

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
February 25, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Second Sunday in Lent

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

People: We take up the cross to follow him.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

#562

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 259).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Pastor

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38

Elder

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Then he called the crowd to him along with his

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 236).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #183

SERMON "What Would You Give for A New Life?"

***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** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #376

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(Those who are able please stand.)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Betsy Lenz Family & her husband Kenny
Julie Langner

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Purple Gang
Shari O'Bannon
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier
(Dennis has Parkinsons & Sharmin has dementia)
Brett Currie (Dementia)
Joel VanBuskirk
(home waiting for treatments to start)
Joyce Deloach
Shelly Fenner
Steve Schaefer
Karla Hustedt and her family
Ken Fells Jr.
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Malia Meyer

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

February 25, 2024 First, Armstrong and Rev. Suzanne Wobig

March 3, 2024 United, Manilla and Rev. Lori Shannon

2024 PER CAPITA

2024 Per Capita amount is \$53.95. 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 2024

25 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

11:00 am Christian Growth Meeting

28 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang

MARCH 2024

03 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes

9:00 am Confirmation Class

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

13th Annual Clover Dinner (Early Achievers 4-H)

The Annual Clover Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 3rd from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Early. Menu will include Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Pasta Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert, and Drink.



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesday's 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 FEBRUARY, MARCH

28 th	Tabitha Ballou	6 th	Amanda Thompson
13 th	Janice Ploeger	20 th	Bob & Marilyn Hantsbarger
27 th			

Early Community Food Pantry

Assistance is needed to feed families/households in our communities of Early, Schaller and Nemaha. We welcome your needed food, toiletries and cash donations throughout the entire year. Please check the expiration of food donations before bringing them in. Please, no glass containers.

If you know of a family, in the three communities area in need of food assistance, please tell them of us. All we ask is name, address, phone, email, number in household, and ages.

The Early Community Food Pantry is located at the south end of Sacred Heart Parish Center, double red doors. We are open Mondays 10:00 – 2:00 or by appointment by calling 712-661-941

Liz Davis, Terri Schmitt and Karen Pickhinke

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YEARS



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Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (February 14 – March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes can be found at the back of the Sanctuary through the season of Lent.

PLEASE mark your checks Presbyterian Church and in the memo line mark OGHS. PLEASE give generously.

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