

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa  
January 16, 2022

10:00 A. M.  
Baptism of Our Lord

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

People: and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

#8

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

\*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7

Elder

43 But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. 4 Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. 5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. 16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 212). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 214). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN “Be Still, My Soul” #347**

**SERMON “Praying for Opening”**

## **\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

### **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY #625**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” #296**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SONG “Freely, Freely” (V. 1) #447**

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS

Dawn Freese  
Kirk Langner  
(had knee surgery on Jan 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Linda Bulen (Cathy Sydnor's friend)  
(pancreatic cancer)  
The Gerry Stille Family  
The Clayton Diischer Family

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Mitch Mentzer  
Ken & Judy Fells  
Lorna Currie's Mom  
(has pneumonia)  
Nick Langner  
Our Shut-Ins  
Aaron Jacobson and his family  
(Aaron is being deployed)  
The Colorado Fires  
Hazel Snyder infant daughter of Kyle Snyder & Jasmine Bethune  
(has Cystic Fibrosis) (Go to Des Moines every two weeks for  
treatments)  
Jeff & Lori Hermstad (Lost their daughters to ALS)  
(Jeff has diffuse large B cell lymphoma)  
Andy Beckord  
Pam Reis  
Isaiah Aldiano  
Brenda Segebart  
Anna Hereen

## \*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

## \*POSTLUDE

(\*Those who are able please stand.)

## 2022 PER CAPITA

2022 Per Capita amount is \$42.48. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check "Per Capita".

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### January 2022

16 Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class and their mentors  
9:00 am Sunday School Classes  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary  
(No masks if fully vaccinated)  
11:00 am Congregational Annual Meeting.  
Snow date January.

19 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang Resumes  
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

20 Thursday

7:00 pm Online Weekly Bible Devotional  
& Prayers

23 Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class and their mentors  
9:00 am Sunday School Classes  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary  
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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> which will serve as the annual meeting. There is a snow date of January. We will approve terms of call, elect officers, and discuss reports from the last year. The budget will be discussed as an information item. We will not be discussing reports from the year before as Covid wiped out much of the activity and we can easily describe our current situation with reports from this year.

## FOOD PANTRY

Reminder: When bringing food items for the food pantry, please check the expiration dates.

## PURPLE GANG FOOD SCHEDULE

January 19<sup>th</sup>

Popcorn Party

January 26<sup>th</sup>

Janice Ploeger

February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cindy Segebart



## Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2022

What is the Presbyterian Youth Triennium?

A gathering for High School

age youth, youth leaders and young adults in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Churches. It will take place in Indianapolis, IN July 24-27, 2022!

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger (Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>)

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Dan Bailey (Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Bonnie Currie (Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>)

Denise King (Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>) 60th

Carolyn Young (Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>)

Shane Reimers (Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>)

