

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

10:00 A. M.

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder

Elder: From north and south and east and west,

People: all Creation sings forth your praises!

Elder: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

People: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Elder: Your steadfast love never ceases.

People: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

***HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#1

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors.

Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-

discipline — that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Lamentations 1:1-16

Elder

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave. Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are on her cheeks. Among all her lovers there is no one to comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies. After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile. She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals. All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish. Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease. The Lord has brought her grief because of her many sins. Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe. All the splendor has departed from Daughter Zion. Her princes are like deer that find no pasture; in weakness they have fled before the pursuer. In the days of her affliction and wandering Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were hers in days of old. When her people fell into enemy hands, there was no one to help her. Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction. Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean. All who honored her despise her, for they have all seen her naked; she herself groans and turns away. Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future. Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her. “Look, Lord, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed.” The enemy laid hands on all her treasures; she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary those you had forbidden to enter your assembly. All her people groan as they search for bread; they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive. “Look, Lord, and consider, for I am despised.” “Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around

and see. Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me, that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger? “From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones. He spread a net for my feet and turned me back. He made me desolate, faint all the day long. “My sins have been bound into a yoke; by his hands they were woven together. They have been hung on my neck, and the Lord has sapped my strength. He has given me into the hands of those I cannot withstand. “The Lord has rejected all the warriors in my midst; he has summoned an army against me to crush my young men. In his winepress the Lord has trampled Virgin Daughter Judah. “This is why I weep and my eyes overflow with tears. No one is near to comfort me, no one to restore my spirit. My children are destitute because the enemy has prevailed.”

Leader:

The Word of the Lord:

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:1-10

Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves. “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. “Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’ ”

Leader:

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People:

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PRAYERS FOR CHURCHES

Sunday, October 2

Pray for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Staff:
RE Elona Street-Stewart, Synod Executive
Rev. Dr. Deb DeMeester, Leadership Development
RE Jim Koon, Financial Services and Treasurer
Rev. Pam Prouty, Stated Clerk
Amy Hartman, Financial Services Associate
Gretchen Milloy, Office Coordinator

Sunday, October 9

Pray for our Ecumenical Partners

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Purple Gang
School
School Children & Teachers
Florida (Hurricane)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Kirk Langner
Jack McGivern
Tom McDonough & Family
Wayne Werner & Family
Sue Diersen
Malia Meyer
Marilyn King
Doug O'Bannon (Liver)
Shari O'Bannon
Steven O'Bannon's fiancée Myra
Don Thompson
Dexter Meseck
Andy Beckord
Carissa King (Mission Work in Guatemala)
Dennis Pfrimmer
Hazel Snyder
Brenda Segebart

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" #285

SERMON "How to Enjoy Problems"

APOSTLES' CREED

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN "In Remembrance" #322

THE LORD'S SUPPER (SEE INSERT)

***HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" #560

***BENEDICTION**

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

***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

October 2022

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| 02 | Sunday | (World Communion Sunday) |
| | 9:00 am | Sunday School Classes |
| | 10:00 am | In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional) |
| 05 | Wednesday | |
| | 3:30-5:30 pm | Purple Gang |
| 06 | Thursday | |
| | 7:00 pm | Online Bible Devotional & Community Prayers. All are welcome! |
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OCTOBER ELDER OF THE MONTH

Julie Langner



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

OCTOBER 5th

Kirk & Julie Langner

OCTOBER 12TH

Jill Hayden

OCTOBER 19TH

Cindy Segebart

OCTOBER 26TH

Judy Fells

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Judy Fells (Oct. 7th)

Kathy Siebrecht (Oct. 10th)

Jim Illum (Oct. 13th)

Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 22nd)

Jackie Mentzer (Oct. 24th)

Terri Rininger (Oct. 29th)

TREASURER'S REPORT - August

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| Income: | \$11,451.75 |
| Expenses: | <u>\$16,141.27</u> |
| Net Income: | (4,689.52) |

YEAR TO DATE

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|-------------|--------------------|
| Income: | \$55,426.85 |
| Expenses: | <u>\$68,800.13</u> |
| Net Income: | (13,373.28) |

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Minister: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People: **People will come from east and west and from north and south, and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.**

The Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Unison Prayer

O God, who called us from death to life; we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after the supper

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the spirit with your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong. Who brings us life eternal. We thank you for giving us all good gifts in him, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

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