

First Presbyterian Church

January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

Morrison, Illinois

10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE

Improvisation

Langlais

THE GATHERING WELCOME

Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

INTROIT

Here I Am, Lord

No. 525 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Acts 8:14-17)

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”

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.

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, 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. 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.

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

***HYMN**

Baptized in Water

No. 492

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord Jesus, you became flesh to dwell among us, to teach us of God’s love and forgiveness. Through God’s grace we have been sanctified. Our baptism grafts us into your body and we become one with you. But no matter how we try, we fall from you. We pray in Jesus’ name that when we fall, we do not fall too far or for too long. Pick us back up and bring us to you.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan. And so he began his ministry in which he taught us to love, to repent and to accept our forgiveness. He offered us new life. Through our own baptismal waters, we have been washed clean and stand holy before God. Peace is given to us. Grace has been bestowed. Praise be to God forever and ever! 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 3:15-17, 21-22

MEDITATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:22-25

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

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

We thank you Lord for your cleansing waters that wash away our sin, leaving us pure. In the purity you offer us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able to live free to do your will. Help us do your will, we pray, so that our works may be yours and love and peace will be found by all throughout the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

Borning Cry

Insert

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE**

In Thee is Joy (for the New Year)

Dupre after J. S. Bach

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), 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 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 Events:

- 01/12:
 - 10:15am Worship / Communion
 - 11:15am Coffee Hour
- 01/14:
 - 9:30am Bible Study @ Highlight Health
- 01/15:
 - 1:30pm BINGO @ Resthave
- 01/16:
 - 8am Social Hour @ The Loft
- 01/19:
 - 10:15am Worship
 - 11:15am Coffee Hour

The next day (John) saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,

“Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

This is he of whom I said,

‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’

I myself did not know him;

but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

And John testified,

“I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

I myself did not know him,

but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,

‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,

and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,

“Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

—John 1:29-36

Birthdays

01/15: Marian Osborn

Anniversary

01/14: Clay & Alyssa Sibley

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