

First Presbyterian Church Confirmation Sunday Morrison, Illinois
May 7, 2023 5th Sunday of Easter 10:15AM

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!



PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring* J.S. Bach

THE GATHERING WELCOME
Pastor: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

INTROIT *Here I Am, Lord* No.525 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (1 John 4:7-12)
“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 31:1-5) Emmeline Rider
Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

All: **Incline your ear to me, rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**
Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your names’ sake lead me and guide me,
All: **take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

***HYMN** *Take My Life* No. 391

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) Silas Dolieslager / Jacie Reynolds
We come before our Creator today giving thanks for our gift of life. We come to our Savior giving thanks for our salvation. We come to the Great Spirit giving thanks for connecting us to the triune God and guiding us in our life.
We ask for forgiveness in the ways in which we live life for our own self, lost in our ego, and forgetting our connectedness to the Triune God, nature, and all of humanity. Forgive us when we fail to love. Forgive us when we fail to serve as Christ’s disciples. Bring us to new life in Christ. We pray this in Jesus’ name.

..... *Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison) Maddie Huizenga
God’s love for every one of us is unending. In God’s love is forgiveness for our transgressions. In God’s love is the promise of new life and the direction for us to follow. Let us give thanks for the new life offered to us. Praise be Jesus’ name 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 14:1-14

MEDITATION

HYMN *Fill My Cup* No. 350

CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS & RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

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)
We give great thanks today to our Triune God for the gift of these Confirmands in our presence. We give thanks as they begin a new journey in our church and in their life. We promise to guide them and nurture them for all their days with us. Likewise, we pray, Lord, that you guide and nurture us all our days. May our lives be rededicated in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 464

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** *Laudation* G. Martin

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, Windsor Manor and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, the family of 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.facebook.com/firstpresmorrison>

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 May 25. The meal is pulled pork sandwiches and begins at **5:00PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

Birthdays

05/07: Karl Kruse
05/08: Margaret Esse
05/11: Lexie Laughlin
05/12: Deb Zigler

Anniversaries

05/07: Jeremy & Stacie Baker

STAFF

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

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn Knox
Lexie Laughlin
Angela Reamer

Tim Reynolds
Ron Shank
Scott Vandermyde

Carol Wolf
Deb Zigler
Stacie Baker, Clerk

*“You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
No one after lighting a lamp
puts it under the bushel basket,
but on the lampstand,
and it gives light to all in the house.
In the same way,
let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father in heaven.”*
—Jesus

(Matthew 5:14-16)

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