

First Presbyterian Church

July 21, 2024

9th 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

All Creatures of Our God and King

No. 455 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Mark 6:53-56)

“When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 84:1-2)

Pastor: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

All: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

***HYMN**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

No. 288

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

In our lives, we have a constant focus on caring for our own self and those closest to us. In this, it is easy to forget about the needs of others and how we are able to help those in need. In our self-centeredness, we keep from others that which we could be sharing. Help us, Lord, to understand what we have to offer and to be aware of the needs of others, so we can help as able, to the best of our ability. We pray this together in Jesus’ name..... *Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

God’s love is never ending. The Good News proclaims that spiritually, we have all we need. Christ has shown us the path for how to physically help others by the receiving and giving of love, and the sharing of our gifts. God forgives us when we come up short in our loving actions, and continues to always provide us the opportunity to do as Jesus has done. Praise be Jesus’ name forever and ever! Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:30-44

SERMON

HYMN

Break Thou the Bread of Life

No. 329

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, p. 16)

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

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

We give great thanks to the Triune God for all we have been given in our lives. We give thanks that we have the ability to help meet other people’s needs as we are able, and likewise, that we can receive help in our own times of need. The gift of God’s love is never ending and has limitless potential. We pray that we may be receptive to God being at work in our lives and to use that love to bring healing, peace, equality and justice throughout the world. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

No. 343

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, Ken Mills, Wayne Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Bob Sim, family and friends of 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 July 25. This is our Annual Morrison Fire Department Benefit Meal. We will be serving Hot Dogs. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

Upcoming Community Events:

- 07/22: Newsletter Deadline
- 07/23: 9:30am Bible Study @ PV
4:30pm Whiteside Co Chargers @ Home
- 07/24: 1:30pm Meal Prep
7pm Meal Prep—Grilling hot dogs
- 07/25: 5pm Community Meal — MFD Benefit
- 07/29-08/02: Office Closed

Birthdays

07/23: Erica Wolf

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	

So then,
*remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,
 called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”
 —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands
 —remember that you were at that time without Christ,
 being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel,
 and strangers to the covenants of promise,
 having no hope and without God in the world.
 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
 have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
 For he is our peace;
 in his flesh he has made both groups into one
 and has broken down the dividing wall,
 that is, the hostility between us.
 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances,
 that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two,
 thus making peace,
 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross,
 thus putting to death that hostility through it.
 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off
 and peace to those who were near;
 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.
 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
 but you are citizens with the saints
 and also members of the household of God,
 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
 with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
 In him the whole structure is joined together
 and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;
 in whom you also are built together spiritually
 into a dwelling place for God.*

—Ephesians 2:11-22

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