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## Order of Worship

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Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Announcements

**Alicen Wiersema**

\*Opening Songs: "Trust and Obey" #349  
"You are the Vine"  
"Make Me a Blessing" #452

Symbols of our Faith

Responsive Reading: "Perseverance" #675

Prayer

Offertory: "Take My Life"

Scripture Reading: Philippians: 2:12-18

**Cooper Wiersema**

Message: "Our Mediocrity Complex"

**Pastor J.T. Bean**

\*Closing Song: "I'll Be a Sunbeam"

\*Benediction

Postlude

\* *stand as you are able*

Song Leaders: **Praise Team** Organist: **Deb VanZuiden**

AV/Tech Team: **Gregg Wiersema & Todd Kullerstrand**

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## Welcome

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**Welcome to Ebenezer Church!** If you have any questions about our church life, fill out our communication card and the Pastor will be in contact with you. If you have any **prayer concerns** that you would like to put on the prayer chain, email Pastor J.T. Bean at [pastorJT@ercmorrison.com](mailto:pastorJT@ercmorrison.com). You may also fill out the Ebenezer Communication Card on the bulletin and drop it into the offering box. Sue Bond's email is [office@ercmorrison.com](mailto:office@ercmorrison.com). Please send bulletin announcements to this email no later than the Thursday before service. If you would like to become a church member, contact Pastor J.T. for more info.

The church OFFICE is open Monday-Friday 9am-1pm and Saturdays 7:30am-12pm.

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## This Week at ERC

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- Ladies Aid – Wednesday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m.
- Men's Bible Study – Saturday, May 23 at 7:30 a.m.

### Happy Birthday This Week To:

**5/20** Derik Damhoff **5/21** Brayden Tichler  
**5/22** Pat Fuller **5/23** Halen Patton

### Nursery

Today - Jackie & Alicen Wiersema  
5/24 - Marilyn Tichler & Allison W

### Greeters:

Today - Alan Meurs & Shelly Meurs  
5/24 - Marcia Blean & Deb Adolph

### Welcome Center Hosts:

Today - Nick & Melinda Hamstra  
5/24 - Verne & Pat Pessman

### Offering Last Sunday:

General Fund: \$7,051  
Organ Fund: \$270

### Bell Ringer:

Today - Nicholas Weaver  
5/24 - Jefferson Weaver

### Prayer Room:

Today - Barney Habben  
5/24 - Keith Hamstra

### Fellowship Hall Hosts:

Today - Fireman's Pancake Breakfast  
5/24 - Alan & Shelly Meurs

### May Counting Team:

Gregg Wiersema  
Brian Tichler

## Reasons to Rejoice and Prayer Concerns

- **Those who need restored health through recovery and healing:** Velma Dean, Karen Zuidema, Neva Baar, Elmer Huizenga, Jeg Weets, and all those with special needs or unspoken prayer requests.
- **Those in nursing/assisted living homes:** Barney Habben, Joanne Peterson, Sandi Gorzney, Barb Geerts, Loretta Temple, Don VanDerLeest, Darlene Vos, Delores Stuart, Allen Buikema, & Ruth Rosenow, (at Resthave); Marguerite Clark & Marv Tichler (La Bella), Bob & Irma Brands (at Homestead of Morrison); Marge Gorzny (at Allure in Prophetstown) Also: Pam Gorzny.
- **Those serving our country:** Gregory Bush (Air Force), Brevin Pruis (Navy), Tyler Haan (Air Force), Elijah Bean (Air Force).

## Ebenezer Communication Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I am a visitor today/new to community

[ ] I would like to join Ebenezer

[ ] I have a change of address/email/phone

# Ebenezer Reformed Church

309 East Park Street  
Morrison, Illinois 61270  
815-772-2472



*May 17, 2026*  
*9:30 a.m.*

*ERC is a congregation called to intentionally share the gospel in word and deed, as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ. God is calling us to be a vibrant body of believers helping people experience God's love in Jesus Christ.*

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Fire Department Pancake Breakfast today – serving until 1:00 p.m.

Parking Lot repairs will begin this week. Please be cautious during this time of repair.

Ladies Aid will meet Wednesday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Doris Bielema will provide the program “A Glimpse into the Life of a Missionary Family.” Refreshments will be provided by Karen Price.

The next Diners Group will be Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Don Julio's in Fulton. Reservations are essential. Please contact Karen Price or Pat Zuidema.

Calling all Graduates: Parents & Grandparents please call the office with the names and schools of anyone graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, or college/tech school. We will honor our Graduates on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

There is a Blood Drive in honor of Jonelle Hook on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Morrison Junior High School. Kevin and Jonelle's granddaughter, Sophie Damhoff, is leading this effort. See poster on the bulletin board for all the details.

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## Monthly Memory Verse

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**Philippians 2:3**      **NIV**

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility, value others above yourselves.”

## Prayer Request Slip

Fill out this short slip for anyone who needs our prayers this week.

Name and Praying for: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I will have an upcoming surgery at \_\_\_\_\_, on this date \_\_\_\_\_ and would like a visit \_\_\_\_\_ or call \_\_\_\_\_ from the Pastor.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_