

First Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2026

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

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**

*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 La Bella (formerly Highlight Health); Bev Bealer, Mavis Best, Dan Brandon, Glenda Hegwood, Lynn Knox, Marian Osborn, Wayne Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), the family and friends of Adri Rombouts, Jody Tucker, Ray Tucker, Edna Ulrich.

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/UCCzIobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

Bible Study We will meet Tuesdays at 9:30am at La Bella (formerly Pleasant View).

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on March 26. We will be serving ham and potato chowder. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and on Thursday starting at 3:30PM. We will be offering in person dining.

Upcoming Events:

03/01:

10:15am Worship Service

11:15am Coffee Hour

03/03:

9:30am Bible Study @ La Bella

4:15pm Ice Cream Social @ La Bella

03/04:

12pm Lenten Lunch @ FPC

03/08:

10:15am Worship

11:15am Coffee Hour

Birthdays

03/05: Angela Reamer

03/06: Blake Huizenga

STAFF

Minister. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

Office Manager. Stacie Baker

Organist. Scott Vandermyde

Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr

Jim Palmer

Angela Reamer

Tim Reynolds

Ron Shank

Carol Wolf

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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