First Presbyterian Church November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

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 Rejoice, the Lord Is King No. 155 Vs. 1

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION & OPENING PRAYER (Luke 1:68-79)

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Revelation 4:8)

Pastor: Day and night around the throne they never stop singing:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come.

*HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

No. 142

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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

Matthew 25:31-46

MEDITATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Hvmn Rejoice, the Lord Is King **Scripture Reading**

Mark 14:12-25

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES

*HYMN Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) No. 592

No. 155 Vs. 3

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)

With great thanks, we praise you, God, for you are ruler of the universe, and have sent your Son to be King of kings. We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world, and governs the nations in justice and righteousness. We celebrate his victory in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension to honor and might at your side. By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, establish Christ's rule in every land and in every heart. Accept our homage as we offer our lives in the service of Christ's kingdom. He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE**

PASSING OF THE PEACE (greeting: "Peace be with you," response: "and also with you")

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 Resthave, Homestead and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Janet Johnson, Ken Mills, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Margie Selburg, Cookee Shawver, Jean Temple, Rachael Tucker, Ray Tucker, Michael Vegter, Jr.

^{*}You are invited to stand for this portion.

^{**}Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

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 December 14. We will be serving Ham dinner. Meal begins at **4:30PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

Congregational Meeting Please join us for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 10. Action will be taken on the 2024 Budget and to elect Elders.

Birthdays

11/27: Joe Sage

STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

Office Manager. . . . Stacie Baker
Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn KnoxTim ReynoldsCarol WolfLexie LaughlinRon ShankDeb ZiglerAngela ReamerScott VandermydeStacie Baker, Clerk



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For this reason. because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe. according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

—Ephesians 1:15-23