

First Presbyterian Church

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

Morrison, Illinois

10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. W. L. Smith

THE GATHERING WELCOME

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

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

INTROIT

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 420 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Psalm 2)

“Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying, ‘Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.’ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ‘I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.’ I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, ‘You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 99)

Pastor: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

All: **The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Pastor: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

All: **Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Pastor: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

All: **Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

Pastor: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

All: **O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.**

***HYMN**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

No. 411

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

We come before you today God, as your children who so often stray from you in so many different ways in our lives. We pray that we be able to see and understand where and how we are straying. Give us the strength and ability to be transformed in Christ so that we might always live in you. We pray this in Jesus’ name.*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)**

In Christ, our transgressions are forgiven and in God’s love for us we are able to be transformed and reformed by the Holy Spirit. 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 17:1-13

John 17:20-23

MEDITATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Matthew 26:26-29

Scripture Reading

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

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

We give thanks to our Creator, to the Word and to the Spirit for the life we have been given and for our connection to all things. Help us be transformed in your love, we pray, so that our life may truly be yours. Help our lives belong to Christ and let our love be shared with all. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Spirit

No. 319

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

If You Allow God to Guide You

J.S. Bach

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. 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.

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

Birthdays

02/20: Ann Mennenoh

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SESSION ELDERS:

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

*The Lord said to Moses,
“Come up to me on the mountain,
and wait there;
and I will give you the tablets of stone,
with the law and the commandment,
which I have written for their instruction.”
So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua,
and Moses went up into the mountain of God.
To the elders he had said,
“Wait here for us, until we come to you again;
for Aaron and Hur are with you;
whoever has a dispute may go to them.”
Then Moses went up on the mountain,
and the cloud covered the mountain.
The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai,
and the cloud covered it for six days;
on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.
Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord
was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain
in the sight of the people of Israel.
Moses entered the cloud,
and went up on the mountain.
Moses was on the mountain for forty days
and forty nights.*

—Exodus 24:12-18

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