

First Presbyterian Church

September 22, 2024

18th 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

Morning Has Broken

No. 469 Vs. 3

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (James 3:13-4:3)

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Native American paraphrase of *The Lord’s Prayer*)

Pastor: O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe..

All: You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place.

Pastor: Your home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon.

All: Whatever you want done, let it also be done everywhere.

Pastor: Give us your gift of bread day by day.

All: Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us.

Pastor: Take us away from wrong doings. Free us from all evil.

All: For everything belongs to you.

Pastor: Let your power and glory shine forever.

All: Amen. Amen. Amen.

***HYMN**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

No. 256

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Pastor: The circle of love is repeatedly broken because of the sin of exclusion. We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of misery, the circle of favor and the circle of denial.

All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

Pastor: The circle of love is broken whenever there is hostility, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity and a closed heart.

All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

Pastor: The circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Pastor: Through God’s grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad!

All: Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30-37

SERMON

HYMN

O God the Creator

No. 273

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** (from *Brief Statement of Faith*)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

***BLACKHAWK PRESBYTERY LAND AND NAME ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

***HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 473

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. 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:

09/24:

9:30am Bible Study

09/29:

11:30am Harvest Celebration & Ice Cream Social

Blackhawk Presbytery Land and Name Acknowledgment

*We acknowledge that
“We have participated actively and passively throughout our history in discriminatory behavior directed against indigenous peoples. We have stood by while they were killed and their lands taken, while the story of their participation in the history of our country was distorted and suppressed.”
(GA 222 Overture 11-17)*

Our Presbytery is spread over much of Northern Illinois. This is what once was home to many native peoples and tribes going back as far as 15,000 BCE. Even the name of our Presbytery – Blackhawk – bears witness to this truth. And so, we acknowledge and respect this territory’s significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived upon this land. We want to be honest about the ways our religious tradition has been used to colonize, to abuse, and to oppress people.

Today we again declare our respect for these children of God and our desire to honor them and the truth of their lives and their history, our shared history including the broken promises and other sins for which we must repent.

We affirm our responsibility to those who are still here, sometimes unseen, and we look for opportunities for true reconciliation, which we acknowledge will involve further action by, and change for, us. Among our transgressions are the harmful stereotypes created for our entertainment. We vow to honor our Native siblings and seek to work for healing and justice that is truly “for all.”

Anniversary



09/24: Daniel & June Cortes

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	

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