

*First Presbyterian Church  
September 29, 2024*

*Harvest Celebration  
19th Sunday after Pentecost*

*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** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* No. 551

**OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION** (Matthew 9:35-38)

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalm 126)

Pastor: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”**

Pastor: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**All: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

Pastor: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**All: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

**\*HYMN** *Let All Things Now Living* No. 554

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

Lord God, you have given us our life, the earth and the ability to sow and reap so that we may share what you have given to us with others. Yet in our self-centeredness, we so often live for ourselves and refuse to share with others. We hurt, neglect and push away others for our own ease and benefit.

Forgive us for these ways. Teach us to love and care as we have been taught through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We pray this in Jesus’ name.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

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

The Lord our God always offers a new season for us. Although we were once a certain way, we no longer have to stay that way. Through the love and forgiveness that we obtain through Christ we have received a new life and the promise of a new beginning. Help us praise the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ forever and ever! Amen.

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

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 9:38-50

**SERMON**

**HYMN** *For the Fruit of All Creation* No. 553

**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)

Lord God, you have given us another year—a time to sow, the rains and the warmth of summer, and now you deliver a bounty to us to sustain our life for another year. We give you great thanks for our life and all that you give to us. Help us remain aware of how blessed we are. In this thanksgiving, we recommit our life to you and we pray that you enable us to do everything in our life for you. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*HYMN** *Come, Sing a Song of Harvest* No. 558

**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:** residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead and Pleasant View; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie’s), Dale 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](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 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. We will be offering in person dining beginning this month.

## Upcoming Community Events:

- 09/29:  
11:30am Harvest Celebration & Ice Cream Social
- 10/01:  
9:30am Bible Study  
4:30pm Ice Cream Social @ PV
- 10/04:  
3pm MHS Homecoming Parade
- 10/06:  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship Service  
11:15am Coffee Hour

## Birthdays

- 09/30: Sally Hayen  
09/30: Ron Shank  
10/02: Jakob Palmer  
10/03: George Selburg  
10/05: Kolten Sage

## 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	

*“Reaching out to our neighbor with open hearts; sharing God’s blessings with others.”*



*The Vision Statement of The First Presbyterian Church of Morrison, IL  
September 23, 2012*

**Love one another.  
Feed each other.**

*The Mission Logo of The First Presbyterian Church of Morrison, IL  
Circa 2020*

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