

First 
Presbyterian
Church of Monroe

July 28, 2019; 10:00 AM

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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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

Receive the word of God.

Breathe in the truth of Christ's love!

Lift your weary limbs, and let the Spirit blow through your lives.

This is our spiritual worship, a gift of renewal and grace!

PRELUDE

“Oh, Blest What'er Befall”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Are you growing in the body of Christ?

We are rooted and built in Christ alone!

Do you believe in the power of God?

We trust in the fullness of God's grace!

Then come to the fountain of life.

We come to the nourishing waters of worship.

Come to the life-giving bread of praise.

Let us worship the One whose breath give us life.

*OPENING HYMN #275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely God's salvation is at hand! Steadfast love and kind-heartedness will meet!

*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

COLLECTION OF 2 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Colossians 2:6-15

NT pgs. 200-201

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Luke 11:1-13

NT pg. 72

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Pray Boldly”

Diane Adams

*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 #658

“God Is So Good”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“At the Cross”

*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 #688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in D”

TODAY

New Arrival!

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe wants to give a warm welcome to Claire Louise Fankhauser! The rosebud on the altar this morning is in her honor. Claire was born on Tuesday, July 23 to the proud parents of Isaac and Courtney Fankhauser! Congratulations on your new arrival Isaac and Courtney! May God bless you in raising this child in the ways of our Lord, Jesus!

2 Cents a Meal for Community of Need Meals

We will be collecting our "2 Cents a Meal" offering this morning. This offering will be collected on a monthly basis. Please remember to pick up a "special" collection can on the table in the Narthex. This offering goes towards funding our Community of Need Meals which are served every Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. here at the church.

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.

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.

Eby Log Cabin at the Monroe County Fair

It's time for the Fair! This year First Presbyterian Church of Monroe will once again have a presence with a group of members stationed at the Eby Log Cabin throughout the day on Wednesday, **July 31** at the Monroe County Fair. The Fair runs throughout July 28-August 3. Please come out to see us and if you are still interested in covering a time slot in case a need arises, please call Alice Kostoff.

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 Session Meeting

On Tuesday, **August 6**, there will be a Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, **August 10**, at 8:30 a.m. at the Fifth Wheel Restaurant. Please come for a special time of prayer, fellowship, and good food.

Thoughts and Prayers

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe would like to express its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dail Frank Prucka, who passed away on July 6. He is the former husband of Kay Prucka-Gawle and father to Deborah Gill, Marc Prucka, and Marsha Snively. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

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.

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!

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 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer
Monday	Genesis 18:20-32	Abraham haggles with God
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-19	Fullness of life in Christ
Wednesday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses appeals to God
Thursday	James 5:13-20	The prayer of faith
Friday	Matthew 6:5-15	Jesus on prayer
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise and thanksgiving
Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	6:30	200 th Birthday Celebration Meeting
	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	10:00	No Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
	11:30	Bob Curtis Memorial (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall)
SUNDAY	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
	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)

This Week they will be in the office on Thursday (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) and Friday (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: Mary DeSloover

Ushers: Jim and Sue Heisler, Randy Stiffler