

First 
Presbyterian
Church of Monroe

August 18, 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.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS (Hebrews 12)

This is a place where saints worship.

This is a place where sinners worship.

This is a place where faith abounds and doubts are welcome.

This is a place where Christ perfects us and redeems us with love and grace.

PRELUDE

“Prayer”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Surrounded by saints we are a people of faith.

Surrounded by sinners we are a people of forgiveness.

Saints and sinners, faithful and forgiven, we come...

Sinners and saints, called by Christ, we come.

*OPENING HYMN #363

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we often seek the approval of the world and lose sight of the message you would have our lives bring to those around us. Or we have feared rejection and not seen how your rejection on the cross brought healing and love. Forgive us, Lord, when we have lost our way. Fire us up so that our lives might lead others to you. In Christ we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ we are perfected. Our sins are forgiven, and we are made one with 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 3rd grade and younger are welcome to continue worship in the Wee Believers Room, #159.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Hebrews 11:29-12:2

NT pg. 226

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Luke 12:49-56

NT pg. 75

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Are You Fired Up?”

Rev. Ellen McGormley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH–Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

*HYMN #192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Footsteps of Jesus”

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of love and justice, we thank you for firing us up with your loving passion for justice and righteousness in our hearts. May the gifts we bring help fire up passion in others to follow you. 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 #354

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Benediction in F”

TODAY

Friendship Registry

This morning we ask that you sign and pass down the Friendship Registry located in each pew nearest the center aisle. If you are a first time visitor we request that you legibly provide us 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.

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.

2 Cents a Meal Next Sunday!

Next 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! Your contributions are a blessing to those who are in need of a meal within our community.



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.

September Worship Time Change!

We will go back to our regular worship time on Sunday, **September 8** at 11:00 a.m.

TIME FOR PICTURES!

Well the time has come! Time to schedule those pictures! 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 with Karen Sobieralski and Alice Kostoff in the C.E. Lobby before or after Worship. They will help you register if you would prefer not using the internet to do so.



Time to Submit Newsletter Items

It's time to start gathering your newsletter items for the September issue of "Your Church". Please submit them to the Church Office by Thursday, **August 22**.

Weekly Trivia



Beginning Sunday, **September 1**, there will be trivia questions based on our church's history in the Sunday bulletin. Trivia must be answered and placed into the box that same Sunday.

Adult Sunday School Kickoff!

On Sunday, **September 8**, we will kick off with an introduction to Adult Sunday School starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Cairl Room. At 10:15 a.m., Congregational Life will host a Gathering for everyone in Boyd Chapel before the Worship Service with specialty breads, muffins, and juice. The Adult Sunday School will continue to meet before Worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Cairl Room.



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!

Bed Race Sunday Coming!

The Bed Race to Aid Children's Bed Race will take place on Sunday, **September 22** at 1:00 p.m. in Loranger Square right in the center of Historic Downtown Monroe. Please spread the word to your friends and family about the Bed Race to Aid Children's website (www.monroebedrace.org) which contains information about registering teams for the bed race and sponsorship information. This event is a major fundraiser for the Now I Lay Me Down Bed Ministry that provides children a bed in need throughout Monroe County so they have a safe sleep environment.

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 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division
Monday	Jeremiah 23:23-29	God's word is like fire
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Faith in God
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 33:1-17	The reign of Manasseh
Thursday	Matthew 24:15-27	The desolating sacrilege
Friday	Hebrews 10:19-39	Encouragement and warning
Saturday	Psalms 82	Justice to the weak
Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the Sabbath

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	6:00	No Chair Yoga
	6:30	200 th Birthday Celebration Committee Meeting
	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)
FRIDAY	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
SATURDAY	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
	9:00	Leadership Retreat (Oaks of Righteousness)
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 (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: Alice Kostoff

Ushers: Jim Crammond, Helyn Schroeder, David Nielsen