

First Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2025

Morrison, Illinois

5th Sunday in Lent

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

My Song Is Love Unknown

No.76 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER AND MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Psalm 34:4-6)

“I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 126)

Pastor: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

All: **The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

***HYMN**

All Creatures of Our God and King

No. 455 Vs. 1,4,6

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

.....*Silent prayer followed by Amen.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

In God’s time and in God’s way, the Truth is revealed to us. The Holy Spirit is with us in our disbelief and in our belief. We are forgiven and we are granted new life. Let us praise Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! Amen.

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-11

SERMON

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

No. 383

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with “The Lord’s Prayer” (p16))

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

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

We give great thanks for this day and for all we have been given. Through Christ, we have been set free from the desires of our flesh, enabling us to set our sights upon the Light and Love of Christ. We have been given the chance to disrobe ourselves of the ways of the world; and to dress in the armor of Christ. In thanksgiving, we rededicate our lives to the Triune God in this moment so that we may begin a new life right now. We pray this together in Christ Jesus’ name, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

No. 132

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).

Donations may be placed in the offering plate near the narthex door.



Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead and Highlight Health (formerly Pleasant View); God’s Will Giving Center; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, the family of Karen Genz, Glenda Hegwood, Dale Johnson, Barbara Marti, Allyison Mucci, Marian Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Jody Tucker, 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 Highlight Health (formerly Pleasant View).

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on April 24. We will be serving pulled pork sandwich and sides. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm. We will be offering in person dining.

"Messiah" The Morrison Ecumenical Chorus will present the Lent and Easter portions of G.F. Handel's "Messiah" on Palm Sunday, April 13, at St Peter's Lutheran Church in Morrison. The concert, which is sponsored by the Morrison Ministers Council, begins at 7pm. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses, with any extra going to the Ministers Council to help with their activities. The entire community is invited to

share in this special way to begin Holy Week.

Volunteer Breakfast Resthave is having their annual Volunteer Breakfast, April 22 at 9am, and they want everyone who has ever volunteered or is planning to do so in the future to come and participate. They will have omelets, pastries, coffee and juice.

Upcoming Events:

04/06:

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:15am Worship Service
- 11:15am Coffee Hour

04/08:

- 9:30am Bible Study @ Highlight Health

04/09:

- 12pm Lenten Lunch @ UMC
- 1:30 BINGO @ Homestead

04/13:

- 9:15am Sunday School
- 10:15am Worship Service/Palm Sunday
- 11:15am Coffee Hour

STAFF

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

SESSION ELDERS:



Rick Barr	Ron Shank	
Lexie Laughlin	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk
Tim Reynolds	Carol Wolf	

*Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
 who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
 they lie down,
 they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished,
 quenched like a wick:
 Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
 I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth,
 do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
 The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
 for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
 so that they might declare my praise.*

—Isaiah 43:16-21

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