

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
August 20, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Keep silence before the Lord God!

People: The day of the Lord is at hand.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

#562

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Pastor

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’ “You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.” Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 393). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 61). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 15:21-28

Elder

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #286

SERMON "True Forgiveness"

*APOSTLE'S CREED

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

Mailing Addresses:

Doug O'Bannon
C/O Shari O'Bannon
202 Elm
Lakeside
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Kay McDonough
1159 198th Road
Boone, IA 50036

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
(started new chemo & recovering from a broken hip)
Cindy Demers & Family
(ruptured colon)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Purple Gang
School Children
School Teachers
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Shari O'Bannon
Janice Rydberg
Grace Beckord
Karla Hustedt and her family
(Cancer)
Ken Fells Jr. (Cancer)
Ron McClintic and his family
Diane Overmohle
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel
Mark Siebrecht & Family
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Malia Meyer
Brenda Segebart (Hospice)
Alice Spooner (Cancer Terminal)

Prayers for the Churches

August 20, 2023 Pastors Serving Colleges – Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser, Northwestern College, Orange City

Sunday, August 27

Westminster, Sioux City & Rev. Beth Hamilton

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" #556

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG "Freely, Freely" (V. 1) #447

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

..... (*Those who are able please stand.)

2023 PER CAPITA

2023 Per Capita amount is \$48.35. 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".

FOOD PANTRY:

REMINDER: WHEN BRINGING FOOD ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY, PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Jim & Missy Kestel (Aug. 29th)

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Shirley Claussen (Aug. 20th)

Kallie Pyle (Aug. 27th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2023

20 Sunday

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

21-27 Monday-Sunday

Rev. Michael out of town

22 Tuesday

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

23 Wednesday

School Starts

27 Sunday (Tom Daniels will be filling the pulpit)

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Mask are optional)

11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
(Bruce & Jackie Mentzer)

28 Monday

7:00 pm Session Meeting



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang will start on Wednesday, September 13th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for grades K-5th.

We are thrilled to give your children an opportunity to talk, eat, and play with their friends outside of a school setting.

We will maintain our policy of cancelling a Purple Gang event if the school closes due to weather or illness.

The program includes a snack, Bible study, music and recreation. We hope that your children will join us in a fun experience where we learn more about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

You can get enrollment forms from Melanie Pyle (at the school) or the brown box outside the front door of the Presbyterian Church. You can return the filled out forms to Melanie or place them in the brown box. If you would like to find out more information, please contact Rev. Michael Sydnor at 712-275-4691.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 20th
during worship
Blessings of the
Backpacks. ALL ages
and levels of
students, staff and

teachers are encouraged to participate!