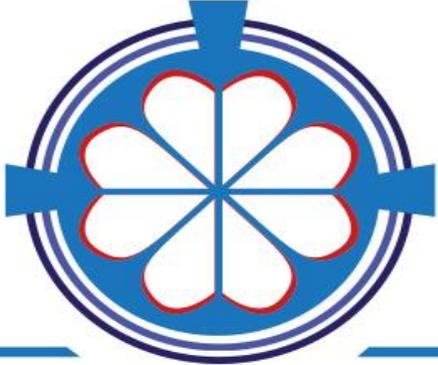


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

God has freed us from darkness.

Our lives are illuminated by God's light!

Our lives bear the fruit of our hope in Christ!

We belong to the kingdom of God.

PRELUDE

“Voluntary in D”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God offers us eternal life.

We will love the Lord our God, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.

God calls us to love one another.

We will love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Let us worship the God of abundant love.

*OPENING HYMN #23

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We see them daily, Lord. We see them everywhere as we go about our business: the weak and helpless, the abused and the homeless, the victims and the vanquished. We are no different than the men in your story—the ones who refused to help the beaten man on the road to Jericho. We too have passed by those in need on the other side of the road. We too have refused to help and have consciously chosen to remain uninvolved. Forgive our indifference. May we become like the outcast Samaritan, who did everything in his power to help the suffering. In your holy name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We no longer belong to the power of darkness. We belong to the kingdom of the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who has set us free and forgiven our sins.

Remember the hope stored up for us in heaven—the hope that flamed into life when we first heard the good news; the hope of the glory to come; the hope we have in Christ Jesus.

*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”

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!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

WELCOME: (in unison)

Landon with joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ.

SONG #486

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Child Presented to Congregation

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Colossians 1:1-14

NT pgs. 199-200

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Must I Do?”

Rev. Ellen McGormley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God, Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and releasing to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

*HYMN #203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Pass Me Not”

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With thanksgiving for all the gifts we have been given we offer our hearts and hands to help, Lord. As we feed the hungry, heal the sick, and shelter the homeless, may we also be fed by your bread of life, healed by your gentle touch, and sheltered by your indescribable love. 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 #343

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

vs. 1-4

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Joy in the Morning”

TODAY

Baptism of Landon Jensen Weiss

Being baptized today is Landon Jensen Weiss, son of Emily Nielsen and Ryan Weiss. May Landon grow in his faith as a child of God as Emily and Ryan guide him in the ways of the Lord!

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

Please join us for a special time of fellowship after worship in Boyd Chapel for a few moments before going about your day.

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

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 in mid-July!

Church Picnic at Waterloo Park this Saturday!

This Saturday, **July 20** at 11:00 a.m. we will have our annual Church Picnic at Waterloo Park. It is located off of South Custer Road, west of Telegraph. Please bring yourself, your family, and friends with a dish to pass to enjoy a beautiful Saturday afternoon in the park with some fun thrown in! Dallas Dieckmann will grill hot dogs. Congregational Life will supply drinks and the condiments.

2 Cents a Meal for Community of Need Meals

We will be collecting our “2 Cents a Meal” offering on a monthly basis beginning on Sunday, **July 28**. Please remember to pick up a “special” collection can on the table in the Narthex.

Thoughts and Prayers

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe would like to express its sincere condolences to Frank Sulfaro, whose father, Frank T. Sulfaro passed away on June 26, 2019 and to Linda Nobbs, whose husband Jack Nobbs passed away on July 9, 2019. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Special August Newsletter

We will be having a “special” August issue of “Your Church”. Please submit any items you wish to have included in this issue to the Church Office by Thursday, **July 25**.

Historical Documents Needed

This church is full of history! It was last recorded 25 years ago in a bound white paperback titled, “Faith of Our Founders”. If you should have that book and want to donate it back to the church, please do so. We will make it available to our researchers. Please bring to the Church Office any archives of past events or historical items if you wish to pass them on. We would forever be grateful. Thank you from the 200th Celebration Committee.

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!!

Pastoral Care Needs

Please direct any Pastoral Care needs to the Church Office. Information shared is confidential!

Host Families Needed

The Monroe International Friendship Association is in need of six host families for some exchange students from Hofu, Japan during the weeks of July 25-August 4 and August 4 through August 14. A host family orientation is scheduled on Monday, **July 15** at 6:00 p.m. For questions please call Yoshie Pomerville or Kim Steve (734) 755-6767.

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 10:25-37	The good Samaritan
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	Colossians 1:1-14	A prayer of thanks
Wednesday	Genesis 39:6-23	God protects Joseph
Thursday	James 2:1-13	Warning against favorites
Friday	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
Saturday	Psalms 25	A prayer for guidance
Sunday	Luke 10:38-42	Only one thing needed

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	5:30	Bed Ministry Board Meeting
	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
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
SATURDAY	11:00	Church Picnic at Waterloo Park
SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:00	Hooper Party (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

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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: Kim Hooper

Ushers: Jim Crammond, Marilyn Marshall, George Kostoff