

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
February 19, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Transfiguration Sunday

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: At the mountain of the Lord bow down,

People: for the Lord our God is holy.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” #278**

INVOCATION (Please be seated) **Pastor**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. ² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

12 The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.” 13 Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. 14 He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.” 15 When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, 16 and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. 17 To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. 18 Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Leader:

The Word of the Lord:

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

Elder

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 226). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 228). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN **"Fairest Lord Jesus"** **#88**

SERMON **"Living on a Higher Plain!"**

***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 **"Jesus Is Calling"** **#327**

*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".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2023

19 Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class

9:00 am Sunday School Classes

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

**11 am – 1 pm St. Paul Lutheran Church Pork
Chop Dinner**

20 Monday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

22 Wednesday (Ash Wednesday)

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang

23 Thursday

7:00 pm Online Bible Devotional

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PORK CHOP DINNER

Schaller St. Paul Lutheran Church Pork Chop Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 19th from 11 am to 1 pm.

Tickets: \$12 for Adults; \$5 for children Ages 4-9; Age 3 & Under free hot dog meal. All Carry-Out and Drive-Thru meals available at \$12.



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesdays 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.

SERVERS FOR PURPLE GANG

February 22nd

Brenna Franken

March 8th

Jackie Mentzer

March 1st

Jane Bisenius

March 15th

Janice Ploeger

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Jaycee McDonough (Feb. 21st)

Melanie Pyle (Feb. 24th)

Joyce Currie (Feb. 26th)

Congratulations to Ashley Kestel who is officially a BSN RN. She has worked so hard and is ready to put her knowledge to use! Thank you to everyone who showed support to her through the past 3 1/2 years.

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Kathleen Sydnor (Cancer)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Randy Leask

Courtney Terry

Carol Wendel

Grace Beckford

Ron McClintic

Barb Lindgren

Aubree Galvin

Florene & Richard Cork

Jim Robinson

Mark Diersen

Ryan McDonough & Family

Mark Siebrecht & Family

Tom McDonough & Family

Malia Meyer

Doug O'Bannon

Shari O'Bannon

Dexter Meseck

Andy Beckord

Hazel Snyder

Brenda Segebart

School

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES

February 19

Union, Lake City – Rev. Randy Russom

February 26

First, Armstrong – Rev. Suzanne Wobig

