

First Presbyterian Church

February 26, 2023

1st Sunday in Lent

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 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* No. 482 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Romans 5:1-11)

“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalms 32:1-2, 11-12)

Pastor: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

All: **Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

All: **Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

***HYMN** *The Glory of These Forty Days* No. 87

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord God, we enter into this season of Lent as sinners. Through the year we have fallen away from you. We have stumbled and fallen. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us back to you. We pray this in Jesus’ name.....*Silent prayer followed by “Amen”*.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Christ is our Savior and he has redeemed his life for ours. We are forgiven and we may be at peace. Let our lives begin anew. 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 4:1-11

EPISTLE READING Romans 5:12-21

SERMON

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

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

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

We thank you Lord for the forgiveness you extend to us, the new life which comes with it, and the new creation you bring us into. Help us begin this Lenten season by returning back to you and staying focused on you and the love you give. Help us do so prayerfully by loving our neighbor as our self and seeking to do your will in every action of our life. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN** *God of Our Life* No. 275

***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: 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 March 30. We will be serving ham and potato soup. Meals will begin at **5:00PM**. 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

Anniversaries

03/04: Bud & Shirley Thompson

STAFF

Minister. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
Office Manager. Stacie Baker
Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

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

*The Lord God took the man
and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.
And the Lord God commanded the man,
“You may freely eat of every tree of the garden;
but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,
for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”
Now the serpent was more crafty
than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made.
He said to the woman,
“Did God say,
‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”
The woman said to the serpent,
“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;
but God said,
‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree
that is in the middle of the garden,
nor shall you touch it,
or you shall die.’”
But the serpent said to the woman,
“You will not die;
for God knows that when you eat of it
your eyes will be opened,
and you will be like God,
knowing good and evil.”
So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,
and that it was a delight to the eyes,
and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise,
she took of its fruit and ate;
and she also gave some to her husband,
who was with her,
and he ate.
Then the eyes of both were opened,
and they knew that they were naked;
and they sewed fig leaves together
and made loincloths for themselves.*

—Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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