



First
Presbyterian
Church of Monroe

1820 to 2020

Celebrating
200 Years
of Faith
&
Service



March 1, 2020

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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.

First Sunday in Lent and Communion Sunday

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

OPENING WORDS

Come, people of God, to know again who you are,
return to the One who gives you life.

**We come as children of God,
longing for a closer walk with our Creator....**

Let nothing distract you from that intent;
we have assembled that God may speak to us.

**We wait upon God, the Sovereign One,
who knows us as we are and loves us.**

PRELUDE

“Lenten Meditation”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

It is written: “one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

We come seeking the Bread of Life.

It is written: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”

We come to strengthen our faith and renew our spirits.

It is written: “Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.”

We would see Jesus and Him only would we serve.

200th Celebration Historical Hymn

*OPENING HYMN #116

“Lord, Who throughout these Forty Days”

Written in 1873, this hymn is the most lasting of more than 150 hymns penned by Claudia Hernamen, the wife of Reverend J. W. D. Hernamen. She was well known for having focused on hymns for children. The text was set to the tune St. Flavian, and English folk tune composed around 1563. The tune was originally set to Psalm 132.

This Lenten hymn regards Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness. The scripture reference is Luke 4:1-13. It is a rather unique hymn as it is one of few that relates directly to the season of Lent. The text encourages us, by example, in our ongoing battle with temptation in the wilderness of our conflicting desires.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we seek Your pardon and forgiveness for all our faltering steps. We have hesitated in seeking Your glory. We have tarried where we are, rather than accept the challenge of discipleship. We have left compassionate words unsaid, held back on forgiving words, and loosened our lips with trivial and hurting words. Renew us as we seek to listen again to the words of Jesus. Forgive us our timid discipleship. In Christ we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #579

“Lord, Have Mercy”

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Matthew 4:1-11

NT pg. 3

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Are You Tempted?”

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 in the gospel.

HYMN #783

“When We Are Tested”

CALL TO OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Through our offerings, O God, we would supply bread to those who hunger and the bread of life to feed all who need spiritual nourishment. We who have received good news seek to live by it and to share the gospel with others. May our gifts and our lives proclaim your rule among all people, beginning in our midst and extending through all your world. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Praise to you, O God, for all your works...
you remained ever faithful.

“Holy, Holy, Holy” #552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son...

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal
he has prepared for us.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #819

“Be Still, My Soul”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“At the Cross”

Today

Picture Directory

Our new Picture Directory has finally arrived!! These beautiful directories will continue to be passed out by Alice K. this morning in the Hall of Memories.

Fish Boxes for One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Please pick up a “fish” offering box (Narthex table, C.E. Lobby) to place your coins in during the Lent season on beginning on **March 1** and on Easter Sunday, **April 12** we will take up the “One Great Hour of Sharing” Offering during Worship. Your gifts support God’s people experiencing need in supporting ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, resettlement, food for the hungry, community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen families and communities.



Ongoing Sunday Items

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.

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.

Weekly Trivia

There is a trivia question based on our church’s history in today’s bulletin. Trivia must be answered and placed into the box on the Narthex table that same Sunday. See insert.

Wee Believers

After the Children’s Time the children will be released to go to the Wee Believers Room with Amy Morgan and Sue Bondie leading the class. Infant Care is available before and during the Worship Service. During Wee Believers the children will hear a bible story with a time of play and interaction with other children.

Upcoming Events

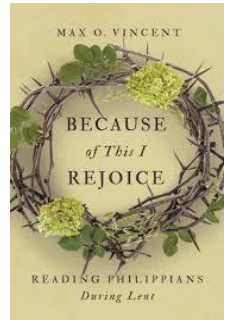
Daylight Saving Time Begins



Time to Spring ahead!! Next Sunday, **March 8** Daylight Saving Time begins!!! Please set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday evening so you have the correct time when you wake up on Sunday morning for Worship at 11:00 a.m.!

Lenten Study Series

We have begun our Lenten Study, “Because of This I Rejoice!” by Max O. Vincent. This study explores what Paul teaches in Philippians about joyfully practicing spiritual discipline. The intent of these disciplines is to focus less on ourselves and more on God. The seven lessons will be led by Rev. Ellen McGormley on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and with Cindy Morgan leading on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Both classes will be held in the Cairl Room. If you want your own copy of the book it is available for \$14.00 in the Church Office.



Deacons Meeting

There will be a Deacons Meeting after Worship next Sunday, **March 8** in the Cairl Room.

Martha Mary Circle

Please remember all women of the church are welcome to participate in the Martha Mary Circle. We meet the second Monday (**March 9**) of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Cairl Room. Please join us!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, **March 14** at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sheet in the C.E. Lobby.

Memories with Lee Markham & Potluck

What was it like growing up in the Manse?? Please join us after Worship on Sunday, **March 15** in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch with Lee Markham as he shares some of his recollections of living in the Manse. A special presentation will be made. Please join us and bring a dish to pass!

New Member Class

Are you interested in learning more about what it means to be Presbyterian and the work and mission of this congregation? There will be two short informal gatherings after worship on **March 22 and March 29**. All who want to explore membership in this congregation are invited. Lunch and childcare will be offered.

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Please keep the members of our PNC in your prayers. The members are: Isaac Fankhauser, Dana Young, Chris Todd, Kim Hooper, Dale DeSloover, Diane Adams, and Helyn Schroeder.

Young Couples

There is a sheet in the CE Lobby to sign up if you would like to help with the Community of Need Meal on Thursday, **April 2**.

2 Cents a Meal this Sunday!

We collected \$206.33 in our 2 Cents a Meal offering on February 23. This month the offering will benefit the MCOP Food Bank. During Lent we will be collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Please pick up a fish box in the Narthex or C.E. Lobby.

Newsletter Deadline

Please remember to submit items for the April newsletter to the Church Office by **March 20**.

Weekly Programs

Bell Choir and Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals are 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 please join us as we lift up a new song to our Lord, Jesus!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Our Bible Study group meets every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cairl Room. Please join us as we pour over the scriptures and pray with one another.

Greeters for Community of Need Meal

For the month of March, the Finance Committee are the greeters on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. for our Community of Need Meal.

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.

Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus
Monday	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	First sin and its punishment
Tuesday	Romans 5:12-19	Adam and Christ
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Christ was raised to life
Thursday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Love wipes away many sins
Friday	Galatians 6:1-10	Bear one another's burdens
Saturday	Psalm 32	The joy of forgiveness
Sunday	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:30	Sunday School (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
MONDAY	6:00	Chair Yoga
	7:00	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	10:00	Chair Yoga
	11:00	Staff Meeting
WEDNESDAY	5:30	Worship Committee
	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
	7:30	S-Anon
THURSDAY	10:00	Bible Study
	6:00	Community of Need Meal
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	7:00	S-Anon
SUNDAY	9:30	Sunday School (Cairl Room)
	11:00	Worship
	12:15	Fellowship (Boyd Chapel)
	12:15	Deacons Meeting (Cairl Room)

Easter Flower Order Form



**Easter is just around the corner!
It's time to order flowers for the season!**

The following flower varieties will be available:

Easter Lily
\$8.50 _____

Tulips
\$8.50 _____

Hyacinths
\$8.50 _____

Orders must be received by **Wednesday, March 25**, and will be ordered on **Thursday, March 26**. Please fill out the order form below or call Sara in the office at 734-242-1545 to order. Please feel free to take your plant home after the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service on Sunday, April 12.

In honor of: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

In memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

Community

Looking for a Tax Preparer???

MCOP is offering FREE tax preparation services for qualifying people.

Let us Help YOU Put Some Money BACK In Your Piggy Bank.

If you have more questions or would like to arrange an appointment, please call 734-241-2775.

For your appointment, you must bring the documentation listed below:

- ✓ Driver's License or state I.D. and Social Security card.
- ✓ All Income Statements
(Including: Social security statements for anyone in the home including children: SSA 1099, dividend & interest earned 1099, pension statements, alimony, child support, proof of medical supplement 1095A.)
- ✓ Payments Made on Medical Insurance
- ✓ Children's documents (social security cards, birth certificates, health records, school report cards)
- ✓ Rental Information (Lease agreement OR rent receipts)
- ✓ Property Tax Summary (Summer & Winter 2019)
- ✓ Medical Insurance Premiums
- ✓ All W-2 Forms
- ✓ DHS Annual Statement
- ✓ Child Care Expenses (Daycare)
(Name, Address, Social Security Number and Amount Paid by Provider)
- ✓ Amount Spent on Home Heating from 11/1/18 – 10/30/19

Now scheduling: **Mondays 10-2** at the Opportunity Center at ALCC - 120 Eastchester
Wednesday- Friday 9-4:30 at MCOP - 1140 S. Telegraph



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Church Leadership

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Cheryl Eder
Jennifer Hueston
Alan Schroeder

Class of 2021

Diane Adams
Jim Crammond
Dale DeSloover

Class of 2022

Mark Baker
Elizabeth Cunningham
Ann Lux

Committee Chairperson(s)

Building and Property: Dale DeSloover

Congregational Life: Cheryl Eder; Ann Lux

Finance: Alan Schroeder; Liz Cunningham

Mission and Outreach: Jim Crammond

Personnel and Policy: Jennifer Hueston; Cheryl Eder

Worship: Diane Adams; Mark Baker

Deacons

Class of 2020

Ann Orwin
David Nielsen

Class of 2021

Isabel Benedicto
Mary DeSloover
Jeffrey Haman
Marilyn Marshall
George Pomerville
Yoshie Pomerville
Karen Sobieralski

Moderator of Deacons: Karen Sobieralski

Vice Moderators of Deacons: Mary DeSloover

Church Staff:

Co-Interim Pastors: Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley and Rev. Dean McGormley;
Ellen: (734) 652-7147 (cell) and Dean: (734) 497-8069 (cell)

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. McGormley

Ushers: Carol Rabun, Gary and Jo-Ann Follbaum