

First Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2024

1st Sunday of Christmas

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 23 Vs. 3

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Galatians 4:4-7)

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’ So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalms 148:1-7)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Pastor: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

***HYMN**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

No. 28

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord Jesus, you were born into this world to bring your light. People have flocked to you since your birth, placing you as their guiding light, and you have taken them in as a good shepherd. However, we still go astray. And yet, you continue to seek us and bring you back to us. Help us to learn to stay near you—to follow you, for our lives are dedicated to you.

.....*Silent prayer followed by “Amen”*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

HYMN

Go Tell It On the Mountain

No. 29

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with, “*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.*”)

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

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

Lord God, you have sent us our guiding light. You have sent angels to watch over us. You have given us a shepherd, not only to follow, but so we might be looked after. Hear our thanks which we send to you. Help us be your faithful flock. Amen.

***HYMN**

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

No. 50

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 Resthave, Homestead and Highlight Health (formerly Pleasant View); Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie’s), Dale Johnson, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), the family of 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. **POSTPONED FOR NOW.**

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on January 30. We will be serving beef & veggie soup. 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.

Upcoming Community Events:

12/29:

- 10:15am Worship Service
- 11:15am Coffee Hour

01/01/2025:

Happy New Year!

01/02:

Office Closed

01/05:

- 10:15am Worship Service
- 11:15am Coffee Hour & Undecorate
- 5pm Epiphany Family Post Christmas Party

Birthdays

12/20: Rachel Tucker
01/03: Jace Velasco

Anniversaries

12/31: Greg Kruse & Susan Davenport

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	

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments
of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness
and praise to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty
in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*

—Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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