

First Presbyterian Church
September 8, 2024

Rally Day
16th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (James 2:18, 22, 26)

But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 125:1-2,4)

Pastor: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

All: **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 464

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord, in our life, we transgress from your ways. Even though you always offer us forgiveness and new life, we still stray. Lord, help us break from this cycle. Help us stop doing what we have always done that leads us away from you. Help us truly be able to begin again in a new life lived only for you. We pray this in Jesus’ name.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

God is patient and God waits for us to stop our ways that go against love. Through Christ, we have gained the power to leave behind our unwanted past. The Holy Spirit will be in us as we start over. It is possible to live fully for Christ. Praise be Jesus 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

Mark 7:24-37

MEDITATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Hymn

The Summons

Insert

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:26-29

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 AND DEDICATION** (Unison)

We thank you Lord, for this “rally day.” We thank you for calling us together so that we might be able to serve you to the greatest of our potential. We pray that we be able to leave our old life behind and begin anew with you in this day. Take our lives from us so that we may serve only you in all that we do. With great thanksgiving, we rededicate our lives to you. Make us new in your love and with your Spirit. Help our actions pour out your love so that we may help those in this world who are vulnerable and in need. Help us create your heaven here on earth, beginning this day. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 376

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 Resthove, Homestead and Pleasant View; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie’s), Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Richard McCoy, Ken Mills, Wayne Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), 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. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unavailable.

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on September 12. We will be serving sloppy joe baked potatoes. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

Upcoming Community Events:

- 09/10: 9:30am Bible Study
- 09/11: 1:30pm BINGO @ Homestead
1:30pm Meal Prep
- 09/12: 5pm Free Drive Up Community Meal

Birthdays

- 09/01: Arlene Burkholder
- 09/02: Nancy Shank

STAFF

- Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
- Office Manager. Stacie Baker
- Organist. Scott Vandermyde
- Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:



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| Rick Barr | Ron Shank | Deb Zigler |
| Lexie Laughlin | Scott Vandermyde | Stacie Baker, Clerk |
| Angela Reamer | Carol Wolf | |

*My brothers and sisters,
do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious
Lord Jesus Christ?
For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly,
and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,
and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say,
“Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,”
or, “Sit at my feet,”
have you not made distinctions among yourselves,
and become judges with evil thoughts?
Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.
Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith
and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?
But you have dishonored the poor.
Is it not the rich who oppress you?
Is it not they who drag you into court?
Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?
You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture,
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
But if you show partiality,
you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.
For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point
has become accountable for all of it.
For the one who said,
“You shall not commit adultery,”
also said, “You shall not murder.”
Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder,
you have become a transgressor of the law.
So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.
For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy;
mercy triumphs over judgment.
What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if you say you have faith but do not have works?
Can faith save you?
If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,
and one of you says to them,
“Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,”
and yet you do not supply their bodily needs,
what is the good of that?
So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

—James 2:1-17

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