

*First Presbyterian Church*

*September 4, 2022*

*13th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Morrison, Illinois*

*9:30AM*

*Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!*



**PRELUDE**

*Variations on America, Variation V*

C. Ives

**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'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

No. 369 Vs. 1

**OPENING PRAYER AND MOMENT FOR MEDITATION** (Psalm 25:4-5)

“Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Psalm 121:1)

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalms 139:1-6)

Pastor: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Pastor: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Pastor: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

**\*HYMN**

*Come, Labor On*

No. 415

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

Lord, you formed us in the womb and have been with us at every moment in our life. You have given us all we need and created a path for us to follow. Yet, Lord, we stray into the darkness, living for empty possessions, and live in a realm of selfishness. Forgive us for our transgressions and help us learn to change our ways so we may be transformed into new creatures serving only you. We pray this in Jesus' name.....*Silent prayer followed by 'Amen'.*

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

Through Christ, we are forgiven for our transgressions. Our Creator still is with us and presents the true path of life before us. The Holy Spirit still fills us and surrounds us. Through Jesus' sacrifice, the darkness cannot overcome us if we live in the Light of Christ. Help us follow the Way, give up our old self, and begin anew with Christ. Praise be Jesus 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**

Luke 14:25-33

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

No. 353

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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*HYMN**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*

No. 592

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

We give thanks to you Lord for the ability to labor and the fruits which we bear from our toils. Help us, we pray, for our work be done for you and that our fruits might be used as you would have them so that your will may be done. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

No. 563

**BENEDICTION**

*Rise Up and Serve the Lord*

arr. P. L. Harris

**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; Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Wayne Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), the family of Vonda Shank, Cooke 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 September, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. on the 6th and 20th 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 September 8. We will be serving Sloppy Joe Baked Potatoes. Meals will begin at 5:00PM.

*For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

*I praise you,  
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.*

*My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.*

*In your book were written all the days  
that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.*

*—Psalm 139:13-16*

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