

*First Presbyterian Church
January 2, 2022*

*Observance of
Epiphany of Our Lord*

*Morrison, Illinois
10:15AM*

Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!

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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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

HYMN

As with Gladness Men of Old

No. 63

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 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”*)

*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.

The Bible verses are read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

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Depart This House That We Might Witness Together!

Remember in prayer: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection; residents and staff of Resthove, Windsor Manor and Pleasant View; medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bob Atherton, Richard Black, Dan Brandon, Orville Goodenough, Janet Johnson, Omar Manchester, Joyce Mathew, Shirley Mills, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), Cookee Shawver, Jean Temple, Dick Vandermyde, Michael Vegter, Jr.

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/channel/UCCzIobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

Bible Study has returned to Zoom. We are meeting at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd (and 5th) Tuesdays of each month.

Annual Meeting will be held online via Zoom videoconference on January 23. Details will be communicated as they are worked out.

Drive-Up Meal The next meal will be on January 27. Soup will be served. Meals will start being handed out at 4:30PM.

Deacons Are Here For You Do you have a physical or spiritual need? Our deacons want to help! Please feel free to reach out to a deacon!

Prayer Requests Have a prayer request? You can now email them to prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com

Snow Day Sundays In the event that in-person worship gets canceled this winter due to weather, Pastor Mike will livestream a short service from his home on our Facebook group page at 10:15a.m. (assuming power is not out). Thanks modern technology!

Birthdays

01/03: Jace Velasco

STAFF

Minister. Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg
Office Manager. Stacie Baker
Organist. Scott Vandermyde
Custodian Jennifer Reynolds

SESSION ELDERS:

Lynn Knox
Lexie Laughlin
Jim Palmer
Angela Reamer

Tim Reynolds
Scott Vandermyde
Carol Wolf
Deb Zigler
Jan Kelly, Clerk

Deacons:

Mavis Best
Nancy Glazier
Jane Ann James

Doris Robertson
Jody Tucker

*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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