

First   
Presbyterian  
Church of Monroe

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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.

# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## OPENING WORDS

Praise God for things seen:

**for stars and heavens,  
for sand and seashore.**

Praise God for things hoped for:

**For things not seen.**

Praise God for the gift of faith!

## PRELUDE

“Improvisation”

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who trust in Christ as their Lord and Savior come now for worship.

**In things large and small we trust Christ in all that we do in life.**

Faithful and true are the qualities shared by those in the Kingdom of God.

**We can believe in no other because there is only one true living God.**

Let our hearts be glad, for God calls us heirs in Christ our Savior.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

## \*OPENING HYMN #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, so often we have let ourselves believe that it is good things we have done rather than our faithful hearts that will earn our place in Your kingdom. We have even let ourselves entertain thoughts of our actually being worthy to be called Your children. Forgive us, Lord, and let us always be Your faithful and obedient servants. In Christ we pray.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. People of faith, God is not ashamed to be called your God. By God's grace we are forgiven. Let the church say amen. **Amen.**

## \*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.*

## 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 – Luke 12:32-40

NT pg. 75

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

NT pgs. 225-226

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Who are your Heroes of Faith?”

Rev. Dean McGormley

## \*AFFIRMATION 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 #684

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

(Sung to the melody of “For the Beauty of the Earth”)

CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Chorale”

\*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 #817

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Andante in G”

## TODAY

### **Chancel Flowers**

This morning we have two flower bouquets in the chancel in honor of Eugene and Mary Haman's 65th Wedding Anniversary and Alan and Helyn Schroeder's Wedding Anniversary. May God Bless each of you on this Lord's Day!

### **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.



### **Encouragement Cards Needed**

A few cards of encouragement are much needed at this time for Winnie Findley. Let's shower Winnie with words of strength as she is recovering. Please send cards to Winnie Findley C/O Matt Findley, 2310 Belmont, Anchorage, AK 99517. These cards will mean the world to her.

### **Thoughts and Prayers**

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe expresses its deepest sympathies to the friends and family of **Tressa "Tess" Lorina Horne**, long time member, who passed away on **August 6**. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

### **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.

## TIME FOR PICTURES!

Well the time has come! Time to schedule those pictures! You have already heard about the new Picture Directory that is going to be organized in September. Well, you can sign up for a time and date by using the following link:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yre3slzv/> and/or go to our church

website's announcement page and click on the Church Picture Directory graphic link. Our schedule dates include: Thursday, **September 12** from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, **September 13** from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, **September 14** from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All family members are welcome, friends and pets too, even if they are not members of the church. Please make your plans today. If you have any questions, please see Karen Sobieralski and Alice Kostoff. They will help you register if you would prefer not using the internet to do so. They will be glad to sign you up.



## Mission and Outreach Committee

The Mission and Outreach Committee will be meeting this Tuesday, **August 13** at 7:00 p.m. to begin planning for fall activities.

## Socialites

The next meeting of the Socialites will be this Saturday, **August 17** at 5:30 p.m. at the Schroeder's residence. All widows/widowers, and singles are welcome to attend for a time of fellowship and delicious food.

## Leadership Retreat

All those planning to attend the next leadership retreat on Saturday, **August 24** (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) at Oaks of Righteousness (932 East Third Street, Monroe, MI) should RSVP to the Church Office (734-242-1545) by **August 19**. If you received a letter and cannot come please call also. This retreat is another important step in the interim process.

## IHM River House Tour



On Saturday, **August 24** from 2:00-4:30 p.m. the IHM Sisters will be celebrating 10 years of walking with people on their spiritual journeys at the River House located at 810 West Elm Avenue. The afternoon will include tours, refreshments and children's activities. This event is free and open to the public. Flyers are available in the Narthex and C.E. Lobby.

## 2 Cents a Meal for Community of Need Meals

On Sunday, **August 25** will be our next 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! We raised \$221.23 from our July 28<sup>th</sup> collection. Your contributions are a blessing to those who are in need of a meal within our community.

## **Martha Mary Circle**

Our next Martha Mary Circle meeting will be on Monday, **September 9** at 1:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. All ladies of the church are invited to attend these meetings for a new year of projects and events.

## **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>Luke 12:32-40</b>	<b>Seek treasures in heaven</b>
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	God's covenant with Abram
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	The meaning of faith
Wednesday	James 2:14-26	Faith without works is dead
Thursday	Romans 1:8-17	The power of the gospel
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-19	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 33:12-22	Trust only in God
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 12:49-56</b>	<b>Following Jesus causes division</b>



## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	1:00	No Martha Mary Circle
	6:00	No Chair Yoga
	7:00	No Property Committee
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
	7:00	Mission and Outreach Committee
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	5:30	Socialites (Fifth Wheel)
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)

This Week they will be in the office on Tuesday (10:00 a.m.-7:00 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:** Bob Douglas

**Ushers:** John Chesman, Marilyn Marshall, George Kostoff

## **Sermon Notes**



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1820 to 2020

Celebrating 200 Years of Faith & Service

Join Us  
FOR  
Weekly Trivia



Beginning

Sunday, September 1st

During the 200th celebration, there will be trivia questions based on our church's history in the Sunday bulletin. Trivia must be answered that same Sunday and Gary will keep track of weekly winners.

Visit the church's

Hall of Memories

During this year of celebration, the historical committee is displaying artifacts and historical facts of our first 200 years.