Worship Committee
	6:00 Lenten Study Group
	6:30 Bell Choir
THURSDAY	7:30 Choir practice
	10:00 Lenten Study Group
	6:00 Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY	6:00 TOPS
	9:00 TOPS
SUNDAY	8:00 Heroin Anonymous
	9:30 No Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00 Worship
	12:15 Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15 Lenten Study Group

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 return to the office 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: Helyn Schroeder

Ushers: Kay and John Gawle; Liz Cunningham

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 today **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: _____

In memory of: _____

Donated by: _____



Sermon Notes

Holy Week Services

Please consider joining us for our Worship Services throughout Holy Week this year!

Palm Sunday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m.



Let us begin the journey and passion of Holy Week together, on Palm Sunday for Worship! Each person will be given a palm branch to wave during the Opening of Worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

We will be having a Maundy Thursday Worship Service which will feature Communion.



Good Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service

On Good Friday, we will be hosting an Ecumenical Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service. Please join us as we worship with other Monroe area churches in a Tenebrae Worship Service format “as the flames of candles are extinguished one by one as Scripture readings are shared to tell the story of Holy Week.” –PC (USA)



Easter Sunday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m. ~ Light Breakfast

This Easter Sunday, please join us for bagels, cream cheese, and juice at 9:30 a.m. in Boyd Chapel before our Easter Sunday Worship Service.



Easter Sunday Worship, April 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Please join us as the Rev. Dean McGormley will give the message this Easter as we celebrate our Risen Savior and how He conquered the grave at 11:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday!