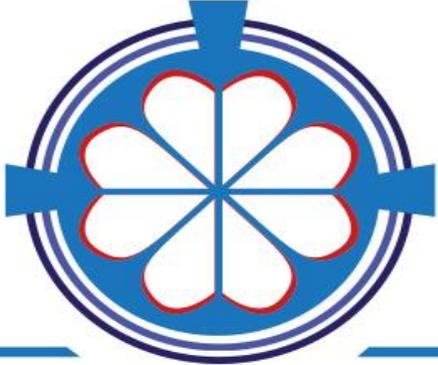


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

OPENING WORDS

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment"

"Love one another"

"Just as I have loved you..."

"Love one another"

"By this everyone will know you are my disciples,"

"If you have love for one another".

PRELUDE

"When In Our Music God is Glorified"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather, we who are thirsty!

God gives us water to drink as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Let us gather, we who are downcast.

God will wipe every tear from our eyes.

Let us gather, we who grieve.

Mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

Let us gather, we who desire new life.

God is making all things new. Death will be no more.

*OPENING HYMN #318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your Son gave us a new commandment: love one another. We confess that, again and again, we have broken that commandment: through our selfish love for wealth that blinds us to the sight of your poor; through our obsessive desire for security that deafens us to the cries of those who live daily with violence and oppression, through our silence in the face of injustice that leaves us feeling powerless and ashamed. Help us show everyone that we are disciples of Jesus Christ by how much we love.

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 21:1-6

NT p. 259

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – John 13:31-35

NT p. 108

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“How Can We Love”

Rev. Dean McGormley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

HYMN #203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

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

OFFERTORY “Like the Murmur of the Dove Song”

*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 #300 “We Are One in the Spirit”

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Alleluia”

TODAY

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting following worship today. The nominating committee will present Dan Batista as a candidate for Elder for the Class of 2019. He will be filling the vacant term of Rusty Shorter whose resignation the Session received with regret. The nominating committee will also be presenting John Chesman and Christine Todd to serve as members at large of the 2019 Nominating Committee.

Congregational Appreciation Dinner

Everyone is invited to join us for dinner after our Congregational Meeting this morning. Deacons and Congregational Life hope that everyone will be able to join us for this time of fellowship with one another. We will be honoring the 90th Birthdays of Maria de Jong, Eugene Haman, and Jean Hicks during the dinner. Let's bless them by showering them with a lot of cards for their special milestone birthdays throughout this year!

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.

Searching for Graduates



We are currently searching for Graduates. If you know of anyone graduating from High School and/or College this spring, please let the Church Office know so we can recognize these accomplishments during Sunday Morning Worship.

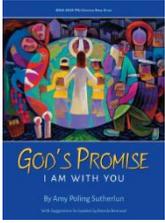
Public Luncheon

This Thursday, **May 23** we will be having a Public Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please invite your friends and family for this special time of fellowship along with lots of salads, soups, breads, and desserts! On Wednesday morning, **May 22** at 10:00 a.m. we will setup for the luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Cindy Morgan is leading us in a 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. We will meet until **June 13** and take a short summer break. A new study will begin in July!

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 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 the next few Sundays:

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. Please plan to attend when you can.

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.

Memorial Day

May we remember the sacrifice of life that has been lost to protect our Country and fundamentally our freedom this upcoming Memorial Day. The Church Office will be closed for this special day on Monday, **May 27** and will reopen on Tuesday, **May 28** at 9:00 a.m. Session will meet on Tuesday, **May 28** at 7:00 p.m.

Worship Time Change

Summertime is approaching and it means it’s time to begin worshipping earlier on Sundays! Our summer worship time change begins on Sunday, **June 9** at 10:00 a.m. We will go back to our regular worship time on Sunday, **September 8** at 11:00 a.m.

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.

Sunday	John 13:31-35	Love one another
Monday	Acts 11:1-18	Peter reports to the church
Tuesday	Revelation 21:1-6	New heaven and earth
Wednesday	Acts 4:1-4	Peter and John growing the church
Thursday	Ephesians 4:1-16	Unity in the body of Christ
Friday	Acts 6:1-7	Seven leaders for the church
Saturday	Psalm 148	Praise for God's universal glory
Sunday	John 14:23-29	The sending of the Counselor

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship Congregational Meeting (Close of Worship)
	12:15	Congregational Appreciation Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	6:30	200 years Celebration Committee Meeting
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	No Staff Meeting
	3:00	Presbytery Meeting in Waterville, Ohio
WEDNESDAY	10:00	Setup for Luncheon
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY		Newsletter Deadline
	10:00	No Bible Study
	11:00	Public Luncheon
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	5:30	Socialites
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)

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 (out of the office at Presbytery meeting) 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: Charlotte Frary

Ushers: Jim Crammond, Helyn Schroeder, David Nielsen

Sermon Notes

Please join us for the Congregational
Appreciation Dinner after Worship as we
fellowship with one another and honor the 90th
Birthdays of Maria de Jong, Jean Hicks, and
Eugene Haman!

**Faith &
Fellowship**



love one another