

First Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday in Lent

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

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

No. 482 Vs. 2

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Romans 4:1-5, 13-17)

“What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 121)

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Pastor: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***HYMN**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

No. 276

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord, you have called us to you long ago and have placed us in the lineage of your chosen descendants. Yet we keep from you like children of another god. Forgive us, we pray. Help us come back to you and be your children again.....*Silent prayer followed by “Amen.”*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

We always have been and always will be the children of God. We are loved and forgiven. Our Savior extends us grace and we may have new life. Praise be to God in the name of Jesus Christ, 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

John 3:1-17

SERMON

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

No. 383

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

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

During this Lenten season, Lord, help us remember the blessing of eternal life given to us by the death and suffering of your Son, Jesus. Help this blessing inspire us to be a blessing to others. Lead us with open hearts to do your bidding, as you did Abraham. Give us even a small portion of Abraham’s faith to accomplish your will that all the families of the earth will be blessed. Amen

***HYMN**

Guide My Feet

No. 354

***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; Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Marian Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, Rachel Tucker, Ray Tucker, Dick Vandermyde, Michael Vegter, Jr.

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/channel/UCcZlobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

Bible Study

We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at Pleasant View. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unable.

Drive-Up Meal

The next meal will be on March 30. We will be serving ham and potato soup. Meals will begin at **5:00PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

Birthdays

03/05: Angela Reamer
03/06: Blake Huizenga

Anniversaries

03/05: Ted & Wendy Volckmann

STAFF

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

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn Knox	Tim Reynolds	Carol Wolf
Lexie Laughlin	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
Angela Reamer	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk

*Now the Lord said to Abram,
“Go from your country
and your kindred
and your father’s house
to the land that I will show you.
I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you,
and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and the one who curses you I will curse;
and in you
all the families of the earth
shall be blessed.”
So Abram went,
as the Lord had told him;
and Lot went with him.*

—Genesis 12:1-4a

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