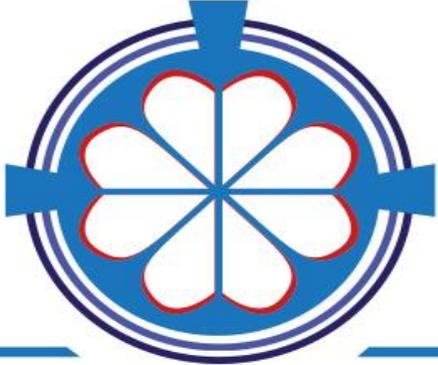


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## OPENING WORDS

Friend and stranger, are you distracted this day?

**We come to sit at Christ's feet.**

All are welcome, for God is here.

**We choose the better part—  
to listen and worship in love.**

## PRELUDE

“German Dances”

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, who makes us whole!

**Praise our God, who calls us here!**

Praise the Immortal, Invisible God!

**Praise the Present, Living Christ!**

Praise the Creator, who makes all things new!

**Praise the Creator, who reigns above!**

Praise to Christ Jesus, the fullness of God!

**Praise to Christ Jesus, our Prince of Peace!**

Praise to the Spirit, mysterious wind and flame!

**Praise to the Spirit, flowing in our lives!**

Praise our God, who calls us here!

**Praise the Immortal, Invisible God!**

## \*OPENING HYMN #307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness, make us like a basket of summer fruit—  
life-giving and nurturing. Forgive us for being dried and withered. Inject new  
beginnings into our lives and our faith, even as you remember the times we  
have failed. Help us be speakers of love, rather than idle gossipers. Help us be  
righteous and just, rather than selfish and evil. And let your word flow in our  
lives, guiding all that we say and all that we do, that we may be your people,  
and you may be our God.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Trust in the steadfast love of God: God is faithful; God is true. Christ brings us this steadfast love, which is ours for the taking. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

## \*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!*

## 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 – Psalm 52

OT pg. 521

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Luke 10:38-42

NT pg. 72

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Keep Your Balance”

Rev. Dean 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 #626

“As the Deer”

CALL TO OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.*

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

\*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 #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

\*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**

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.

### **Last Sunday for Orphan Dishes! Gone this week!**

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 this week!

### **Pastor's Vacation**

Dean and Ellen will be on vacation **July 22-31**. They will be back on August 1. If an emergency arises, please contact the church office or John Chesman, Clerk of Session.

### **Memorial Service**

A Memorial Service for Bob Curtis (former member) will be held at the church on Friday, **August 2** at 11:30 a.m.

### **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**.

### **2 Cents of Meal for Community of Need Meals**

On Sunday, **July 28** will be our first collection using our unique “2 cents a Meal” cans to benefit our Thursday evening Community of Need Meals. Please bring these cans with you to Worship! Your contributions are a blessing to those who are in need of a meal within our community.

## **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.

## **Successful Fund Raiser ~ Winnie's Moving to Alaska Sale**

Mission and Outreach is pleased to announce that \$3,545.00 was raised for our Community of Need Meals from Winnie's Moving to Alaska Sale. Thanks to Winnie Findley's kindness many more meals will be served on Thursday nights. A special thank you to those who helped and purchased items to make the sale a success! Very special thanks to Louise DeSloover Bauerschmidt, Kathy DeSloover and all their families for their hours of work. Thanks be to God for so many who care for those in need.

## **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 200<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Please stay tuned for details on a new Bible study coming soon!

## **Host Families Have Been Found!**

The Monroe International Friendship Association has found all six host families for the exchange students from Hofu, Japan for this summer. We thank you for your cooperation and willingness to open up your homes to these students as they experience the Monroe area this August!

## **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>Luke 10:38-42</b>	<b>Only one thing needed</b>
Monday	Genesis 18:1-10a	A son is promised
Tuesday	Colossians 1:15-28	The supremacy of Christ
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:1-21	The Lord speaks to Samuel
Thursday	Matthew 17:1-8	The Transfiguration
Friday	Proverbs 19:20-27	The wisdom of being taught
Saturday	Psalms 15	Worshiping the Lord
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 11:1-13</b>	<b>Jesus teaches about prayer</b>

## **THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:00	Hooper Party (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	No Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:30	No Bell Choir
	7:30	No Choir practice
	7:30	S-Anon
THURSDAY		Newsletter Deadline
	10:00	No Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	9:00	Pfiester Wedding Shower (Boyd Chapel)
SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	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)

**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:** Tom Bajkiewicz

**Ushers:** Jim Crammond, Helyn Schroeder, David Nielsen