

First Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Morrison, Illinois

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

Morning Has Broken

No. 469 Vs. 2

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Psalm 4)

“Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord. There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!” You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 40:1-5)

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

All: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Pastor: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

All: You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

***HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

No. 113

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord God, how often we claim to be your servants, yet repeatedly, we serve that which is against you. We proclaim your love, yet we hurt others. We proclaim your salvation, yet we refuse to forgive. We desire to be one with you and your creation, but we want to live for our own self. Conflicted, we lose sight of you and wander from your path. Forgive us for our transgressions. Help us to follow only you. Help us to be reborn again so that we might live with you in every moment of our life. We pray this in Jesus’ name

.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

May we open ourselves to receive the assurance of God’s love. Let’s fully understand what Jesus’ sacrifice means for the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of new life. Then, together, we shall start over as new beings, following Christ as his disciples and serving him as his apostles. Praise be Jesus our Christ 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 24:36b-48

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1-7

SERMON

HYMN

Celebrate with Joy and Singing

No. 107

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

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

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

Lord, you give us so much in life. You have come to earth to live and die for us. You have risen so we might have new life. Help us to not waste a moment of what you have given to us. Help us to use it all in its entirety. With great thanks, we rededicate our life to you. Use us as you might so that we may be yours. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

No. 106 Vs. 3,4

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 and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Richard McCoy, Ken Mills, Sheila Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Margie Selburg, the family of Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, Rachael Tucker, Ray Tucker

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/@firstpresmorrison>

Bible Study We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at Pleasant View. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unavailable.

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on April 25. This is our **15th Anniversary** meal! We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

Upcoming Community Events:

- 04/15: 2pm Social Hour @ Resthave
- 04/16: 9:30am Worship Service @ Pleasant View
- 04/17: 1:30pm BINGO @ Homestead
- 04/18: 8am Social Hour @ The Loft
- 04/20: 9am Community Recycle Day

Birthdays

04/14: Rick Barr

STAFF

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

SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
Lexie Laughlin	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk
Angela Reamer	Carol Wolf	

*When Peter saw this, he said to them:
 "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you?
 Why do you stare at us as if by our own power
 or godliness we had made this man walk?
 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
 the God of our fathers,
 has glorified his servant Jesus.
 You handed him over to be killed,
 and you disowned him before Pilate,
 though he had decided to let him go.
 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One
 and asked that a murderer be released to you.
 You killed the author of life,
 but God raised him from the dead.
 We are witnesses of this.
 By faith in the name of Jesus,
 this man whom you see and know was made strong.
 It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him
 that has completely healed him,
 as you can all see.
 "Now, fellow Israelites,
 I know that you acted in ignorance,
 as did your leaders.
 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold
 through all the prophets,
 saying that his Messiah would suffer.
 Repent,
 then,
 and turn to God,
 so that your sins may be wiped out,
 that times of refreshing may come from the Lord*

—Acts 13:12-19

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