

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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

OPENING WORDS

Come into the presence of God. Come look for the radiance of Christ.

We come to be transformed by divine glory, and let others see God in our faces.

PRELUDE

“Were you there?”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look around. What do you see?

All around us, there are signs of new life.

Do not remember the former things.

God is doing a new thing.

Let us worship the God of renewal.

*OPENING HYMN #463

“How Firm a Foundation”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of laughter and tears, we come in this Lenten season weighed down by the past. Sometimes we feel trapped by past actions, past attitudes, past beliefs. We feel as if we are wandering in a desert, carrying burdens, losing our way. Sometimes we hold fast to this past, hold fast to our prejudices and our fears. We criticize, we judge, we despair, we doubt our ability to change. Break open our hearts, pour in your transforming and renewing love. Keep our eyes on the prize—new life in you.

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

Winnie Findley

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING –Isaiah 43:16-21

OT p. 672-673

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING –John 12:1-8

NT p. 106

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Extravagant”

Rev. Dean McGormley

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

---- A Brief Statement of Faith

HYMN #518

“Your Only Son (Lamb of God)”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“God Be In My Head”

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, you see and know not only the gifts we bring, but also the love with which they are given. Accept our offerings and our devotion to your service, and increase in us the works of faith and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
in this dry and weary land.

You set a table for us in the wilderness
and provide for all our needs.

Even when we complain against you,
you feed us with bread from heaven.

When we quarrel and question your grace,
You give us water from a stone.

How can we keep silent?

Even dry bones in the valley of death
stand to sing your praise:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus,
our way in the wilderness...

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, O God, now and always. **Amen.**

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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal he has prepared for us.

COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Cortège”

TODAY

Communion

Congregational Life would like to suggest that parents bring their school age children upstairs to observe when the service includes communion. Parents could leave the service during the offertory/anthem to get their children from downstairs. We hope this experience will help them understand communion in our church. Parents are responsible for instructing their children on the meaning of communion.

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.

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 tomorrow, **April 8** at 1:00 p.m. to clean, organize, and throw out what 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 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!

200 years of Faith and Service Meeting

Our next Committee meeting is **April 15** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. If you would like to help with our 200th Anniversary Celebration 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.

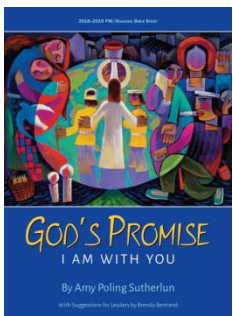
Where: First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Ohio

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	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany
Monday	Isaiah 43:16-21	The Lord will prepare the way
Tuesday	Philippians 3:4b-14	Running toward the goal
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	Aroma of Christ
Friday	Isaiah 43:1-15	God promises restoration
Saturday	Psalms 126	A harvest of joy
Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes

Sermon Notes

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	No Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	12:15	Lenten Study Group
	1:00	Martha Mary Circle Cleaning Day in Wee Believer's Room
	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	Property Committee
TUESDAY	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Mission and Outreach Committee
	6:00	Lenten Study Group
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY	10:00	Lenten Study Group
	6:00	Personnel Committee
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast
SUNDAY	PALM SUNDAY	
	9:30	No Adult Education (Cairl Room)
	10:00	Deacons Meeting
	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: Ellen McGormley

Ushers: Carol Rabun, Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

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!