

First Presbyterian Church

January 5, 2025

Epiphany 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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 41 Vs. 1, 3

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (1 John 1:5-10)

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalms 147:12-20)

Pastor: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

All: Praise your God, O Zion!

Pastor: For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you. He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly. He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down hail like crumbs—who can stand before his cold? He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

All: Praise the Lord!

***HYMN**

Arise, Your Light is Come

No. 411

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord God, you have sent your Light into this world to guide us along our journey’s path and to show us the Way. Yet we lose sight of it as we distract ourselves with the ways of the world.

Forgive us, we pray, and bring us back to you.....*Silent prayer followed by “Amen”.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

The Light has come as the atoning sacrifice for our sins—for our wandering away from God. The Light always is and always will be. The Light will always guide us if we allow it. Praise be to God both now and forever! 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 2:1-12

SERMON

HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old

No. 63

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 & DEDICATION** (Unison)

We thank you Lord for your Guiding Light that you have sent to everyone. We pray that in this new year, we keep your Light as our center and allow it to guide us in all we do. We pray that our life be yours as we begin anew again this year while striving to do your will. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

No. 66

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let our light shine!

All: Let it shine with the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit!

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: 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), the family of Bob Sim, 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.

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.

Birthdays

01/10: Greg Kruse

Upcoming Events:

01/05:

- 10:15am Worship Service
- 11:15am Coffee Hour
- 5pm Epiphany Family Post Christmas Party

01/07:

- 9:30am Bible Study @ Highlight Health
- 4:30pm Ice Cream Social @ Highlight Health

01/08:

- 1:30pm BINGO @ Homestead

01/12:

- 10:15am Worship / Communion
- 11:15am Coffee Hour

STAFF


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



SESSION ELDERS:

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

*For thus says the Lord:
 Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
 proclaim, give praise, and say,
 "Save, O Lord, your people,
 the remnant of Israel."
 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
 among them the blind and the lame,
 those with child and those in labor,
 together;
 a great company,
 they shall return here.
 With weeping they shall come,
 and with consolations I will lead them back,
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
 for I have become a father to Israel,
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.
 Hear the word of the Lord,
 O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say,
 "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
 and will keep him as a
 shepherd a flock."
 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;
 their life shall become like a watered garden,
 and they shall never languish again.
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.
 I will turn their mourning into joy,
 I will comfort them,
 and give them gladness for sorrow.
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
 says the Lord.*

—Jeremiah 31:7-14



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