

*First Presbyterian Church*

*Morrison, Illinois*

*August 7, 2022*

*9th Sunday after Pentecost*

*9:30AM*

*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** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* No. 288 Vs. 1

**OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION** (Hebrews 11:1-3)

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalm 146)

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

**All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

Pastor: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

**\*HYMN** *Morning Has Broken* No. 469

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

Though God has created us, sustains our life and is with us always, we are forgetful of God’s presence. We stray along our own path, worrying about our own wants and focusing on our self. Often, when we have the opportunity to help others, we are not ready or aware of how God is prepared to use us. Thus, opportunities to serve God are lost and we remain outside of the realm of love. Forgive us for this, Lord. Help us be awake and aware of how we may be one with you by serving you with all our actions. We pray this in Jesus’ name...*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

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

As God never leaves us, and as God always loves and forgives us, it is never too late to place our focus upon serving Christ in our life. In Christ’s service, we are disciples who are awake and aware of the needs around us and impassioned to love others as Christ would love them. Praise be Jesus’ name forever and ever. Amen.

**\*HYMN** *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)* No. 579

**TIME WITH THE GROWING**

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 12:32-40

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN** *God of Our Life* No. 275

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (Concluding with “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers”)

**\*HYMN** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)* No. 592

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

We thank you God for this day, for our life, and for the opportunity to serve you. Take our lives so that we may always be vessels of your love and beacons of your light at every moment within our life. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*HYMN** *Song of Hope* No. 432

**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 of Morrison (formerly Windsor Manor) and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; the family of Laurie Adolph, Dan Brandon, Orville Goode-nough, Janet Johnson, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Wayne Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cookee Shawver, Jean Temple, Dick Vandermyde, Michael Vegter, Jr.

# Love one another!

## Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 9:30am 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/channel/UCcZlobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

**Bible Study** In August, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. on the 9th and 30th at Pleasant View.

**Deacons Are Here For You** Do you have a physical or spiritual need? Our deacons want to help! Please feel free to reach out to a deacon!

## Prayer Requests

Have a prayer request? You can now email them to [prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com)

**Drive-Up Meal** The next meal will be on August 25. We will be serving brats and sides. Meals will begin at 5:00PM.

## Birthdays

08/13: April Pohren  
08/13: Jacie Reynolds

## STAFF

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

## Deacons:

Mavis Best  
Junee Cortes  
Nancy Glazier  
Doris Robertson  
Jody Tucker

## SESSION ELDERS:

Tim Reynolds  
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*By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called  
to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance;  
and he set out,  
not knowing where he was going.  
By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised,  
as in a foreign land,  
living in tents,  
as did Isaac and Jacob,  
who were heirs with him of the same promise.  
For he looked forward to the city that has foundations,  
whose architect and builder is God.  
By faith he received power of procreation,  
even though he was too old  
—and Sarah herself was barren—  
because he considered him faithful who had promised.  
Therefore from one person,  
and this one as good as dead, descendants were born,  
“as many as the stars of heaven  
and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”  
All of these died in faith without having received the promises,  
but from a distance they saw and greeted them.  
They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,  
for people who speak in this way make it clear  
that they are seeking a homeland.  
If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind,  
they would have had opportunity to return.  
But as it is,  
they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.  
Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God;  
indeed, he has prepared a city for them.  
By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac.  
He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son,  
of whom he had been told,  
“It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.”  
He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—  
and figuratively speaking,  
he did receive him back.  
—Hebrews 11:8-16*