

First Presbyterian Church

Morrison, Illinois

October 23, 2022

20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

THE GATHERING WELCOME

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

INTROIT

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

No. 456 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER AND MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Luke 5:27-32)

“After this (Jesus) went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up, left everything, and followed him. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, ‘Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?’ Jesus answered, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.’”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 65)

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

People: **When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.**

Leader: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

People: **By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

Leader: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

People: **Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.**

Leader: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

People: **You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**

***HYMN**

O God Our Help in Ages Past

No. 210

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Forgive us Lord for giving up to easily in our prayer life, in our faith, and in our relationship with you, our own self, and with one another. Help us to always recognize your presence and your love. Help our faith stay strong. May we persevere in our times of trial, and may we always seek

justice. We pray this in Jesus’ name....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

God is always with us. God always loves us. God always forgives us. May we have faith in this. Praise be the Triune God forever and ever! Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (p. 16))

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

SERMON

The Practice of Prayer

***HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No. 403

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers”)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** (Unison)

We thank you Lord for our life. We thank you for reminding us to not take ourselves too seriously and to seek humility in our lives. Help our lives be rededicated to you once again so that we can truly live a life of peace with all humanity and creation. We pray this together in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

I Danced in the Morning

No. 302

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE**

PASSING OF THE PEACE (*greeting: “Peace be with you,” response: “and also with you”*)

*You are invited to stand for this portion.

**Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

The Bible verses are read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection; residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead of Morrison (formerly Windsor Manor) and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Marian Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cookee Shawver, Jean Temple, Dick Vandermyde, Michael Vegter, Jr.

Love one another!

Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison. And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZlobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

Bible Study In October, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. on the 4th, 11th and 18th at Pleasant View.

Deacons Are Here For You Do you have a physical or spiritual need? Our deacons want to help! Please feel free to reach out to a deacon!

Prayer Requests

Have a prayer request? You can now email them to prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com

Resthave Care and Rehabilitation is holding their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Resthave Chapel, 408 Maple Ave. Masks are required.

Birthdays

10/27: Emily Davis
10/27: Ted Volckmann

Anniversaries

10/28: Keith & Susan Wiersema
10/28: Ryan & Sarah Wiersema
10/28: Dail & Amanda Blasdell

STAFF

Minister. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
Office Manager. Stacie Baker
Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn Knox
Lexie Laughlin
Jim Palmer
Angela Reamer
Tim Reynolds
Scott Vandermyde
Carol Wolf
Deb Zigler
Stacie Baker, Clerk

Deacons:

Mavis Best
June Cortes
Doris Robertson
Jody Tucker

*O children of Zion,
be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army,
which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth,
blood and fire and columns of smoke.
The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood,
before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved;
for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape,
as the Lord has said,
and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.*

—Joel 2:23-32

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