

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.

# Easter and Resurrection of the Lord Sunday

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

## OPENING WORDS

Christ is Risen!

**Alleluia!**

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## PRELUDE

“Dance of the Trumpets”

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ the Lord is risen from the dead! Hallelujah!

**Sing for joy all ye peoples, the Glory of God has come!**

God’s Light truly does shine upon us this day with mercy and love.

**Unworthy as we are, we are now in the Family of God through Christ.**

Give praise to the Lord! God’s loving kindness endures forever!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

## \*OPENING HYMN #232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

## OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father in heaven, this is the best day of the year, for we celebrate the best day of all time. Jesus, who was dead, is alive, and we, who will one day die, will live again. Darkness has yielded to light, and evil has been defeated by the holy. May this hour reflect the joy of the event we celebrate, and may our lives be flooded with your hope. Amen.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Father, for sometimes living as if Easter had never taken place. We have allowed prophecies of doom to darken our thinking. We have wrung our hands helplessly because of the evil which surrounds us. We have allowed the pain of bereavement to blind us to the promise of reunion. Enable us, Lord, to cast aside the dark attitude of despair and gloom, and may we reflect in our lives the joyful reality of the resurrection.**

## 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 #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

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***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.***

CHILDREN’S TIME — Collect fish for One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
*Children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — Acts 10:34-43

NT pgs. 129-130

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING — John 20:1-18

NT pgs. 114-115

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“From the Ashes”

Rev. Dean McGormley

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 and to life eternal.**

---- A Brief Statement of Faith

HYMN #240                      “Alleluia Alleluia! Give Thanks”

CALL TO OFFERING        *Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.*

OFFERTORY                      “Alleluia, Jesus is Risen”

\*DOXOLOGY #606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Baptized, we have died with Christ, and with Christ, we have been raised. Reveal, O God, your Christ in glory, and reveal to us our lives in Christ. Strengthen us to walk your paths, and set our minds on things above. 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

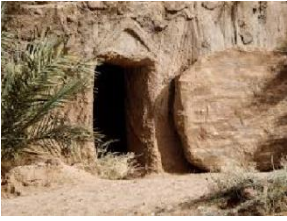
\*HYMN #245                      “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

RESPONSE HYMN #250        “Hymn of Promise”

POSTLUDE                      “Toccata”

## TODAY



### **Easter Sunday**

We are so glad that you are worshipping with us this Easter Sunday Morning as we celebrate our Risen Savior. Alleluia!

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

This morning we will take up the “One Great Hour of Sharing” Offering during Worship. 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.



### **Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

Please join us for fellowship in Boyd Chapel after worship today.

### **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.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Cindy Morgan will be leading us in a new study of gardens in the Bible. Please join us as we look at the scriptures at a greater depth on Thursday mornings in the Cairl Room at 10:00 a.m.

### **Thoughts and Prayers to the family of Mary L. Haman**

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe extends its Christian sympathies to the family and friends of Mary L. Haman, who passed away on April 17, 2019. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

## **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.

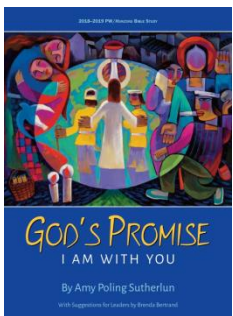
Where: First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Ohio

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

## **Socialites**

The Socialites will meet this 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 are available for \$10.00 but are not necessary. Please plan to attend and talk to Ellen if you want a book.

## **New Member Class**

Are you interested in becoming a member of the church? There will be a new member class starting on Sunday, **May 5** and **May 12** after worship in the Cairl Room for anyone who is interested. Congregational Life will serve a light lunch for the members of the class and a babysitter will be provided.

## **Rededication of Church Historical Marker**

After worship, on Sunday, **May 5** the Monroe County Historical Society Commission will be rededicating the Historical Marker of our Church. Please feel free to meet outside on the front lawn for this special ceremony after worship. There will be other Founder’s Day activities at the Sawyer Homestead during the day.

## **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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 20:1-18</b>	<b>The resurrection of Jesus</b>
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	Peter speaks of faith in Jesus
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Confidence in the resurrection
Wednesday	Luke 24:1-12	Jesus is alive
Thursday	Deuteronomy 11:13-21	Teach the children
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Apostles speak the faith
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord is always merciful
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 20:19-31</b>	<b>Seeing Christ's wounds</b>

## **Sermon Notes**

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

### EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 Easter Sunday Light Breakfast (Boyd Chapel)

11:00 Worship

12:15 Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)

MONDAY

5:30 AA Potluck

6:00 Chair Yoga

7:00 Session

7:00 AA (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY

Newsletter Deadline

10:00 Chair Yoga

11:00 Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:30 Bell Choir

7:30 Choir practice

THURSDAY

10:00 Bible Study

11:00 No Public Luncheon

6:00 Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 TOPS

FRIDAY

9:00 TOPS

8:00 Heroin Anonymous

SATURDAY

9:00 Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering in Bowling Green, Ohio

5:30 Socialites at Schroeder's residence

SUNDAY

9:30 Adult Education Class (God's Promise: I Will Be With You)

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 (cell) and Dean: (734) 497-8069 (cell)

This Week they will be in the office on Tuesday (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Wednesday (9:00 a.m.-3:00 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. Dr. Ellen McGormley

**Ushers:** David Nielsen, Jim Crammond, Gary Follbaum, and Jo-Ann Follbaum



# Easter Flowers



(Please feel free to take your plant home after the Worship Service. The number in parentheses is the quantity of the type of plant that you may take home.)

## **Lilies Presented by:**

Mable Bodoh (1)  
Bob and Nancy Douglas (2)  
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Charlotte Frary (2)  
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Marilyn Marshall (1)  
Glee Taylor (1)  
Anne Todd (5)  
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Anne Todd  
Arlene Turnbull (1)  
Elinor Upjohn (1)

## **In Loving Memory Of:**

Lee and Eva Fisher  
Dale and Arlene Douglas  
Frank and Wilma Taylor  
Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Meline  
Mac and Joan McClain  
My Parents: Theodore and Kathryn Marshall  
Glee Taylor's sons: Johnny and Michael LaPointe  
McKenzie Orde  
Caralee Stevens Hoffmeyer  
Leona Todd  
Stuart and Wanda Todd  
Robert Todd  
Howard Turnbull  
Jim Upjohn

## **Lilies Presented by:**

George and Alice Kostoff (1)  
Arlene Turnbull

## **In Honor Of:**

Our children and grandchildren  
Kathleen, Gary, and David Turnbull

## **Tulips Presented by:**

Mable Bodoh (2)  
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Liz Cunningham (1)  
Dale and Mary DeSloover (2)  
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Alan and Shelley Ewen (2)  
Sara Jones (2)  
Ellen and Dean McGormley (1)  
Ellen and Dean McGormley  
Ann Orwin (2)  
Ann Orwin  
Randy Stiffler (6)  
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Jim Upjohn (1)

## **In Loving Memory Of:**

Tony Bodoh  
Ethel Fisher  
Don Corfman  
Donald and Elizabeth Maveal  
Cyril and Marie DeSloover  
Ruth Ewen  
Loved Ones  
Carl Fisher  
Harold and Leona McGormley  
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Robertson  
Rev. Dr. David Robertson  
Richard Stiffler  
Todd Thompson  
Jr. and Ana Flack  
Bob and Marge Cornoyer  
Claudette Goff  
Jim Upjohn



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## **Tulips Presented by:**

Jim and Sue Heisler (1)  
Sara Jones  
George and Alice Kostoff (1)  
Randy Stiffler

## **In Honor Of:**

Bailey and Penelope DeSloover  
Loved Ones  
Our children and grandchildren  
Linda Stiffler

## **Hyacinths Presented by:**

Mark Baker (2)  
Mark Baker  
Alan and Shelley Ewen (2)  
Jim and Sue Heisler (1)  
Kim and Maryanne Hooper (2)  
Kim and Maryanne Hooper  
Yoshie Pomerville (2)  
Ron and Ruby Pope (2)  
Ron and Ruby Pope

## **In Loving Memory Of:**

Peggy Baker  
Former Choir Tenors: Ken Colpaert and Bernard Wilson  
Ruth Ewen  
Julia Anne Hayes  
Marie, Dale, and Virginia Hooper  
Bud and Bonnie Allison  
Janyth Pomerville  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haynes  
Mr. and Mrs. William Pope

## **Hyacinths Presented by:**

George and Alice Kostoff (1)  
Ellen and Dean McGormley (1)

## **In Honor Of:**

Our children and grandchildren  
Our 12 grandchildren

