

*First Presbyterian Church*

*Morrison, Illinois*

*February 5, 2023*

*5th Sunday after Epiphany*

*10:15AM*

*Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!*



**PRELUDE**

*Tiento*

J. Langlois

**THE GATHERING WELCOME**

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

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

**INTROIT**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

No. 143 Vs. 3

**OPENING PRAYER AND MOMENT FOR MEDITATION** (Isaiah 58:1-12)

*See front cover.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalm 112:1-9)

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**All: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Pastor: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

**All: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Pastor: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

**All: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.**

Pastor: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

**All: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.**

**\*HYMN**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

No. 288

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

We come to you today, Christ, confessing we don't always know the effect of our words and actions. We are prone to a routine life, with routine mindsets and belief structures that govern our attitude, outlook, thoughts and actions. We don't often notice when we hurt others. We also can forget we are being hurt by others when it is so common place, especially when society echoes that we deserve to be treated in such a way. When we lose track of love, we lose track of you, our own self, and our relationship with others. Forgive us for all this. Help us to always be centered in your love. We pray this in Jesus' name.....*Silent prayer followed by 'Amen'.*

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

Christ taught us that God loves us so much, no matter what. God calls us out of our depravity. God calls us to humility. God calls us to equality and justice. May we receive God's forgiveness, mercy and love. May we be one with God, and with one another, through mutual love. Praise be Jesus' name 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**

Matthew 5:13-20

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

*Oh for a World*

No. 386

**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 are humbled before Christ as we recognize all the love we have received in our life. We give great thanks that God calls us out of the darkness while keeping us humble. We give thanks for our spiritual freedom. We give thanks for building and binding our communities in love. We give thanks for this very moment, and for all the moments to come. They are all gifts from you. May our lives return and remain with Christ in this life right now. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Song of Hope*

No. 432

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***

*March from Athalie*

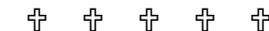
F. Mendelssohn

**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; Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Marian Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, Rachel Tucker, Ray Tucker, 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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison). And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZlobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

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

**Cookie Frost-Off** We will be having more cookie frost-offs this year! We will be having them during coffee hour so that our families can attend as well. The next one will be on February 12. We will be in need of cookies to frost.

## Birthdays

02/06: Larry Bealer  
02/06: Aiden Dolieslager  
02/06: Shari Kuehl  
02/08: Arlyn Hayen

## STAFF

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

## SESSION ELDERS:

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

If you would like to donate cookies, please contact Lynn Knox or let Stacie in the office know.

**Drive-Up Meal** The next meal will be on February 23. We will be serving chili. Meals will begin at 4:30PM. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

**Prayer Requests** Have a prayer request? You can now email them to [prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com)

*Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.  
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”*

*Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?*

*Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?*

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*

*Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.*

*Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.*

*If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.*

*The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.*

*I Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.*

*Isaiah 58:1-12*

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