

First Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Here I Am, Lord

No. 525 Vs. 3

OPENING PRAYER AND MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 97:1,11-12)

Pastor: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

All: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

***HYMN**

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart!

No. 145

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord God, with great gladness and thanksgiving we come to you today. Yet there is a void in our lives which we create ourselves. This emptiness comes from loving other things more than you and not keeping you as our center and focus of our life. Forgive us for how this leads to darkness, in which we become led astray. Lead us back to you we pray in Jesus’ name.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Christ is the light that shines out, destroying the darkness and connecting us to God. Through Christ we are forgiven. Through Christ we are found. Through Christ we have new life. Praise be Jesus’ name, forever and ever! Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

REPORTS AND Q&A

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

No. 106 Vs. 1-2

RECOGNITION OF SESSION ELDERS COMPLETING SERVICE

Angela Reamer & Deb Zigler

INSTALLATION AND REINSTALLATION OF SESSION ELDERS

Installation: Tim Reynolds, ‘27

Reinstallation: Ron Shank ‘27

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

No. 106 Vs. 3-4

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)

Lord God, to you we give the gifts which we receive through your gracious love. Nothing that we have could exist if not for you. In turn, we faithfully seek and strive to rededicate our lives, and all that is part of our life, to you so that you may fully live in us and through us. As your children, help us follow you. As your church, help us follow you. We give great thanks for this past’s years work we could perform as the body of Christ, for the glory of your kingdom. Help us, continually, to be filled with your Spirit, hear and follow your Word, and live upon the true path you have created for us. This church is yours. We are Christ’s disciples and apostles. We are ministers to spread love and be beacons of light. Be with us as we begin a new year in loving one another as you have loved us. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen

ELECTION OF 3 AT LARGE MEMBERS OF THE 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

***HYMN**

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

No. 369

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).

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



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: residents and staff of Resthave, Homestead and Highlight Health (formerly Pleasant View); Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie’s), Dale Johnson, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), 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.

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on January 30. We will be serving beef & veggie soup. Meal begins at **4:30PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:45pm. We will be offering in person dining.

Call to Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26th during our 10:15 worship service, followed by a meal/potluck. Please bring a main dish, side, salad or dessert to pass.

Upcoming Events:

01/26:

10:15am Worship Service & Annual Meeting

11:15am Potluck

01/28:

9:30am Bible Study

01/29:

1:30pm Meal Prep

01/30:

4:30pm Drive Up Community Meal

02/02:

9:15am Sunday School

10:15am Worship Service

11:15am Coffee Hour

Birthdays

01/27: Mitch Dolieslager

01/28: Shirley Thompson

STAFF

Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

Office Manager. Stacie Baker

Organist. Scott Vandermyde

Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:



Rick Barr
Lexie Laughlin
Tim Reynolds



Ron Shank
Scott Vandermyde
Carol Wolf

Stacie Baker, Clerk

*Beloved,
since God loved us
so much,
we also ought to
love one another.*

—1 John 4:11


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