

*First Presbyterian Church*

*January 19, 2025*

*2nd Sunday after Epiphany*

*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**

*Here I Am, Lord*

No. 525 Vs. 2

**OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION** (1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11)

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalm 36:5-10)

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

Pastor: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Pastor: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**All: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

**\*HYMN**

*To God Be the Glory*

No. 485

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord Jesus, we have been called into the ministry of serving you as members of your body. You have gifted us with skills and abilities to utilize in continuing the loving work you began. However, our life is demanding, our days require much from us, and we easily fall into the pattern of focusing on ourselves as we seek to make it through each day. We can forget that we have a purpose, and that you have given us a calling. Help us to first and foremost live to love and care for one another and this earth. May we understand the guidance of the Holy Spirit so we may know how we may best serve you through serving one another in love.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

God forgives us for forgetting, for stalling, for dragging our feet, for refusing, and for neglecting our call to serve Christ by loving one another. Help us to remember that in Christ we have been forgiven, in Christ there is new life, and in Christ we can know the Way. Fill us with your Holy Spirit as we seek to be renewed and to learn as faithful disciples and serve as inspired apostles. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

No. 579

**GOSPEL READING**

John 2:1-11

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

*Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

No. 374

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (p. 16))

**OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES**

**\*HYMN**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*

No. 592

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION** (Unison)

It is our honor, Lord Jesus Christ, to serve you as part of your body, continuing the ministry that you began. We serve you with gratitude, giving great thanks for being able to receive your love, to utilize your love, and to let your love shine from us as beacons of hope in our communities and world. May our light shine for and from you as we continue into this new year. May our works be those of yours, filled with the Holy Spirit. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

No. 356

**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).

Donations may be placed in the offering plate near the narthex door.



*Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!*

**Remember in prayer:** residents and staff of Resthave, Homestead and Highlight Health (formerly Pleasant View); Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie’s), Dale Johnson, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), 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.

**Drive-Up Meal** The next meal will be on January 30. We will be serving beef & veggie soup. Meal begins at **4:30PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 3:45pm. We will be offering in person dining.

## Call to Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26th during our 10:15 worship service, followed by a meal/potluck. Please bring a main dish, side, salad or dessert to pass.

## Upcoming Events:

01/19:

10:15am Worship Service  
11:15am Coffee Hour

01/20:

2pm Social Hour @ Resthove  
6:30pm Session Meeting

01/21:

9:30am Bible Study @ Highlight Health

01/26:

10:15am Worship Service & Annual Meeting  
11:15am Potluck

## Birthdays

01/19: Leah Huizenga

## STAFF



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

## SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr  
Lexie Laughlin  
Tim Reynolds  
Ron Shank  
Scott Vandermyde  
Carol Wolf  
Stacie Baker, Clerk

*For Zion's sake  
I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty  
in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem  
in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.*

—Isaiah 62:1-5

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