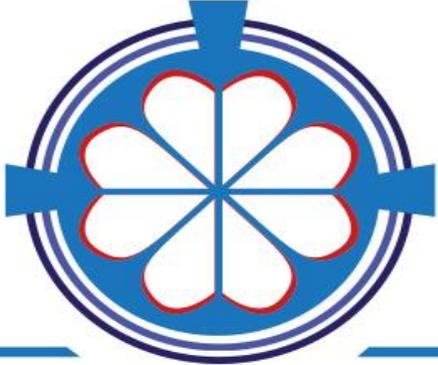


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS (Hebrews 13)

Let mutual love continue.

**Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.**

For by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it.

**Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.**

PRELUDE

“He Leadeth Me”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the community of Jesus Christ!

**We have gathered together for praise and thanksgiving.**

Rejoice in the community of Jesus Christ!

**We have gathered to celebrate our common tradition.**

We have gathered to hear the Good News!

**Rejoice in the community of Jesus Christ!**

We will commit ourselves to the Way of Jesus Christ; to justice and acceptance.

**To reconciliation and caregiving.**

Let us worship God!

\*OPENING HYMN #408

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Compassionate God, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in our daily lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.**

**Holy God, remind us again of your holy presence near us and in us. Free us from self-doubt and help us to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.**

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Hebrews 13:1-8

NT pgs. 227-228

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – Luke 14:1,7-14

NT pg. 77

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Where will you sit?”

Diane Adams

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Brief Statement of Faith-The Book of Confessions**  
**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 #722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“Fugue”

\*DOXOLOGY #606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Beyond our realized talents and abilities, you call us to act. Way beyond our boundaries of community, you call us to serve. Beyond our conventional understanding of stewardship, you call us to give. Bless all our gifts, in the name of your gift to us in the name of Jesus. 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 #744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare in C”

## **TODAY**

### **Guest Speaker**

We welcome Diane Adams to the pulpit this morning. Ellen and Dean are attending a family wedding in Minneapolis, MN.

### **Weekly Trivia**

Beginning today, 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.

### **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.

### **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 tomorrow, **September 2** for Labor Day 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!

### **Pastors Out of Town**

Dean and Ellen McGormley are out of town August 30-September 1 for a family wedding. If an emergency arises, please contact the church office or John Chesman, Clerk of Session.

### **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!

## September Worship Time Change!

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

## 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.



## Sign up for the Picture Directory!

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 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. 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 or Alice Kostoff and 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.



## 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 14:1, 7-14</b>	<b>Humility and hospitality</b>
Monday	Proverbs 25:6-7	Wise sayings of Solomon
Tuesday	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Service that pleases God
Wednesday	James 2:1-13	Show mercy
Thursday	Exodus 2:16-25	Moses flees to Midian
Friday	Luke 1:46-55	Mary's song
Saturday	Psalm 112	Blessings of the righteous
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Luke 14:25-33</b>	<b>The cost of being a disciple</b>

## **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:** Kay Gawle

**Ushers:** Carol Rabun, Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum