

First Presbyterian Church

Morrison, Illinois

September 15, 2024

17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE *Cantilena* Rheinberger

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 (2 Peter 2:24)

“(Jesus) himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 17:7-14)

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

All: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Pastor: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Pastor: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

All: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Pastor: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

All: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*HYMN *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun* No. 456

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord God, we so often find ourselves looking back on our past and realizing the mistakes we have made. It is so easy to find ourselves continually dwelling on those mistakes, so much so that we lose focus on the current moment, allowing ourselves to then stumble even more, because we are not paying attention to our actions. Lord, forgive us for our past, and for dwelling on our past. Help us live in the moment and create a future that is drenched with your love. We pray this in Jesus’ name.....Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Christ died for us so that we may truly live. Through Christ, our past is behind us. We have been forgiven for our faults and we are able to let go of what we have done. In Christ we have the ability to live our life anew and to live it fully in his love. Praise be Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL READING Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* No. 404

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, p. 16)

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

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

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

We thank you Lord with all our might for the love you have given us. Help us remember what is truly important and to focus on our loving relationship with you, our own self and with all of humanity and creation. Help us to make our lives be vessels of your light to allow love to permeate into every corner of this world. Help us to make our lives be yours in all that we do. Help us leave behind the past, learning from our mistakes, and grow into the people we have the potential to be. Help us take up the cross as we seek to follow you. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*HYMN *Live Into Hope* No. 332

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** *Psalm XIX* Marcello arr. Dubois

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: residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead and Pleasant View; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie’s), Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Richard McCoy, Ken Mills, Wayne Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Bob Sim, 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 October 10. We will be serving chili and cinnamon rolls. Meal begins at **4:30PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:45pm.

Upcoming Community Events:

09/15:

2pm Paddle Day @ Rockwood

09/16:

2pm Social Hour @ Resthove

6:30pm Session Meeting

09/17:

9:30am Bible Study

9:30am Presbytery Meeting

09/18:

1:30pm BINGO @ Resthove

09/19:

8am Social Hour @ The Loft

09/21:

8am Harvest Hammer

12pm Paint the Town

STAFF

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*Not many of you should become teachers,
my brothers and sisters,
for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*

For all of us make many mistakes.

*Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect,
able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.*

*If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us,
we guide their whole bodies.*

Or look at ships:

*though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them,
yet they are guided by a very small rudder
wherever the will of the pilot directs.*

*So also the tongue is a small member,
yet it boasts of great exploits.*

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

And the tongue is a fire.

*The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity;
it stains the whole body,
sets on fire the cycle of nature,
and is itself set on fire by hell.*

*For every species of beast and bird,
of reptile and sea creature,*

*can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,
but no one can tame the tongue—
a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

*With it we bless the Lord and Father,
and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.*

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.

*My brothers and sisters,
this ought not to be so.*

*Does a spring pour forth from the same opening
both fresh and brackish water?*

*Can a fig tree,
my brothers and sisters,*

*yield olives,
or a grapevine figs?*

No more can salt water yield fresh.

—James 3:1-12