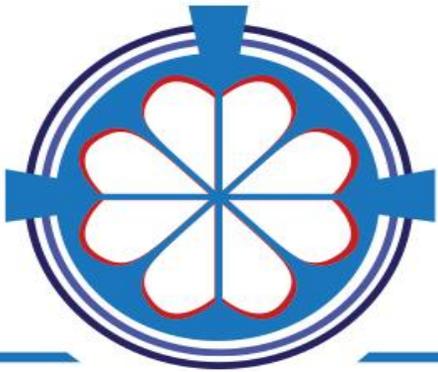


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Mother's Day, Good Shepherd Sunday, and Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

## OPENING WORDS

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might  
be to our glory forever and ever!

**Amen!**

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear words of comfort: My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me.

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.**

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

**I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

Let us worship God.

### \*OPENING HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have heard the Easter story over and over, yet we still find ourselves skeptical of tales of resurrection. We long to believe the offer of eternal life, but we continue to cling to old fears. Give us new eyes to see your promises. Open our hearts to the possibilities of new life within us. Help us break out of old patterns of doubt and disbelief that we might be resurrected to your vision of love and mercy.**

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING – Psalm 23**

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING – Acts 9:36-43**

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Who is Tabitha?”

Rev. Ellen McGormley

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Brief Statement of Faith**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**HYMN #324**

“For All the Faithful Women”

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

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of abundance you lead us into green pastures and protect us from evil. Our cup overflows with your blessings. In gratitude, we offer you all we have, knowing that you are the source of all good gifts. Take our gifts, take our service, take our very lives, and use them that others might know the goodness and mercy you offer freely. 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 #187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

## TODAY

### **Mother's Day**

First Presbyterian Church wishes all mothers and all who fill a motherly role in someone's life a Happy Mother's Day! Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ~Proverbs 31:25-26 (NRSV)

### **Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

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

### **New Member Class Today**

Are you interested in becoming a member of the church? A new member class will continue today 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.

### **Cultivate Community**

**May 18** is fast approaching. Mission and Outreach needs willing hands to help spruce up a house on Peters Street. This will be a much easier job than last year. We need painters, for a porch - no ladders involved. The porch needs repair work on its railings. We will replace two exterior garage lights. We have lots of bright, vibrant annuals and perennials to plant. There will be tables and chairs to sit at while planting the pots. We will also plant a few shrubs and install some edging. If you are at all interested, plan to attend a brief meeting after church this Sunday, **May 12**. If you can help with porch railing repairs or light installation, let Dean or Dale know. We are looking for 8-10 white hanging baskets that are in good shape and a couple of shepherd's hooks from which to hang plants. Come to the meeting and see what you can do to help. Maybe you have some unused garden goodie that we could put to good use.

### **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.

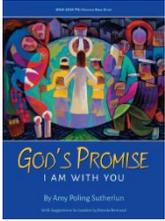
### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Cindy Morgan is 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.

## **Spring Ladies Luncheon Tomorrow!**

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 tomorrow, **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.

## **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”.

The Adult Sunday School class will meet Sundays during May at 9:30 a.m. in the Cairl Room. The title of the study is “God’s Promise – I Am With You” and the study will examine that promise in various scripture texts over nine Sundays:

**May 12:** God with Us in Our Discouragement – Deut. 31:1-8, Joshua 1:1-9, Haggai: 1:1-15, 2:1-9;

**May 19:** God with Us When We Seek God – I Chron. 28:1-21; I Kings 11:1-13, 29-39; and

**May 26:** God with Us When We’re Powerless – 2 Chron. 20:1-30; Deut. 20:1-4.

The class includes Bible study and discussion about how the texts apply to our lives today. All adults are invited. Ellen McGormley will lead the discussion. Books can be purchased for \$10.00 but are not necessary. Please plan to attend when you can.

## **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.

## **Congregational Meeting**

The Session voted to call a special congregational meeting next Sunday, **May 19** following worship for the purpose of electing two members at large for the nominating committee for 2019. The congregation will also elect an elder to fill the remaining term of Rusty Shorter whose resignation the Session received with regret.

## **Congregational Appreciation Dinner**

Everyone is invited to join us for dinner next Sunday, **May 19** after our Congregational Meeting. Deacons and Congregational Life hope that everyone will be able to join us for this time of fellowship with one another. We ask that you bring birthday cards as we honor the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthdays of Maria de Jong, Eugene Haman, and Jean Hicks. Let’s bless them by showering them with a lot of cards for their special milestone birthdays throughout this year!

## **Socialites**

The next meeting for Socialites will be on Saturday, **May 25** at 5:30 p.m. at the Schroeder's residence. This is a special time of food and fellowship and open to all singles, widow, and widowers.

## **Giving Calendar**

Please make sure to pick up a May Giving Calendar in the Narthex to help raise money for our Thursday evening Community of Need Meals. We hope you use this calendar and have fun with it daily as we keep in mind the people that will have food thanks to your generosity. We will collect this offering on Pentecost Sunday, **June 9** during Worship.

## **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.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 10:22-30</b>	<b>Jesus promises life to his sheep</b>
Monday	Acts 9:36-43	Peter brings Dorcas back to life
Tuesday	Revelation 7:9-17	The multitude from every nation
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:11-31	God, the true shepherd
Thursday	Luke 12:22-34	Do not worry
Friday	Isaiah 40:1-11	God's people are comforted
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 13:31-35</b>	<b>Love one another</b>

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15	New Member Class with lunch
	12:15	Scholarship Meeting
MONDAY	12:30	Martha Mary Circle Ladies Luncheon (MG&CC)
	5:30	Bed Ministry Board Meeting
	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00	Property Committee
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Mission and Outreach Committee
WEDNESDAY	6:30	Linswood Condominium Association Meeting (Boyd Chapel)
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY		Cultivate Community in Orchard East Party (Boyd Chapel)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Congregational Meeting
	12:30	Congregational Appreciation Dinner

**Church Leadership**  
**Elders**

**Class of 2019**

Jim Heisler  
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 (9:00 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:** Maryann Hooper

**Ushers:** Kim Hooper, Marilyn Marshall, George Kostoff

## **Sermon Notes**

