

*First Presbyterian Church*

*December 19, 2021*

*4th Sunday of Advent*

*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**

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

No. 23 Vs. 1

**OPENING PRAYER & MOMENT FOR MEDITATION**

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.” —1 John 4:7-13

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalm 80)

**Pastor:** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**All: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**Pastor:** O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

**All: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

**HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

No. 41

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord of love, you have revealed your love among us through your only son, Jesus Christ. We are behooved to love one another as you love us, yet we still let ourselves hate and destroy one another for selfish, meaningless and empty ‘gain’ while we only lose the true beauty of creation, which is to be in love and to live in love. Forgive us, we pray..... *Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

God lived and died in the form of a humble human, that of Jesus Christ, so that we might be forgiven for our sins and be able to live in love as God has shown us. Praise be to God forever and ever! Amen.

**HYMN**

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

No. 579

**TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH** (Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer (p. 16))

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** *Love*

Lexie & Ella Laughlin

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 1:39-55

**MEDITATION**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

**Hymn**

*The First Nowell*

No. 56 Vs 1,2

**Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 11:21-31

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**HYMN**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*

No. 592

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

Lord God, Giver of Life, Creator of Love, you have given us this life in which we receive your love. In our thanksgiving, help our lives know love through your son Jesus Christ so that every ounce of our work and deeds may be done for you in the name of your Love. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

No. 44

**BENEDICTION**

**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).



*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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison). And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZlObAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

**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.

**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](mailto:prayers.firstpresmorrison@gmail.com)

*I thank my God every time I remember you,  
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers  
for all of you,  
because of your sharing in the gospel  
from the first day until now.  
I am confident of this,  
that the one who began a good work among you  
will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.  
It is right for me to think this way about all of you,  
because you hold me in your heart,  
for all of you share in God's grace with me,  
both in my imprisonment  
and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.  
For God is my witness,  
how I long for all of you  
with the compassion of Christ Jesus.  
And this is my prayer,  
that your love may overflow more and more  
with knowledge and full insight  
to help you to determine what is best,  
so that in the day of Christ  
you may be pure and blameless,  
having produced the harvest of righteousness  
that comes through Jesus Christ  
for the glory and praise of God.*

—Philippians 1:3-11

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