

*First Presbyterian Church  
May 12, 2024*

*Children's Sabbath  
7th Sunday of Easter*

*Morrison, Illinois  
10:15AM*

*Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!*



**BEGINNING ORGAN MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD**

Cora Rider & Amelia Mills

Leader: We gather together today because God loves us.

**People: And we love God!**

Leader: We gather here today because the church cares about us.

**People: And we care about the church!**

Leader: We gather here today because we need help from other people.

**People: And we want to help others too!**

Leader: We gather together today as brothers and sisters.

**People: It is because of Jesus that we are brothers and sisters.**

Leader: We gather together today because we want to share God's love with others.

**People: Let us love one another!**

Leader: Let's worship the Lord!

**All: Amen!!!**

**\*HYMN**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

No. 123

**\*PRAYING TOGETHER TO SAY WE ARE SORRY** (Responsively)

Gillian West

Leader: Dear God, we do a lot of things in our life that we know we aren't supposed to do.

A lot of the time we do things that are mean. Sometimes we hurt other people, animals and the earth. Sometimes we don't share. Sometimes we think we are more important than other people. We ask for Jesus to forgive us. We are sorry for the bad things we have done.

**All: Amen.**

**\*HEARING THAT JESUS MAKES IT O.K.** (Responsively)

Wren West

Leader: Jesus loves us very much. Jesus lived and died for us. When Jesus rose from the grave on Easter morning, our sins were forgiven. Because Jesus loves us, we can start over.

By saying we are sorry to Jesus and really meaning it, it is like hitting the "reset" button. We get the chance to try it all over again. And this time, we can try as much as we can to live our life for Jesus. Thanks, Jesus! Amen!!!

**All: Amen.**

**SINGING GOD'S PRAISE**

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

No. 579

**READING FROM THE BIBLE**

John 17:6-19

Ella Laughlin, Leala Reynolds,  
Jakob Palmer

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**HYMN**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

No. 403

**PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER** (Concluding with "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers")

**GIVING OUR TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES TO GOD'S WORK**

**\*SINGING GOD'S PRAISE** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)* No. 592

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATING OUR GIFTS & LIFE TO GOD** (Responsively) Henry Selburg

Leader: We thank you God for giving us this life. We thank you for loving us. We thank you for teaching us to love you, our self and other people. Help us to always be thankful and to always love. We pray this in Jesus' name.

**All: Amen**

**\*HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

No. 464

**\*ENDING GOOD WORDS**

**\*\*ENDING ORGAN MUSIC**

**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, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie's), Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Richard McCoy, Ken Mills, Sheila Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Bob Simms, 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](http://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 May 30. We will be serving sloppy joe sandwiches. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

## Upcoming Community Events:

Today:

Mother's Day

05/14:

9:30am Bible Study @ Pleasant View

05/15:

1:30pm BINGO @ Homestead & Resthove

05/16:

8am Social Hour @ The Loft

05/18:

9:30am Family Fun (Bicycle) Ride

## Birthdays

05/12: Deb Zigler

05/14: Lynn Knox

## STAFF

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## SESSION ELDERS:



Rick Barr  
Lexie Laughlin  
Angela Reamer

Ron Shank  
Scott Vandermyde  
Carol Wolf

Deb Zigler  
Stacie Baker, Clerk

*The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked.  
And the guide said "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."  
But the young mother was happy,  
and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years.  
So she played with her children, she fed them and bathed them, and taught them how to tie their shoes and ride a bike and reminded them to feed the dog, and do their homework and brush their teeth.  
The sun shone on them, and the young Mother cried,  
"Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."  
Then the nights came, and the storms, and the path was sometimes dark, and the children shook with fear and cold,  
and the mother drew them close and covered them with her arms, and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."  
And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead,  
and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary.  
But at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there."  
So the children climbed, and as they climbed they learned to weather the storms.  
And with this, she gave them strength to face the world. Year after year, she showed them compassion, understanding, hope, but most of all...unconditional love.  
And when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you."  
The days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she became little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And the mother, when she lay down at night, looked up at the stars and said,  
"This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned so much and are now passing these traits on to their children."  
And when the way became rough for her, they lifted her, and gave her their strength, just as she had given them hers.  
One day they came to a hill, and beyond the hill, they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.  
And mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey.  
And now I know the end is better than the beginning,  
for my children can walk with dignity and pride, with their heads held high, and so can their children after them."  
And the children said, " You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."  
And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her.  
And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still.  
A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."*

—Anonymous

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