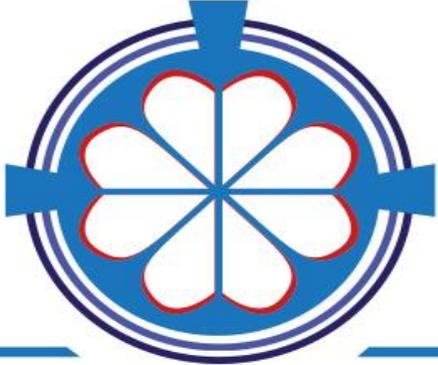


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Third Sunday of Easter and Communion Sunday

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

## OPENING WORDS

Christ is calling:

**“Do you love me?”**

Christ is hoping:

**“Do you love me?”**

Christ is trusting:

**“Do you love me?”**

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to you, O God:

**you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

Glory to you, O Christ:

**for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

**you lead us into the truth.**

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity now and forever. **Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN #401

“Here in This Place (Gather Us In)”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

## 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 – Acts 9:1-6

NT p. 127

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – John 21:1-19

NT p. 115-116

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Jesus Wants You”

Rev. Dean 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 #721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

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

OFFERTORY

\*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

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

In every time and every age, O God...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #552

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

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things...

...Remembering our Lord’s self-giving love,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.**

Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life...

...we praise you, God of all that is,  
now and forever. **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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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

The Lord has risen indeed! **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN #720

“Jesus Calls Us”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

### TODAY

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers in the altar this morning have been given in memory of Alan and Marilyn Schroeder's wedding anniversary.

#### **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.

#### **Rededication of Church Historical Marker**

This morning after worship, 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. There will be other Founder's Day activities at the Sawyer Homestead during the day.

#### **Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

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

#### **New Member Class Starts Today**

Are you interested in becoming a member of the church? There will be a new member class starting today and on **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.

#### **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.

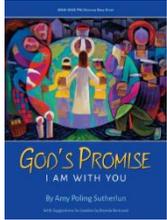
#### **Thank you – One Great Hour of Sharing!**

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.

## **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.

## **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 5:** God with Us in Our Uncertainty – Exodus 3:1-12 and Judges 6:11-27;

**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.

## **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.

## **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.

### **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.

### **Cultivate Community**

Get ready for the Second Annual Cultivate Community event on Saturday, **May 18**. This is a chance to help restore some pride in the homes for folks in our community. This year's project will be much easier than in the past. We will be filling pots with flowers, repairing and painting a deck, replacing two outside lights, and doing some planting across the front of the home. This will be a fun opportunity for all of us to work together to help make a difference. For questions, please see Ann Lux and sign up on the sheet in the C.E. Lobby.

### **Congregational Meeting**

The Session voted to call a special congregational meeting on 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 on 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 21:1-19</b>	<b>Jesus appears to the disciples</b>
Monday	Acts 9:1-20	Conversion of Saul
Tuesday	Revelation 5:11-14	Heavenly vision
Wednesday	Genesis 18:1-15	Abraham and Sarah promised a son
Thursday	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Friday	Revelation 4:1-11	Heavenly worship
Saturday	Psalms 30	God turns mourning into dancing
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>John 10:22-30</b>	<b>Jesus promises life to his sheep</b>

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	10:00	No 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)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	5:30	Personnel Committee
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fifth Wheel Restaurant)
SUNDAY	9:30	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
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**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:** Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley

**Ushers:** Carol Rabun; Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum

**Sermon Notes**