

First Presbyterian Church

November 17, 2024

26th 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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

No. 403

OPENING PRAYERS & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Hebrews 10:12,14-18)

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 16:1, 5-11)

Pastor: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

All: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Pastor: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

All: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

Pastor: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

All: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

Pastor: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***HYMN**

Morning Has Broken

No. 469

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

We turn to our Triune God, reflecting on the darkness that rests upon humanity. There are so many temptations that lead us into times of trial. We trespass. We sin. We walk away from the path of love, seeking the riches and powers of this world, or simply, acting out without controlling ourselves. We are immature. We are stubborn and impatient. We live for the ego, find strength in greed, and separate our own self from God, the earth and one another. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to return to you and to take control of our lives so we can live in the light, be the light, and extend the light, in all that we do. We pray this in Jesus’ name.....*Silent prayer followed by “Amen”*.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

God loves us no matter what. God is always offering us the path of love and light. We may be forgiven for our past through Jesus Christ. We may live anew, learning as Christ’s disciples, and living Jesus’ apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise be Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:1-8

SERMON

HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

No. 280

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)

What thanksgiving we give to our Triune God. We have been given this life, and this planet to live upon. We have been given the guidance of how to live justly among one another, and to be able to build beloved communities. Help us, we pray, to turn from our ways of darkness and destruction. Help us be the true disciples and apostles we have the ability to be. Praise be to Jesus our Christ. Amen!

***HYMN**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 466

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, Ken Mills, 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.

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on December 12. We will be serving ham dinner. 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.

Birthdays

11/20: June Cortes
11/21: Kevin Kuehl
11/21: Elijah Palmer
11/21: Mike Selburg
11/23: Kristina Cortes

Resthave Save the date of Friday, December 13th on your calendar for a morning with coffee, coffee cakes, doughnuts and other treats. Will have a bake sale and lots of treasures to buy a chance for at the bizarre. There will also be a free drawing for a Fruit basket and Poinsettias to win. This will all happen from 9-10:30am. The Bizarre will be set up on December 6th and you can start buying chances that day.

Upcoming Community Events:

11/18:

2pm Social Hour @ Resthave

6:30pm Session Meeting

11/19:

9:30am Bible Study

11/20:

1:30pm BINGO @ Resthave

11/21:

8am Social Hour @ The Loft

12pm Lunch & learn @ The Briefing Room

STAFF

Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

Office Manager. Stacie Baker

Organist. Scott Vandermyde

Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:



Rick Barr
Lexie Laughlin
Angela Reamer

Ron Shank
Scott Vandermyde
Carol Wolf

Deb Zigler
Stacie Baker, Clerk

*At that time Michael,
the great prince,
the protector of your people,
shall arise.
There shall be a time of anguish,
such as has never occurred
since nations first came into existence.
But at that time your people shall be delivered,
everyone who is found written in the book.
Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth
shall awake,
some to everlasting life,
and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
Those who are wise
shall shine like the brightness of the sky,
and those who lead many to righteousness,
like the stars forever and ever.*

—Daniel 12:1-3

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