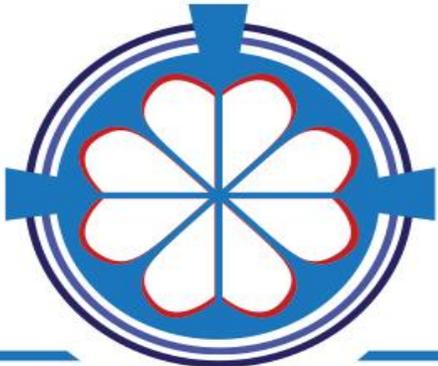


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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

Communion Sunday and Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

OPENING WORDS

O Lord, you know us completely.

You discern our thoughts from far away.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.

It is so high we cannot attain it.

You formed our inward parts.

You knit us together in our mothers' wombs.

We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

PRELUDE

“Praise Him”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who seek to grow in their faith enter this place for worship!

We would have the Lord mold us and shape us into God's people today.

God is the Potter and we are the clay in the Great Creator's hands.

We yield our lives unto the Lord to mold us as is pleasing before God.

Praise be to the Lord, for God is faithful to prepare us for eternity.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

200th Anniversary Historical Hymn

*OPENING HYMN #385 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

The text of this well-known gathering hymn was written in the 1550's by William Kethe of Scotland. A protestant, he fled to the European continent during the persecution of Queen Mary. This hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 100. It may be the oldest continuously sung congregational song in North America. The tune is one, composed by a Frenchman, originally set to Psalm 134 in 1551. While little is known of him, Kethe is thought to be one of the scholars who translated and published the English language Geneva Bible of 1560, a version favored by many over the King James version.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, like children we insist that we can manage by ourselves, and we have tried to deny You the opportunity to guide us and lead us into becoming the mature people of faith You created us to be. We have missed both receiving Your blessings and being able to pass them on to others because of our stubbornness. Forgive us, Lord. 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 a new creation: neither slave nor free, Jew nor Greek, woman or man. In God’s love, we are always fit for service, and always welcomed home.

*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!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Statement of purpose

Presentation of child

Elder: Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the people of the church, promise to tell **Garland** the good news of the gospel, to help **her** know all that Christ commands, and, by your fellowship, to strengthen **her** family ties with the household of God?

I do

PRAYER AND BLESSING FOR GARLAND

Garland, child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

Prayer for Garland Grace

This child of God is now received into the holy Christian church. See that love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and we are!

WELCOME: (in unison)

Garland with joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ.

SONG #486 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”
Child Presented to Congregation

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

OT p. 577-578

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Jeremiah 18:1-6

OT p. 720

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“In the Hands of the Master”

Rev. Dean McGormley

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...
... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*HYMN #695

“Change My Heart, O God”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign and pass down the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

*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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE INVITATION

THE PREFACE

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Pastor: Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

People: And may the Lord be with you too.

Pastor: Oh, praise Him!

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: With hearts uplifted thank the Lord.

People: We lift them up. Be God adored!

Pastor: Oh, praise Him!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Mighty God, good Father... .. You alone are holy.

THE SANCTUS

Hymn to Joy

Heav'ly hosts proclaim your glory, Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All on earth repeat the story, God of hosts, by all adored.

**Blest is He who comes, victorious, In the name of God the King Our
hosannas, glad and glorious, to the Lord of all we sing.**

Pastor: Holy God: we praise you for your Son Jesus...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Now give us your Spirit...

... who is the way, the truth, and the life.

ALL: Our Father ... (The Lord's Prayer – Sins)

THE AGNUS DEI

Hyfrydol

Lamb of God, our mighty Savior, All our sins You take away.

Lamb of God, by Your great favor, Lord, have mercy now, we pray.

Lamb of God, our prayers attending, Never let Your mercies cease,

By, Your Holy Spirit sending, Grant us all Your gift of peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE THANKSGIVING

Hymn to Joy

**Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness! All
who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love, His name confess. Praise the
Father, Son and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free.**

By His mercy to inherit life and joy eternally!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*HYMN #748

“Go with Us, Lord”

POSTLUDE

“O Splendor of God’s Glory”

TODAY

Baptism of Garland Grace Bahny

Being baptized today is Garland Grace Bahny, daughter of Josh and Nicole Bahny. May Garland grow in her faith as a child of God as Josh and Nicole guide her in the ways of the Lord!

Wee Believers

Amy Morgan and Sue Bondie will start up the Wee Believer curriculum this morning, after the Children’s Sermon in Worship. Infant Care is available before the Worship Service. We might request people from the congregation to sign up to help with this. During Wee Believer’s the children will hear a bible story and have a time of play and interaction with other children.

200th Anniversary Celebration Historical Hymn

This morning we will begin to sing a historical hymn during our Worship services as a part of our 200th Anniversary Celebration. The Anniversary hymn will be identified in the bulletin by a brief biography which will include the lyricist and the tune composer. You will also find scriptural references and descriptions of the basic message shared by the hymn text and tune. A very special thank you to Gwen Peters, Bob and Nancy Douglas for their many hours of researching these hymns that we have grown to love throughout the years. We hope everyone discovers or rediscovers a new love for these hymns as they are as relevant today to our lives as when they were written long ago.

Weekly Trivia

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. See insert.

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.

Deacons Meeting

After Worship today there will be a Deacons Meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the Cairl Room.

Last Request!! ATTENTION!

Please by this Sunday, September 8 see if you have a dish left here at the church by perusing the cart just outside of the little kitchen which contains some casserole dishes. These dishes will be donated on Wednesday, **September 11**.

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.

Thoughts and Prayers

First Presbyterian Church of Monroe expresses its deepest sympathies to the friends and families of **Arthur Cooke** who passed away on August 29 and to the friends and family of **Donald Lee Himes**, uncle of Brad Norwood who passed away on August 30. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Martha Mary Circle

The Martha Mary Circle will meet tomorrow, **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.

Hosts and Hostesses Needed

Please see Alice Kostoff before or after Worship this morning to sign up to be a host or hostess throughout the time when pictures will be taken for our new picture directory. You may choose a time from these days: 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. to meet and greet families as they arrive to have their photograph taken.

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. with a brunch in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

Rehearsals have begun!

Rehearsals have begun on Wednesday evenings 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

The Adult Sunday School will continue to meet before Worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Cairl Room.

Socialites

The Socialites will meet on Saturday, **September 21** at the Schroeder residence at 5:30 p.m. All widows, widowers, and other singles are welcome. Please join us!

2 Cents of Meal Offering

On Sunday, **September 29** 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 \$323.00 from the August 25 collection. Your contributions are a blessing to those who are in need of a meal within our community.

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.

Pastoral Care Needs

Please direct any Pastoral Care needs to the Church Office. Information shared is confidential!

Listening Session!

A listening session for congregational input in calling a pastor will be held Sunday, **September 29** following worship. A light lunch (12:00 p.m.) will be available followed by an opportunity (12:30 p.m.) for the participants to answer the following questions. 1. Who are we as a congregation? 2. Who is God calling us to be? 3. Who is our neighbor? 4. What leadership characteristics do we want in our next pastor? Discussion will be held for each of these four questions in small groups and the answers will be tallied. These answers will be used in filling out the Mission Information Form (MIF), a document that goes to the Presbyterian denomination to match this church with potential pastoral candidates. After lunch, the discussion should last one hour. Let the Office know if you need childcare. This is an important step toward finding a pastor whose skills and style match what you want as a congregation. Your leaders need to hear your voice! Be here! Be heard!

Bell Choir Members Needed

Have you ever wanted to participate in a music program but didn't because you can't sing, read music, play an instrument, etc.? Hand bells may be your chance to shine. What are some of the things you need to be able to do to ring hand bells: Count to 8 or maybe 12; Hold a bell in each hand; Enough coordination to use each hand independently or together; Be available to practice on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. What will you gain from participating in handbell group: Fun, Fellowship, Worshipping the Lord in a different way, and Learn to read music. For questions, contact Charlotte Frary (734)243-0026.

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 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple
Monday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Choose life, not death
Tuesday	Philemon 1:1-21	Philemon's love and faith
Wednesday	Isaiah 57:14-21	A promise of health and healing
Thursday	Luke 14:15-24	The great banquet
Friday	Philippians 2:19-23	Timothy and Epaphroditus
Saturday	Psalm 1	The way to happiness
Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Sunday School (Cairl Room)
	10:15	Gathering (Boyd Chapel)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15	Deacons Meeting (Cairl Room)
MONDAY	1:00	Martha Mary Circle
	5:30	Bed Ministry Board Meeting
	6:00	Chair Yoga
	6:30	200 th Anniversary Committee
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	7:00	Property Committee
	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
	5:30	Congregational Life Committee
	6:00	Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY	7:00	Mission and Outreach Committee
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir practice
THURSDAY	7:30	S-Anon
	10:00	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00	Picture Day for Photo Directory
	5:30	Personnel Committee
	6:00	Community of Need Meal
FRIDAY	6:00	TOPS
	9:00	TOPS
	1:00	Picture Day for Photo Directory
SATURDAY	8:00	Heroin Anon.
	8:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fifth Wheel Rest.)
	10:00	Picture Day for Photo Directory

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: Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley

Ushers: Kim Hooper, Marilyn Marshall, George Kostoff