

*First Presbyterian Church
December 1, 2024*

*1st Sunday in Advent
Hanging of the Greens*

*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

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

No. 20 Vs. 1

THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE

Angel of the Lord

LESSONS OF CHRISTMAS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ has come! Christ was dead! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

All: This is the faith of the Church of Jesus Christ!

Pastor: When we look at the world around us, we see the darkness of war, captivity, greed, and broken relationships.

All: We long for Christ to come again and bring light to our world.

Pastor: The Word of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ lives among us, bringing truth and light as a present reality.

All: We worship as those who have a glimpse of that reality, and we long for its fullness. We are those who labor to make Christ's light more visible on earth. Let us praise God, that the light of Christ shines on in the darkness, which has never overcome it. To God be the glory in Jesus Christ and in the church forever and ever. Amen. (based on John 1:5 and Eph. 3:21)

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

No. 2

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5

THE CHRISTMAS TREE, CANDLES & LIGHTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-2

THE SANCTUARY EVERGREENS

THE ADVENT CANDLES AND WREATHS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Hope*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:9-13

THE DOVE

THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:2

THE NATIVITY

***HYMN**

People, Look East

No. 12

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:14

THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

***HYMN**

O Come, O Come Emanuel

No. 9

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 Resthave, Homestead and Pleasant View; Bev & Larry Bealer, Dan Brandon, Brandy Claeys (a Friend of Stacie's), Dale Johnson, 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. 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 December 12. We will be serving ham dinner. 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

12/05: Myra Huizenga

12/06: Joel Roberts

Resthave Be sure to attend Resthave's annual Bake Sale and Bizarre, December 13th, 2024, from 9:00-10:30am. Come enjoy a breakfast treat, coffee or juice. The bake sale is a freewill donation and the Bizarre is 5 tickets for \$10 or 10 tickets for \$20 and so on.

Upcoming Community Events:

12/03:

9:30am Bible Study

4:30pm Ice Cream Social @ Highlight Health (Pleasant View)

12/07:

8am PTO Craft Fair

3pm Morrison's Christmas Walk

12/08:

9:15am Sunday School

10:15am Worship Service

11:15am Congregational Meeting

11:30am Coffee Hour

STAFF

Pastor. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

Office Manager. Stacie Baker

Organist. Scott Vandermyde

Custodian. Courtney Bruckner

SESSION ELDERS:

Rick Barr
Lexie Laughlin
Angela Reamer

Ron Shank
Scott Vandermyde
Carol Wolf

Deb Zigler
Stacie Baker, Clerk

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*But in those days,
after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.*

*Then they will see the Son of Man
coming in clouds*

with great power and glory.

*Then he will send out the angels,
and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.*

*From the fig tree learn its lesson:
as soon as its branch becomes
tender and puts forth its leaves,
you know that summer is near.*

*So also,
when you see these things taking place,
you know that he is near,
at the very gates.*

*Truly I tell you,
this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.
But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father.*

*Beware,
keep alert;*

for you do not know when the time will come.

*It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work,
and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.*

*Therefore,
keep awake*

*—for you do not know when the master of the house will come,
in the evening,
or at midnight,
or at cockcrow,*

*or at dawn,
or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.*

And what I say to you I say to all:

Keep awake.

—Mark 13:24-37