

First Presbyterian Church

March 3, 2024

3rd 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

The Glory of These Forty Days

No. 87 Vs. 2

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Matthew 12:28-31)

“One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 19:7-14)

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors?

All: Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

***HYMN**

Take My Life

No. 391 Vs. 1-3

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord, you have set commandments before us to teach us how to live life. Your instructions are simple—to love you and to love each other, but we often decide to live selfishly, and so, become susceptible to breaking your commandments. Help us to live in love so we might live righteously in this world.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

God calls us to love, yet God loved us first and God loves us forever. We are forgiven for our transgressions and given the chance to begin again. Praise be to God 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 2:13-22

SERMON

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

No. 467

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

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

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

Lord, as you command us to love, help us begin to do so by giving thanks for all the love you have given us. Help us be filled with joy and thanksgiving, and help our life be a reflection of the love you give to us. Help us not rest until your love is shared by all. Amen.

***HYMN**

Take My Life

No. 391 Vs. 4-6

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; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Ken Mills, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cookee Shawver, 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 March 28. We will be serving ham and potato soup. Meal begins at **5PM**. 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

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

SESSION ELDERS:

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| Rick Barr | Ron Shank | Deb Zigler |
| Lexie Laughlin | Scott Vandermyde | Stacie Baker, Clerk |
| Angela Reamer | Carol Wolf | |

And God spoke all these words:
 "I am the Lord your God,
 who brought you out of Egypt,
 out of the land of slavery.
 "You shall have no other gods before me.
 "You shall not make for yourself an idol
 in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth
 beneath or in the waters below.
 You shall not bow down to them or worship them;
 for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,
 punishing the children for the sin of the fathers
 to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,
 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me
 and keep my commandments.
 "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God,
 for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.
 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
 On it you shall not do any work,
 neither you, nor your son or daughter,
 nor your manservant or maidservant,
 nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.
 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth,
 the sea, and all that is in them,
 but he rested on the seventh day.
 Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.
 "Honor your father and your mother,
 so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
 "You shall not murder.
 "You shall not commit adultery.
 "You shall not steal.
 "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
 or his manservant or maidservant,
 his ox or donkey,
 or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

—Exodus 20:1-17

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