

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 Here I Am, Lord No. 525 Vs. 3

OPENING PRAYER AND MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)  
“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 97:1,11-12)  
Pastor: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!  
All: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

HYMN Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart! No. 145

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)  
Lord God, with great gladness and thanksgiving we come to you today. Yet there is a void in our lives which we create ourselves. This emptiness comes from loving other things more than you and not keeping you as our center and focus of our life. Forgive us for how this leads to darkness, in which we become led astray. Lead us back to you we pray in Jesus’ name.....Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)  
Christ is the light that shines out, destroying the darkness and connecting us to God. Through Christ we are forgiven. Through Christ we are found. Through Christ we have new life. Praise be Jesus’ name, 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 5:1-12

REPORTS AND Q&A Family Ministry & Confirmation: Tim Reynolds  
Sunday School: Lexi Laughlin  
Pleasant View Bible Study: Deb Zigler  
Free Community Meals: Carol Wolf  
Presbyterian Women: Lynn Knox & Angela Reamer

Others: Pastor Mike

Trustees:

Finance: Scott Vandermyde/ Properties: Ron Shank

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

No. 106 Vs. 1-2

RECOGNITION OF ELDERS COMPLETING SERVICE

Session: Lynn Knox & Tim Reynolds

INSTALLATION AND REINTALLSATION OF SESSION ELDERS

Installation: Rick Barr, ‘26 Reinstallation: Carol Wolf ‘26

HYMN Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks No. 106 Vs. 3-4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Concluding with “The Lord’s Prayer.”)

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)  
Lord God, to you we give the gifts which we receive through your gracious love. Nothing that we have could exist if not for you. In turn, we faithfully seek and stive to rededicate our lives, and all that is part of our life, to you so that you may fully live in us and through us. As your children, help us follow you. As your church, help us follow you. We give great thanks for this past’s years work we could perform as the body of Christ, for the glory of your kingdom. Help us, continually, to be filled with your Spirit, hear and follow your Word, and live upon the true path you have created for us. This church is yours. We are Christ’s disciples. We are ministers to spread love and be beacons of light. Be with us as we begin a new year in loving one another as you have loved us. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen

ELECTION OF 3 AT LARGE MEMBERS OF THE 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BY-LAW VOTE

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

\*HYMN I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me No. 369

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 Resthave, Homestead and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, the family of Orville Goodenough, 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](https://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. Meal begins at **4:30PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:30pm.

**Birthdays**  
01/28: Shirley Thompson

## 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	

*The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time,  
saying,  
“Get up,  
go to Nineveh,  
that great city,  
and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”  
So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh,  
according to the word of the Lord.  
Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city,  
a three days’ walk across.  
Jonah began to go into the city,  
going a day’s walk.  
And he cried out,  
“Forty days more,  
and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”  
And the people of Nineveh believed God;  
they proclaimed a fast,  
and everyone,  
great and small,  
put on sackcloth.  
When God saw what they did,  
how they turned from their evil ways,  
God changed his mind about the calamity  
that he had said he would bring upon them;  
and he did not do it.*

*—Jonah 3:1-5,10*



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