

*First Presbyterian Church
March 31, 2024*

*Easter Sunday
Resurrection 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 *Morning Has Broken* No. 469

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.”—Colossians 3:1-4

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 118:22-24; 27-29)

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!!!

Pastor: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

***HYMN** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* No. 123

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. *Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Responsively)

Pastor: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: 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 16:1-8

SERMON

HYMN *I Danced in the Morning* No. 302

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

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

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

Pastor: Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever.

All: Gracious God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor and glory.

All: All in the heavens and on the earth is yours, and of your own we give you. Amen.

***HYMN** *Christ Is Alive!* No. 108 Vs. 1, 5
Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna! No 104

BENEDICTION (Responsively)

Pastor: The Lord has risen!

People: The Lord has risen indeed!

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; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Richard McCoy, Ken Mills, Sheila Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Margie Selburg, the family of Cooke 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 April 25. This is our **15th Anniversary** meal! We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

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	

The Lord has risen indeed!



—*Luke 24:34*

*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!
Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.*

*There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."
I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.*

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

—*Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*

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