

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.

Palm Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

PRELUDE

“Elevation”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

Triumphant and victorious is he!

Humble, and riding on the donkey,

On a colt, the foal of a donkey!

*OPENING HYMN #197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of righteousness, we would rather sing hosanna with a cheering crowd than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob; we would rather dine with you at your table, than stand up for you in a courtyard of accusers; we would rather see ourselves as your champions, than admit to ourselves how easily we could betray you with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith. Heal our hesitant hearts. Deepen our irresolute discipleship.

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

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

OT p. 565-566

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Luke 19:28-40

NT p. 83

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Praise! In Spite Of...”

Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.... Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

---- A Brief Statement of Faith

HYMN #198

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Who Is This King”

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy One, your love for us is so great that you gave us your own Son to teach us the ways of life and death. May the gifts and offerings we bring this morning reflect our gratitude: for Christ’s gift of self, for Christ’s anguish and passion, for Christ’s never-failing love. 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

PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK

“Watch the Lamb”

Dean McGormley

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Sullen Prayer for Palm Sunday”

TODAY

Palm Sunday



Hosanna in the Highest! Please join us during the opening of worship in waving your palm branch. We are glad that you have joined us this morning as we begin Holy Week.

A Lenten Study Group after Worship

After worship this morning please join us for our final lesson in “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.

200 years of Faith and Service Meeting

Our next 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee meeting is tomorrow **April 15** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. If you would like to help please join us for a meeting!

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.



Maumee Valley Presbytery Women ~ Spring Gathering

Presents “Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence”

See Additional Information Posted on the Bulletin Board near the Office.

When: Saturday, **April 27**, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

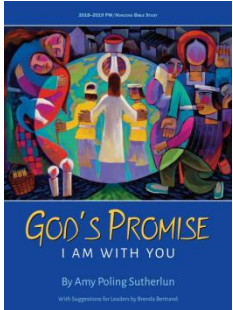
Where: First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Ohio

Cost: \$8.00 for breakfast snacks, lunch, and materials. RSVP by **April 17**, 2019

Socialites

The Socialites will meet on Saturday, **April 27** at the Schroeder residence at 5:30 p.m. Please note the date has been changed to a week later due to Easter. All widows, widowers, and other singles are welcome for a special time of food and fellowship!

Sunday Morning Adult Education Class



What is the promise that God makes most frequently to us in the Bible? It is “I will be with you”. A new Adult Sunday School class will begin on Sunday, **April 28** at 9:30 a.m. in the Cairl Room. The title is “God’s Promise—I Am With You” and the study will examine that promise in various scripture texts over nine Sundays. The class will include Bible Study and discussion about how the text applies to our lives today. All adults are invited. Ellen McGormley will lead the discussion. Books can be ordered for \$8.00 but are not necessary. Please plan to attend and talk to Ellen if you want a book.

Cookbook Update

We plan to still have a Cookbook for our 200th Anniversary. If you have a recipe that was used in a past dinner or potluck here at the church, please submit it to the church office, Helyn Schroeder, or Alice Kostoff by **May 31**.

Volunteers Needed

The Monroe Center of Healthy Aging is in need of volunteers for these services: dining room assistance, local transportation providers, friendship hours for lonely older adults, special event servers. If you have the time and heart to assist us in providing service to our treasured older adults, please contact Beth, Volunteer Coordinator, at (734) 241-0404. The Monroe Center is a warm and loving place that needs your help. Thank you.

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 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes
Monday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	God's servant must suffer
Tuesday	Luke 22:14-23:56	The Last Supper and crucifixion
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	Christ shows us true humility
Thursday	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Jesus washes the disciples' feet
Friday	John 18:1-John 19:42	The suffering and death of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:1-16	A prayer for protection
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The resurrection of Jesus

Sermon Notes

**THIS WEEK
HOLY WEEK**

SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

Deacons to deliver flowers to shut-ins today

9:30 No Adult Education (Cairl Room)

10:00 Deacons Meeting

11:00 Worship

12:15 Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)

12:15 Lenten Study Group

MONDAY

5:30 Bed Ministry Board Meeting

6:00 Chair Yoga

7:00 200th Birthday Celebration Committee

7:00 AA (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY

10:00 Chair Yoga

11:00 Staff Meeting

6:00 Endowment Committee

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Bell Choir

7:30 No Choir practice

THURSDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

10:00 Bible Study

6:00 Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 TOPS

7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion

8:00 Choir Practice

FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 TOPS

7:00 Ecumenical Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service

8:00 Heroin Anonymous

SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY ~ He is Risen! Alleluia!

9:30 Easter Sunday Light Breakfast in Boyd Chapel

11:00 Worship

12:15 Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)

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: Alice Kostoff

Ushers: Kim Hooper, Marilyn Marshall, George Kostoff

Hosanna in the Highest!



Holy Week Services

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

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). For those who would like to attend a Good Friday Service during the daytime, St. Paul’s United Methodist Church will hold a service at **1:00 p.m.** on Good Friday, **April 19.**



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!



Palm Sunday