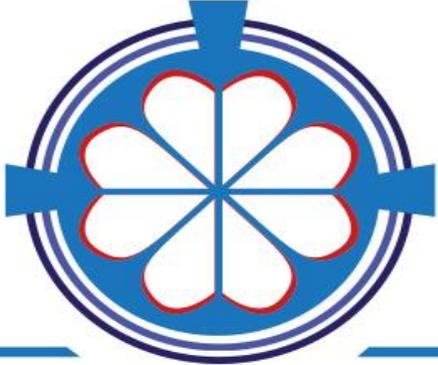


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Hope in God, our rock and our help.

The living God quenches our thirst.

The song of God is with us always.

Hope in God, our rock and our help.

PRELUDE

“Showers of Blessing”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen to the wind! It splits mountains and breaks rocks.

Is God there?

Feel the earthquake! It shakes the foundations of the world.

Is God there?

Watch the fire! It leaps and crackles and roars.

Is God there?

Experience the sound of sheer silence.

God is here!

*OPENING HYMN #410

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, amid the thunderous noise of our everyday world we have seldom taken the time to be still and hear your word. Too often, we have acted as if we were afraid to seek the silence that would allow our hearts to hear the still, small voice in which you call to us. Forgive us, O God, and give us the courage to stop and hear you. In Christ we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our hope is in God, who offers living water to quench our souls. Drink of this water, and never thirst again. Hope in God, and be flooded with the overflowing mercy of God's love.

Thanks be to God.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*SONG OF AFFIRMATION #581

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

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 42

OT p. 515

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – I Kings 19:1-15a

OT p. 326

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Sound of Silence”

Rev. Ellen McGormley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Brief Statement of Faith

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

HYMN #169

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God our ears are open, and we give thanks that we can hear you in the sheer silence. As you come to us may our gifts reach out to meet the needs of others. 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

GODSPEED WINNIE FINDLEY

(see calendar page of bulletin)

*HYMN #625

“How Great Thou Art”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Crown Him King!”

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.

Transitions

We recognize two graduates this morning, Nicholas Bunch and Lexi Cunningham. Nicholas Bunch received his high school diploma from Monroe High School with honors. Nicholas will be attending Monroe County Community College on a full scholarship in Music. Lexi Cunningham graduated magna cum laude from the University of Toledo where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education. She is looking for a position in Pre-Kindergarten through Third Grade. We congratulate you both on your accomplishments and wish you well as you further your endeavors.

Godspeed to Winnie Findley as she is embarking on her move to Alaska this week! We thank you, Winnie, for your years of service in various capacities to our Lord through First Presbyterian Church of Monroe. We pray for your safety while traveling and His guidance as you begin a new chapter of living in the Great Up North! We wish you well and we will miss you!

Special Graduation Tea

We ask that everyone join us for a special tea after worship in Boyd Chapel to honor Nicholas Bunch and Lexi Cunningham in their accomplishments. May God bless you as each of you embarks on your new adventures!

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.

Church Leadership Timeline ~ Last Chance!

Please comment on the leadership styles you found helpful in the past pastors. The paper is in Boyd Chapel. We need your input if you have not already done so.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Our Thursday morning bible study group is taking a summer hiatus. Please stay tuned for details on a new study coming soon!

Orphan Dishes

We have a few plates and bowls that have become orphans. They have been left here at the church for a long time. Please take some time to go through these items to see if you recognize your dish fairly soon before they are adopted to new homes.

Church Directory

Copies of the 2019 Church Directory are available in the Narthex, C.E. Lobby, and the Church Office. Please pick up your copy!!

Fourth of July

May God's Grace Shine on Thee! The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, **July 4** in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The office will reopen on July 5 at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy this day of celebrating our Country's birthday safely!

Winnie's Moving to Alaska Sale Dates Change

Winnie's sale has been changed to **July 12 and 13**. This gives Winnie a little room to breathe before she and Charlotte head North to Alaska. Please put the new dates on your calendar. Lots of help will be needed. Winnie is donating all proceeds from this sale to the Community of Need Meals.

2 Cents a Meal for Community of Need Meals

We will be collecting "2 Cents a Meal" on a monthly basis. Cans are available on the table in the Narthex. Our first collection with these cans will be on Sunday, **July 28**.

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	Luke 8:26-39	Jesus casts out demons
Monday	Isaiah 65:1-9	Righteousness of God's judgment
Tuesday	Galatians 3:23-29	The purpose of the law
Wednesday	Lamentations 3:6-24	God's steadfast love endures
Thursday	Matthew 9:27-34	Jesus heals
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-19	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 22:19-28	Suffering and praise
Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00	Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Special Graduation Tea (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Session
WEDNESDAY	6:30	No Bell Choir
	7:30	No Choir practice
	7:30	S-Anon
THURSDAY	10:00	No Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SUNDAY	9:00	No Adult Education Class (Cairl Room)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)

SERVICE FOR BIDDING GODSPEED

The Calling for Winnie Findley

She who now stands before us has for some time participated with the community of Christians gathered here in First Presbyterian Church. Now she moves on to be a person called Christian in Anchorage, Alaska.

For her participation in our fellowship,
We give you thanks, O God.

We have been privileged to share her life and love in this church community;
May you be a seed of vitality from this congregation planted in the soil of your new congregation.

You, our friend, will be missed by us in First Presbyterian Church. We feel that part of us goes with you. We wish you Godspeed as you depart from us to be "Christ" in your new church community.

Now, go to be God's person in the world. May peace and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

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 (11:00 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: Eugene Haman

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler; Randy Stiffler