

*First Presbyterian Church*

*Morrison, Illinois*

*November 21, 2021*

*Christ the King*

*10:15AM*

*Enter This Church That We Might Worship Together!*



**PRELUDE**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Hughes

**THE GATHERING WELCOME**

**Pastor:** Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**INTROIT**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

No. 551 Vs. 1

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively) (Psalm 132)

**Pastor:** O Lord, remember in David’s favor all the hardships he endured; how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, “I will not enter my house or get into my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

**All:** **We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar. “Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool.”**

**Pastor:** Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy. For your servant David’s sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

**All:** **The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: “One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne.”**

**Pastor:** For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation: “This is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread.”

**All:** **Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy. There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one. His enemies I will clothe with disgrace, but on him, his crown will gleam.”**

**HYMN**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!*

No. 142 Vs. 1,3

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.....*Silent prayer followed by ‘Amen’.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**HYMN**

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

No. 579

**GOSPEL READING**

John 18:33-37

**MEDITATION**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 14:22-25

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

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

We give great thanks to our Creator, to the Great Spirit, to our Savior, for all we have been given in this life. We pray that all we do not be for our own gain, but in order to receive and spread the love of God everywhere we wander, helping bring equality and justice to all in this world. We pray this together in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**HYMN**

*Let All Things Now Living*

No. 554

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\***

*Come, Ye Thankful People*

Stickles

**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, the family of Kurt Mills, Shirley Mills, Youdelka Philippe (MSH), the family of Nancy Rector, Cooke Shawver, Jean Temple, Dick Vandermyde.

# Love one another!

## Livestream Worship Services

Each Sunday at 10:15am from the church's Facebook group page: [www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison](https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison). And after the service on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZJobAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>

**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 December 9. Holiday ham 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)

## Birthdays

- 11/21: Kevin Kuehl
- 11/21: Elijah Palmer
- 11/21: Mike Selburg
- 11/23: Kristina Cortes
- 11/25: Hailey Zigler
- 11/27: Joe Sage

## STAFF

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## Deacons:

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 Jan Kelly  
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## OHEN:TON KARIHWATEHKWEN; THE “WORDS BEFORE ALL ELSE”

—from the Thanksgiving Address, Iroquois tradition

**T**oday we have gathered and have come from many different places. We have all arrived safely at this place to share with each other our gifts from the Creator. So we bring our minds together as one in Thanksgiving and Greetings to one another.

We send greetings and thanksgiving to our Mother the Earth who, like our own mother, continues to give for our well-being. She continues to care for us and has not forgotten her instructions from the beginning of time. We now bring our minds together in Thanksgiving for the Earth.

Now, as one mind, we turn our thoughts to the Waters of the Earth, that continue to flow beneath the ground, in little streams and in rivers, in lakes and wetlands, and in the great seas. They quench our thirst and help us to keep clean. We now bring our minds together in Thanksgiving to all the Waters of the Earth. With one mind, we send our Thanksgiving and Greetings to all the Beings that dwell in the Water which provide for us in many ways.

Now we direct our thoughts to the many kinds of plants that live low upon the Earth—the mosses, the grasses, the herbs, the food plants and the flowers, for they too have not forgotten their Original Instructions. There are many members of this Nation who sustain those who walk upon this Earth and take away the sicknesses of the human family. With one mind we send our thoughts and Thanksgiving to the Plant Nations.

We now gather our minds together and send Greetings and Thanksgiving to all the Animal Life in the world, for they continue to instruct and teach us even today. We are happy that many still walk us with although their natural world has been changed and life has become very difficult for them at times. Sometimes we may see a fox or a deer eye to eye and we are reminded of that feeling of kinship we get when we see the animals. With one mind we send our Thanksgiving to all the Animal Life in the world.

With one mind we now think of the Trees. According to their Original Instructions the Trees still give us shelter, warmth and food, and keep the air clean. When we see the trees we are reminded of the beauty and power of the natural world. With one mind we send our Thanksgiving to all the members of the Tree Nation.

We now bring our minds together to send our Greetings of Thanksgiving to the Birds. At the beginning of time the Birds were given a very special duty to perform. They were instructed to help lift the minds of the Human Family. Many times during the day our minds are lifted by their songs. With one mind we send our

Thanksgiving to all the Birds of the world.

We are thankful to the Four Winds who continue to blow and cleanse the air in accordance with their Original Instructions. When we listen to the Winds it is as if we are hearing the Creator's breath, clearing our minds as it blows through the Trees. With one mind we send our Thanksgiving to the Four Winds.

Now we turn our attention to the Thunderbeings. They welcome the springtime with their loud voices. Along with the lightning, they carry the waters of Spring on their backs. With one mind we send our Thanksgiving and Greetings to the Thunderbeings.

Our minds are one as we send our thoughts to our oldest brother the Sun. Each day the Sun continues according to his original instructions, bringing the light of the day, the energy source of all life on Earth. With one mind we send our Thanksgiving and Greetings to our oldest brother the Sun.

We now gather our minds together and give Thanks to our oldest Grandmother, the Moon who holds hands with all of the women of the world, binding all of the cycles and rhythms of the Waters. With one mind we send our Thanksgiving and Greetings to our Grandmother the Moon.

With one mind we send our thoughts to the Star Nations who continue to light our way during times of darkness to guide us home, and who hold the secrets of many forgotten stories. With one mind we send our Thanksgiving and Greetings to the Star Nations.

With our minds as one mind we think of the Four Spirit Beings who live in the Four Directions. We know that they are helping us when we are moving through life and a feeling tells us not to go a certain way, or that we are on the right path. And now we gather our minds together as one and send our special Thanksgiving Greetings to the Four Spirit Beings.

Now we have arrived in a very special place where dwells the Great Spirit that moves through all things. As one mind we turn our thoughts to the Creator with Thanksgiving and Greetings.

We have now become like one being, with one body, one heart, one mind. We send our Prayers and special Thanksgiving Greetings to all the unborn Children of all the Future Generations. We send our thoughts to the many different Beings we may have missed during our Thanksgiving. With one mind we send our Thanksgiving and Greetings to all of the Nations of the World.

Now our minds are one.

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