

First Presbyterian Church

March 10, 2024

4th 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

The Glory of These Forty Days

No. 87 Vs. 3

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Matthew 12:28-31)

“I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.” —Psalm 34:4-6

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 107:1-3,17-22)

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

All: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

***HYMN**

To God Be the Glory

No. 485

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.....

.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

In God’s time and in God’s way, the Truth is revealed to us. The Holy Spirit is with us in our disbelief and in our belief. We are forgiven and we are granted new life. 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

John 3:1-21

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

SERMON

HYMN

Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

No. 340

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)

Lord, help us make this day that you have granted us become a new beginning in which, with great thanksgiving, we live every moment for you. Help us be humbled as we turn our ways to following you. Help us begin a new life in which we live for love and help us truly become the children of the light. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

No. 538

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), Cookee 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. 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 March 28. We will be serving ham and potato soup. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

Birthdays

03/15: Jim Palmer

STAFF

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

SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr	Ron Shank	Deb Zigler
Lexie Laughlin	Scott Vandermyde	Stacie Baker, Clerk
Angela Reamer	Carol Wolf	

*From Mount Hor
they set out by the way to the Red Sea,
to go around the land of Edom;
but the people became impatient on the way.
The people spoke against God and against Moses,
“Why have you brought us up out of Egypt
to die in the wilderness?
For there is no food and no water,
and we detest this miserable food.”
Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people,
and they bit the people,
so that many Israelites died.
The people came to Moses and said,
“We have sinned by speaking against the Lord
and against you;
pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.”
So Moses prayed for the people.
And the Lord said to Moses,
“Make a poisonous serpent,
and set it on a pole;
and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.”
So Moses made a serpent of bronze,
and put it upon a pole;
and whenever a serpent bit someone,
that person would look at the serpent of bronze
and live.*

—Numbers 21:4-9



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