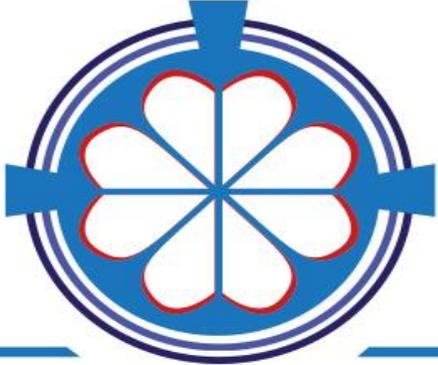


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Second Sunday of Easter

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

OPENING WORDS

Peace be with you.

Jesus showed them his hands and his side.

Peace be with you.

Jesus told Thomas, “Do not doubt but believe.”

PRELUDE

“Gigue”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

It is the first day of the week. God almighty is with us.

Peace be with us.

It is the first day of the week. Jesus is here.

Peace be with us.

It is the first day of the week. The Holy Spirit is upon us.

Peace be with us. Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Jesus, you are alive! Breathe life into us this day. Grant us enthusiasm. Grant us joy. Grant us rebirth. Help us be alive! Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Lord and our God, like the disciples we confess that sometimes we get locked into our own ways and do not recognize the wonders you are doing. Like Thomas so long ago it is sometimes difficult for us to believe in new life and the resurrection. We ask you to unlock the doors from all that confines us. Turn our doubts into vibrant faith. We have not seen, but help us believe.

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 – Revelation 1:4-8

NT p. 245

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – John 20:19-31

NT p. 115

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Will We Keep the Momentum?”

Rev. Ellen McGormley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“If Christ Had Not Risen”

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

To the One who loves us, be glory and power. To the One who has unlocked us from our sins, be glory and power. To the one who assures us when we doubt, be glory and power. We give you thanks, today and always. 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 #300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

TODAY

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.

Thank you – One Great Hour of Sharing!

Thank you for feeding your fish boxes. Almost \$500 was received in coins. The total offering was **\$1,193.13**. This money goes to the Presbyterian denomination to address issues of hunger, disaster relief and the self-development of people. Thank you.

Easter Flowers

We want to thank you for purchasing these gorgeous flowers and making our sanctuary glorious on Easter Sunday Morning!

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.

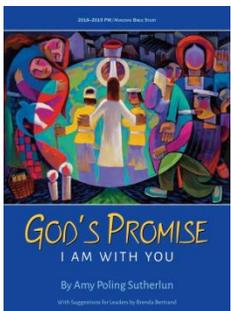
Thoughts and Prayers to the family of Mary L. Haman

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.

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.

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”. Our new Adult Sunday School class has begun studying “God’s Promise—I Am With You” on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Cairl Room and it 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.

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.

John Tyner Chorale Concert

The John Tyner Chorale will present its annual Spring Concert "Golden Wheat" Songs of Americana, on Friday evening, **May 10** at 7:30 p.m. The performance will be held in the beautiful sanctuary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church located at 201 S. Monroe Street, Monroe, MI. This free concert will include selections whose texts will brighten the listener's mood and lift the soul.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, **May 11** at the Fifth Wheel Restaurant. Please sign up on the sheet in the C.E. Lobby for an accurate count and join us for a time of prayer, food, and fellowship.

Spring Ladies Luncheon

The Martha Mary Circle would like to invite all the ladies of the church to a Spring Ladies Luncheon at the Monroe Golf and Country Club on Monday, **May 13** at 12:30 p.m. for all your help with our luncheons. Please remember to sign up on the sheet in the C.E. Lobby and/or call Gwen or Helyn.

Per Capita

Please double check to see if you have paid your per capita with the Church Office. This year the amount is \$33.20. If you have already paid it we want to thank you kindly.

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** on an index card.

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	John 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds
Monday	Acts 5:27-32	The conviction of the Apostles
Tuesday	Revelation 1:4-8	Christ sends a message to John
Wednesday	Luke 24:36-40	Jesus appears to his disciples
Thursday	John 2:1-11	Wedding at Cana
Friday	John 11:38-53	Raising of Lazarus
Saturday	Psalms 150	Praise the Lord
Sunday	John 21:1-19	Jesus appears to the disciples

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	5:00	Worship Committee
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	10:00	Deacons Meeting
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15	Rededication of Historical Marker outside on front lawn
	12:15	New Member Class with lunch
1:30	Schroeder Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall)	

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: Helyn Schroeder

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler; Randy Stiffler