

First Presbyterian Church

March 23, 2025

Morrison, Illinois

3rd Sunday in Lent

10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

THE GATHERING WELCOME

Rick Barr

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

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

INTROIT

For the Fruit of All Creation

No. 553

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 123)

Rick Barr

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

All: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

All: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

***HYMN**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

No. 551

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lynn Knox

Forgive us, Lord, for how we so often take life for granted. Instead of seeing life full of gifts from you, we pay attention to what we don't have, and dwell in pity for our emptiness. Forgive us for our lack of thanksgiving. Help us to rejoice in your love, and all that you give us, so we might serve you joyfully in all that we do. We pray this in Jesus' name

.....*Silent prayer followed by "Amen".*

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Lynn Knox

Let us give great thanks in knowing that God loves us so much, that God came to us in the form of a servant human, to love us, care for us, heal us, teach us, and to show us the True Way. Furthermore, let us be filled with awe in knowing that Christ lived and died for us so that we can be free from that which holds us back so that we can live into the new life that God has waiting for us, in which our true self may live. Praise be Jesus' name. Amen!

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

GOSPEL READING

John 4:9-10

Ron Shank

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3: 12-17

Ron Shank

REFLECTIONS ON GRATITUDE

Tim Reynolds, Carol Wolf, Deb Zigler

HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

No. 554

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

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

Ron Shank

We thank you Lord for this life you have given us. Help us to not forget that all we have has come from you. We rededicate our lives to Christ, as we give great thanks for all we have. We pray this humbly in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Give Thanks, O Christian People

No. 552

BENEDICTION

The Lord's Prayer

Rick Barr

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).
Donations may be placed in the offering plate near the narthex door.



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead and Highlight Health (formerly Pleasant View); God's Will Giving Center, Morrison Food Pantry, Ebenezer Produce Pantry, Sauk Valley Food Bank; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Karen Genz, Glenda Hegwood, Dale Johnson, Barbara Marti, Marian Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Jody Tucker, 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 Highlight Health (formerly Pleasant View).

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on March 27. We will be serving ham and potato chowder. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm. We will be offering in person dining.

Upcoming Events:

03/23:

10:15am Worship Service

11:15am Coffee Hour

03/25:

9:30am Bible Study @ Highlight Health

03/26:

1:30pm Meal Prep

03/27:

5pm Drive Up Community Meal

03/30:

9:15am Sunday School

10:15am Worship Service

11:15am 170th Birthday Celebration

& Potluck

Birthdays

03/29: Cynthia Reynolds

STAFF

Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

Office Manager. Stacie Baker

Organist. Scott Vandermyde

Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION

ELDERS:

Rick Barr
Lexie Laughlin
Tim Reynolds

Ron Shank
Scott Vandermyde
Carol Wolf

Stacie Baker, Clerk

*Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish
one another
in all wisdom;
and with gratitude
in your hearts
sing psalms,
hymns,
and spiritual songs
to God.*

—Colossians 3:16



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