

First Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

No. 479 Vs. 1

OPENING PRAYER AND MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Luke 8:14-15)

“As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 91:1-6, 10-16)

Pastor: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

All: Thus says the Lord: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

***HYMN**

On Eagle's Wings

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord God, here we are, in front of you today, full of desires for money and other things of this world. We have centered so much of our life on wealth, comfort and power that we have distracted ourselves from loving you. In our selfishness, we hurt this world and others, and weaken our relationship with you. Forgive us for our transgressions and lead us back to the path you have created for us. We pray this in Jesus' name...*Silent prayer followed by 'Amen'.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

By following Christ, we can make right our ways. Through focusing on being in loving relationships with all creation, our path is opened back up for us. If we leave the ways and wants of this world, we open ourselves to living in the grace of God. 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 16:19-31

SERMON

***HYMN**

When a Poor One

No. 407

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 thank you Lord for the true riches of life that you have gifted to us. Help us sew these gifts for you so that what we harvest may be done in your glory and to promote your kingdom. Our life has come from you, and to you we pray to return. Help our life be lived so that we may never fall from you again. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Seek Ye First

No. 333

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 of Morrison (formerly Windsor Manor) and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Dan Brandon, the family of Nancy Glazier, Orville Goode-nough, Janet Johnson, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Marian Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cookee Shawver, Jean Temple, Dick Vandermyde, Michael Vegter, Jr.

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/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

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on October 13. We will be serving Chili. Meals will begin at 5:00PM.

Birthdays

09/30: Sally Hayen
09/30: Ron Shank
09/30: Ray Tucker

STAFF

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

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn Knox
Lexie Laughlin
Jim Palmer
Angela Reamer
Tim Reynolds
Scott Vandermyde
Carol Wolf
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*Of course,
there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;
for we brought nothing into the world,
so that we can take nothing out of it;
but if we have food and clothing,
we will be content with these.
But those who want to be rich fall into temptation
and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires
that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil,
and in their eagerness to be rich
some have wandered away from the faith
and pierced themselves with many pains.
But as for you, man of God, shun all this;
pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.
Fight the good fight of the faith;
take hold of the eternal life,
to which you were called
and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
In the presence of God,
who gives life to all things,
and of Christ Jesus,
who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession,
I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame
until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which he will bring about at the right time
—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign,
the King of kings and Lord of lords.
It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light,
whom no one has ever seen or can see;
to him be honor and eternal dominion.
Amen.
As for those who in the present age are rich,
command them not to be haughty,
or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,
but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
They are to do good,
to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,
thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future,
so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.*

—1 Timothy 6:6-19