

*First Presbyterian Church*

*June 2, 2024*

*2nd 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**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

No. 473 Vs. 2

**OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION** (2 Corinthians 4:5-12)

“For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Unison) (Psalm 81:1-10)

Pastor: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**All: Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.**

Pastor: Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day. For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

**All: He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a voice I had not known: “I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me! There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

**\*HYMN**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

No. 482

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

We confess that we create our lives to be filled with such busyness that we forget that we need to find time to rest as well as to have time to commune with God. In this, we are prone to not having a close relationship with God in our daily life. We pray we can refocus our lives so we can find rest and renewal in our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray this in Jesus’ name. . . . . *Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

God knows us better than all. God is patient. God is waiting for us to take rest and seek a relationship with God’s Triune self. In this, we can learn to be patient, take pause in our life, find rest, and reconnect to God so we can live our lives for God, not for ourselves or this world. Praise be Jesus’ name. 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 2:23-3:6

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

*God of Our Life*

No. 275

**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)

With great thanksgiving, we are appreciative that God commands us to rest and to reconnect with our spiritual side. As we enter into summer, may we find ways to rest and have renewal. May we rededicate ourselves to our Triune God and live fully with God in our presence. Then, in this renewal of self and spirit, we can rise to a new life of apostleship for Jesus Christ. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*When We Are Living*

No. 400

**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, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie’s), Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Richard McCoy, Ken Mills, Sheila Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Bob Sim, 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](http://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 **June 20 (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)**. We will be serving brats. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

## Upcoming Community Events:

- 06/04:**  
9:30am Bible Study  
4:30pm Ice Cream Social @ PV
- 06/05:**  
10am Presbytery Field Trip to Apple River  
1:30pm BINGO @ Homestead
- 06/07:**  
8am City Wide Garage Sales
- 06/08:**  
8am City Wide Garage Sales  
4:30pm Whiteside Co Chargers game @ Home

*Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy,  
as the Lord your God commanded you.  
Six days you shall labor and do all your work.  
But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God;  
you shall not do any work  
—you, or your son or your daughter,  
or your male or female slave,  
or your ox or your donkey,  
or any of your livestock,  
or the resident alien in your towns,  
so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.  
Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt,  
and the Lord your God brought you out from  
there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm;  
therefore the Lord your God commanded you  
to keep the sabbath day.*

—Deuteronomy 5:12-15



## STAFF

Pastor . . . . . Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg  
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Custodian . . . . . Courtney Bruckner

## SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
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