

**Happy 170th Birthday FPC!**—Reminder there is a potluck today!

**LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICES** -Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church’s Facebook group page: [www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison](http://www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison). And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresmorrison>

**BIBLE STUDY**—We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at Highlight Health (formerly Pleasant View).

**“MESSIAH”**—The Morrison Ecumenical Chorus will present the Lent and Easter portions of G.F. Handel’s “Messiah” on Palm Sunday, April 13, at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Morrison. The concert, which is sponsored by the Morrison Ministers Council, begins at 7pm. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses, with any extra funds going to the Ministers Council to help with their activities. The entire community is invited to share in this special way to begin Holy Week.

**VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST**—Resthave is having their annual Volunteer Breakfast, Tuesday, April 22, and they want everyone who has ever volunteered or is planning to do so in the future to come

and participate. They will have omelets, pastries, coffee and juice.

**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL**—The next Free Community Meal is April 24 beginning at **5:00 pm**. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches.

*Upcoming Events:*

**03/30:**

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:15am Worship Service
- 11:15am 170th Birthday Potluck

**04/01:**

- 9:30am Bible Study @ Highlight Health
- 4:30pm Ice Cream Social @ Highlight Health

**04/02:**

- 12pm Lenten Lunch @ Emmanuel Church

**04/06:**

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:15am Worship Service
- 11:15am Coffee Hour

*Jesus said,  
 “The man who loves his life  
 will lose it,  
 while the man who hates his life  
 in this world  
 will keep it for eternal life.  
 Whoever serves me  
 must follow me;  
 and where I am,  
 my servant also will be.  
 My Father will honor  
 the one who serves me.”*

—John 12:25-27

**STAFF**

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

**SESSION  
ELDERS:**

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Tim Reynolds	Carol Wolf	

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*Reaching out to our neighbor with open hearts;*

*sharing God’s blessings with others.*

*First Presbyterian Church  
March 30, 2025*

*4th Sunday in Lent*

*Morrison, Illinois  
10:15AM*

**HERITAGE SUNDAY**

*Est. March 28, 1855*

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*Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!*

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**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** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* No. 482 Vs. 1

**OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION** (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

“The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalms 95:1-7) Wren West

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**All: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!**

**\*HYMN** *Take My Life* No. 391 Vs. 1-3

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) Henry Selburg

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.....  
.....*Silent prayer followed by Amen.*

\*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).  
Donations may be placed in the offering plate near the narthex door.

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*Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!*

*Happy  
170th  
Birthday,  
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Of Morrison, IL*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (Concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

**\*HYMN** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)* No. 592

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

We thank you Lord for the life you have given us, the love you pour out to us. This day we give a special thanks to you for our church. We have inherited it from generations before us who had faith that we might carry on the good work. Your Spirit has been with us at all times and you have never forsaken us. Lord God, we give you thanks for this. We pray that our lives may be rededicated to you in this moment so we might also rededicate our church to you. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*REDEDICATION OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** One hundred seventy years ago, the Lord called people together to create a community in which the ministry of Christ could reach this area of God's creation in a new way. Through the years, we have served as God's children and servants and continue that community and ministry today.

**All:** **Through the grace of God, we have maintained and we live as ministers of the Word of God. For this we give great thanks.**

**Pastor:** Upon this anniversary of this church, it is appropriate to rededicate our church to God.

**All:** **Lord God, Creator of all, you have given us this church as a gift so we might be able to perform your works. Yet we know the church is not ours, rather, it is yours, of which your son, Jesus Christ our King, is the head. We are simply instruments—vessels for your work to be done. We rededicate this church to you, Lord Almighty. It is yours. Guide us and use us as you will.**

**Pastor:** Lord, renew us in your Spirit.

**All:** **The Spirit of God has given us new life, a new beginning, and in this time Lord, we rededicate our lives and our church back to you.**

**\*PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** *Take My Life* No. 391 Vs. 4-6

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison) George Selburg

In God's time and in God's way, the Truth is revealed to us. The Holy Spirit is with us in our disbelief and in our belief. We are forgiven and we are granted new life. Amen.

**\*HYMN** *"Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)"* No. 579

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER** Edna Ulrich

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Jacie & Leala Reynolds

**MEDITATION**

**REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

**Sentences of Scripture** (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27) (Pastor)

Just as the body is one  
and has many members,  
and all the members of the body, though many,  
are one body,  
so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit  
we were all baptized into one body—  
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—  
and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Now you are the body of Christ  
and individually members in it.

**Profession of Faith** (Pastor)

Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
our baptism is the sign and seal  
of our cleansing from sin,  
and of our being grafted into Christ.  
Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ,  
the power of sin was broken,  
and God's kingdom entered our world.  
Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom,  
and freed from the bondage of sin.  
Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption  
through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism.

*(continued...)*

I ask you, therefore,  
once again to reject sin,  
to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,  
and to confess the faith of the church,  
the faith in which we were baptized.

**Renunciations** (Responsively)

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  
do you turn from the ways of sin  
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**People: I do.**

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

**People: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior**

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his Word and showing his love?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

**Profession** (Responsively)

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith through the words stated in  
the Nicene Creed.

**All:** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks.  
In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past,  
and have blessed us with signs of your grace.

We praise you that through the waters of the sea  
you led your people Israel out of bondage,  
into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son,  
who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,  
and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.  
Through the baptism of his death and resurrection  
you set us free from the bondage of sin and death,  
and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for your Holy Spirit,  
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,  
filling us with a variety of gifts,  
that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations  
and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you claimed us in our baptism,  
and that by your grace we are born anew.  
By your Holy Spirit renew us,  
that we may be empowered to do your will  
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all glory and honor,  
now and forever.

\*HYMN

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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