

*First Presbyterian Church*  
*February 25, 2024*

*2nd 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** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* No. 83 Vs. 1,5

**OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION** (Luke 9:23)  
“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalm 22:23-31)  
Pastor: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

**All: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.**

Pastor: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

**All: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

**\*HYMN** *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* No. 454

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
Lord, you call to us at every moment of our life. You are always with us, guiding us, nurturing us and caring for us. Yet our own personal lives become our focus and we neglect your presence, and thus, our faith falters. Help us to become re-centered upon you. Help us to give our entire life to you and help all our actions to be ones of love. This we pray in Jesus’ name.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)  
God of our forebears, as your chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown, so may your church be granted such faith that we may follow you with courage for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one 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** Mark 8:31-38

**EPISTLE READING** Romans 4:13-25

**SERMON**

**HYMN** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* No. 383

**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)  
Life has come from you, Lord. You do not send us out into the world alone, but with the Holy Spirit in us and around us and the teachings and understandings of Christ for our use. Increase our faith, and help us keep our faith steady as we keep you as our center. In our thanksgiving, help us to be your servants now and forever. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*HYMN** *My Song Is Love Unknown* No. 76

**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), Cooke 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](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 February 29. We will be serving Chili and cornbread. Meal begins at **4:30PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

*Thank you to Eric Heinekamp for leading worship service today.*

## Birthdays

02/20: Ann Mennenoh

## STAFF

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

## SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
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*When Abram was ninety-nine years old,  
the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him,  
“I am God Almighty;  
walk before me,  
and be blameless.*

*And I will make my covenant between me and you,  
and will make you exceedingly numerous.”*

*Then Abram fell on his face;  
and God said to him,*

*“As for me,*

*this is my covenant with you:*

*You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.*

*No longer shall your name be Abram,*

*but your name shall be Abraham;*

*for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.*

*I will make you exceedingly fruitful;*

*and I will make nations of you,*

*and kings shall come from you.*

*I will establish my covenant between me and you,*

*and your offspring after you throughout their generations,*

*for an everlasting covenant,*

*to be God to you and to your offspring after you.*

*God said to Abraham,*

*“As for Sarai your wife,*

*you shall not call her Sarai,*

*but Sarah shall be her name.*

*I will bless her,*

*and moreover I will give you a son by her.*

*I will bless her,*

*and she shall give rise to nations;*

*kings of peoples shall come from her.”*

—Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16