First Presbyterian Church January 7, 2024

Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 41 Vs. 1, 3

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (1 John 1:5-10)

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 29)

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, All: over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Pastor: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness: the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

Pastor: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*HYMN

Arise, Your Light is Come

No. 411

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord God, you have sent your Light into this world to guide us along our journey's path and to show us the Way. Yet we lose sight of it as we distract ourselves with the ways of the world. Forgive us, we pray, and bring us back to you............Silent prayer followed by "Amen".

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)

The Light has come as the atoning sacrifice for our sins—for our wandering away from God. The Light always is and always will be. The Light will always guide us if we allow it. Praise be to God both 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 Mark 1:4-11

MEDITATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table Prayer of Great Thanksgiving Prayers of the People

Hymn Baptized in Water

Scripture Reading Matthew 26:26-29

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Praver

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

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

No. 492

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)

We thank you Lord for your Guiding Light that you have sent to everyone. We pray that in this new year, we keep your Light as our center and allow it to guide us in all we do. We pray that our life be yours as we begin anew again this year while striving to do your will. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN We Three Kings of Orient Are

No. 66

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 Resthave, Homestead and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, the family of Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Ken Mills, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Margie Selburg, Cookee Shawver, Jean Temple, 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 January 25. We will be serving Chili. Meal begins at 4:30PM. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

Birthdays

01/10: Greg Kruse

STAFF

Pastor. 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

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Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth. and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

—Isaiah 60:1-6