

*First Presbyterian Church*

*Morrison, Illinois*

*August 25, 2024*

*14th Sunday after Pentecost*

*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**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

No. 455 Vs. 6

**OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION** (2 Thessalonians 2:13)

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalm 84:1-4)

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**All: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Pastor: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

**All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

**HYMN**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

No. 482

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

Lord, we are called to follow you throughout our life. Though we have dedicated our lives to you, and though we call ourselves Christians, it is easy to only be a Christian in name, but not in our deeds. As Jesus has called us to follow him, we easily find that we are instead following our own desires. This leads us to living out actions of the flesh, but not the Spirit. Forgive us for these follies. Help us return fully to you, so that our actions may truly live out a Christian life. We pray this in Jesus’ name.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’*.

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

Jesus is the Way. In him is the new life. We are able to redirect our faith in Christ and let our actions be those of love, which Christ has taught us. These loving actions allow us to live life to its fullest, giving us the ability to live the true life God has waiting for us. Praise be Jesus forever and ever! Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

No. 579

**GOSPEL READING**

John 6:56-69

**SERMON**

**HYMN**

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

No. 372

**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 AND DEDICATION** (Unison)

With thanksgiving, Lord, we rededicate our lives to you. Help us no longer simply be disciples who learn from you. Help us to be apostles in this world so that our love is your love working through us. Help us love our neighbor as our self through the loving actions you have taught us. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

No. 426

**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:** residents and staff of Resthove, Homestead and Pleasant View; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie’s), Dale Johnson, Janet Johnson, Ken Mills, Wayne Osborn, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), 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](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. Rick Barr will lead the weeks that Pastor Mike is unavailable.

**Drive-Up Meal** The next meal will be on August 29. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches. Proceeds from this meal will benefit Victory Center, Clinton. Meal begins at **5PM**. Help is needed on Wednesday at 1:30pm and Thursday starting at 4:15pm.

## Upcoming Community Events:

08/27:

9:30am Bible Study

08/28:

1:30pm Meal Prep

08/29:

5pm Free Drive Up Community Meal

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.*

*Put on the whole armor of God,*

*so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

*For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh,*

*but against the rulers,*

*against the authorities,*

*against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

*Therefore take up the whole armor of God,*

*so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day,*

*and having done everything, to stand firm.*

*Stand therefore,*

*and fasten the belt of truth around your waist,*

*and put on the breastplate of righteousness.*

*As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready*

*to proclaim the gospel of peace.*

*With all of these,*

*take the shield of faith,*

*with which you will be able to quench*

*all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

*Take the helmet of salvation,*

*and the sword of the Spirit,*

*which is the word of God.*

*Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.*

*To that end keep alert*

*and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.*

*Pray also for me,*

*so that when I speak,*

*a message may be given to me to make known*

*with boldness the mystery of the gospel,*

*for which I am an ambassador in chains.*

*Pray that I may declare it boldly,*

*as I must speak.*

*—Ephesians 6:10-20*

## Birthdays

08/29: Mavis Best

08/29: Daniel Cortes

## STAFF

*Pastor.* . . . . . Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

*Office Manager.* . . . . . Stacie Baker

*Organist.* . . . . . Scott Vandermyde

*Custodian.* . . . . . Courtney Bruckner

## SESSION

### ELDERS:

Rick Barr  
Lexie Laughlin  
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