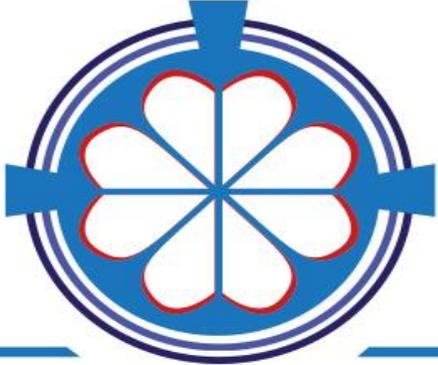


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Sixth Sunday of Easter and Memorial Day Remembrance

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

OPENING WORDS

We have nothing to fear.

Jesus gives us peace.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have come to save all people.

Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.

You bring justice to the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.

You will bless the land with abundance.

Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.

*OPENING HYMN #327

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, forgive our failures: we let bitterness destroy love; we let jealousy and resentment keep us separated from one another; we let old hurts divide us; we resent our responsibilities to care for one another. Give us the courage to reach out to one another with love; give us the wisdom to see your face reflected in those around us. Give us the strength to forgive one another. Help us to be your faithful children. Grant us forgiveness and peace.

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 #765**

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 67

OT p. 529

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – John 14:23-29

NT p. 109

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Are We Supposed To Do?”

Rev. Ellen McGormley

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

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

HYMN #838

“Standing on the Promises”

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

OFFERTORY “Halle, Halle, Halle”

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God we are thankful this day. You have given us your word through Jesus and we have experienced your love. Grant us untroubled hearts and your peace. May our thankful response help others also find your peace. 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 #338 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

TODAY

Friendship Registry

This morning we ask that you take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry located in the pew. If you are a first time visitor with us this morning we request that you fill out the registry legibly with your contact information so that we can tell you more about our church.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Bed Ministry Garage Sale

A huge garage sale is coming up and lots of help is needed before, during, and after the sale for the bed ministry. The sale dates are **June 6 through June 8** from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. This sale will be held at 3303 W. Albain Road, Monroe, MI. Setup for the sale will begin this Tuesday, **May 28**. There are sign-up sheets in the C.E. Lobby. All kinds of help is needed to set-up. If you can move items around, unpack boxes, hang up, and fold clothes, please come join us. The day of the sale help will be needed to keep an eye on and help customers, help wrap items, handle money, etc. On **June 10 and June 11**, we will be packing up. ANY AND ALL HELP IS NEEDED (we promise never to do this one again 😊).

Public Luncheon Dish Pick-Up

Did you bring a dish to pass to the Public Luncheon and left it here at the church? Please take a moment to pick up your dish in the Resource Room (next to the little kitchen). We thank you for your delicious food contribution that made our luncheon delightful.

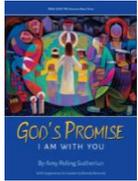
Special Appreciation

Thank you to all of my friends and for all of the birthday greetings I received last Sunday during the appreciation dinner. ~Jean Hicks

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 until **June 23**. The title of the study is “God’s Promise – I Am With You” and the study will examine that promise in various scripture texts: **June 2:** God with Us Through Our Trials-Isaiah 41:8-13; 43:1-7; Psalm 46:1-11; **June 9:** God With Us Emmanuel-Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25. 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.

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.

Calling for Recipes!!!

Time is growing short for gathering recipes for our 200th Anniversary Cookbook that we are preparing. 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. Index Cards are available on the table in the Narthex.

New Members Sunday and Baptism Sunday

During worship on Sunday, **June 9** we will be receiving our new members and having two baptisms. Please join us for this occasion as we welcome these new members as they are taking a special step in their faith journey. After worship Congregational Life will have a welcoming tea in Boyd Chapel.

Bed Race Sunday

The Bed Race will be on Sunday, **September 22** at 1:00 p.m. in Loranger Square in Downtown Monroe. Please join us to watch the race which raises money for our Bed Ministry that provides beds to children in Monroe County who unlikely would not be able to rest in a bed.

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 14:23-29	The sending of the Counselor
Monday	Acts 16:9-15	Paul travels to Macedonia
Tuesday	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	River of life
Wednesday	Numbers 6:22-27	Blessing for the people
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus is taken up to heaven
Friday	Hebrews 12:14-17	Live in peace
Saturday	Psalm 67	Tell the nations to praise God
Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY		MEMORIAL DAY-Office Closed
	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Session
WEDNESDAY	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
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
Dan Batista

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: Ann Orwin

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler; Randy Stiffler