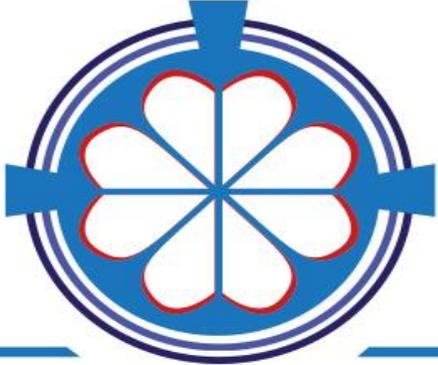


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

## OPENING WORDS

Praise the Heavenly Father, judge of the living and dead.

**Praise the Lord Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new covenant.**

Praise the Holy Spirit, the fire from heaven that descends to enliven our souls.

**Praise the Triune God, whose perfect communion is worthy of our worship.**

## PRELUDE

“In this Quiet Space”

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Reach out your hand and touch our mouths, O God.

**That authentic praise may flow freely from our lips.**

Put your words in our mouths, O Lord.

**That we might exalt you with reverence and awe.**

Empower us to speak truth to the nations and to build your kingdom here on earth.

**Let it be so today. Amen. Alleluia.**

## \*OPENING HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we have placed what we see as “right” above the patience and understanding that you would have us bring to the world. In our pride, we have lived “by the rules” as we spread hatred and division toward those whom we feel fall short of your standards. Forgive us, Lord, and help us remember the mercy you freely gave to us. 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

COLLECTION OF 2 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 1:4-10

OT pg. 698

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Luke 13:10-17

NT pg. 76

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Touched by God”

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 release 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 #797

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Holy, He is Holy”

\*DOXOLOGY #606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord of all creation, we thank you that you have brought your word to us today. Empower us and the gifts we have brought for ministry and mission with the confidence that you have touched us. 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 #775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Victory”

**TODAY**

**2 Cents a Meal Offering!**

This morning will be our unique “2 cents a Meal” collection to benefit our Thursday evening Community of Need Meals. Your contributions are a blessing to those who are in need of a meal within our community.

## **Friendship Registry**

This morning we ask that you sign and pass down the Friendship Registry located in each pew nearest the center aisle to those around you. 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.

## **Labor Day Church Office Hours**

The Church Office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, **September 2** and will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **September 3**. May God bless our Laborer's for all that they do in service for others!

## **September Worship Time Change!**

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

## **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.

## Sign up for the Picture Directory!

Well the time has come! Time to schedule those pictures for our new Church Photo Directory! Please 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

Church Photo  
**Directory**



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. You will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and receive a \$10 coupon for purchasing. 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 before or after Worship on Sunday.

## Rehearsals to begin soon!

It's time for sounds of bells ringing and choruses singing to begin wavering throughout our halls in the church! Our first rehearsal from coming off summer break will be on Wednesday, **September 4** at 6:30 p.m. for the Bell Choir and 7:30 p.m. for the Choir. If anyone is interested in joining these choirs and would like to please join us as we begin a new year by lifting up a new song to our Lord, Jesus!

## 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.

## **Thursday Morning Bible Study Resumes**

Would you like to study the Word of God at a deeper level and do not know where to begin? Our Thursday morning Bible Study group will resume from summer hiatus on Thursday, **September 12** at 10:00 a.m. in the Cairl Room. Please join us as we pour over the scriptures and pray with one another. As we study the Bible together you will want to begin reading the scriptures even more.

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

A Men's Prayer Breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, **September 14** at the Fifth Wheel Restaurant. Please come to join us in praying for our church and our families while enjoying good food and fellowship.

## **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](http://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.

## **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 13:10-17</b>	<b>Jesus heals on the Sabbath</b>
Monday	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Delight in the Sabbath
Tuesday	Hebrews 12:18-29	A kingdom that can't be shaken
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Remember you were slaves
Thursday	Acts 20:7-12	Breaking bread on Sunday
Friday	Exodus 20:8-11	Remember the Sabbath day
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-18	Praise for God's benefits
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 14:1, 7-14</b>	<b>Humility and hospitality</b>



Please pick up your can and every time you eat a meal at home feed the can with two cents per person. The Two Cents A Meal will be collected on the last Sunday of each month to open our doors and provide our friends of the community a place to gather for a meal.

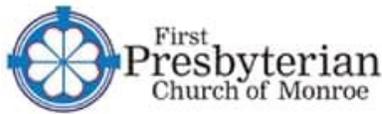
*Thank you from the Outreach Committee for all your help for the weekly Community of Need Meal*

Two Cents  
A Meal



## 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	No Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	7:00	Session 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
SUNDAY	9:30	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)



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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.

Monroe County  
Bed Race to Aid Children  
**Sunday,**  
**September 22, 2019**  
**1:00pm**



Please go to our website for information about the race,  
to register a team, and/or to sponsor a team:

[www.bedracetoaidchildren.org](http://www.bedracetoaidchildren.org)

or call the Church Office at (734) 242-1545.

See You on Race Day!

**Race Beds Provided!**

All volunteers and potential  
volunteers please contact a bed  
ministry board member for detailed  
race day information.



## **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:** Helyn Schroeder

**Ushers:** Jim and Sue Heisler, Randy Stiffler