

First Presbyterian Church

Morrison, Illinois

August 4, 2024

11th 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. 3

OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION (Psalm 78:23-29)

“(The Lord) commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven; he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven. Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance. He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind; he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings. And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) (Psalm 107:1-9,43)

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: 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.

Pastor: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

All: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

Pastor: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

All: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

***HYMN**

Morning Has Broken

No. 469

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord God, you continue to always give to us all that we need to live our life fully and to live in balance with all of creation. Yet the world tricks us to believe we need more, and we become resentful of you when our wants and desires go unmet. Help us recenter our lives and find our focus on your love and the gifts that flow from your love. We pray this in Jesus’

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

God will always give us all we need. In Christ, we find completion and the opportunity to bring true healing in our own lives and to the entire world. Praise God forever and ever! Amen

***HYMN**

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

No. 579

GOSPEL READING

John 6:24-35

SERMON

HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

No. 316

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

***HYMN**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

No. 592

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** (Unison)

We give thanks for all the gifts we have received in our lives as we follow Christ. We pray that our lives may always focus on God’s giving love and that we live within God’s reign in this life so that we may be the disciples of Christ who serve him by serving one another. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***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: 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, family and friends of 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 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:

08/06:

9:30am Bible Study @ PV

4:30pm Ice Cream Social @ PV

08/08:

4:30pm Chamber Downtown Pop-Up Market

08/10:

10am 2nd Annual "Adult" Wiffleball Tournament

Birthdays

08/01: Carol Wolf

STAFF

Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

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Organist. Scott Vandermyde

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SESSION ELDERS:

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*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord,
beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.
But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.
Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high
he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."
(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean
but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?
He who descended is the same one
who ascended far above all the heavens,
so that he might fill all things.)
The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles,
some prophets,
some evangelists,
some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until all of us come to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to maturity,
to the measure of the full stature of Christ.
We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro
and blown about by every wind of doctrine,
by people's trickery,
by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.
But speaking the truth in love,
we must grow up in every way into him who is the head,
into Christ,
from whom the whole body,
joined and knit together by every ligament
with which it is equipped,
as each part is working properly,
promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.*

—Ephesians 4:1-16