

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M.
September 15, 2024 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

People: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Elder: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "Morning Has Broken" #60

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.¹
(Time of silent prayer) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 3:1-12 Elder

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 59).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-8:38 Pastor

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. 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 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."

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CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" # 183

SERMON "How to Defeat Evil"

***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 "Living for Jesus" #372

*BENEDICTION

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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".

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER

15	Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
		11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship (Please join us in helping Betty Franken celebrate her 90 th Birthday!)
16	Monday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
22	Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

THANKS!

Thank you to Cathy McDonough and Cari Pyle for doing the bulletin board in the Narthex. Also thank you to Cathy McDonough for sharing the flower arrangements with us each Sunday.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Cathy McDonough (Sept. 22nd)
Parker Currie (Sept. 23rd)
Jeff King (Sept. 24th)
Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Dennis Pfrimmer Family
Drake Alesch
(Stuart & Angie Claussen grandson)
Lois Carlberg
Wanda Jeppeson

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Iowa Flooding, Tornadoes, Hurricanes
Dorothy Ploeger
Carol Wendel
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
(Going to Assisted Living)
Terri Rininger
Denise King (health issues)
Veronica Moyle
Rod Plagman
(Chemo Treatments)
Velma Woodke
Joel Van Buskirk
Chanda Snow
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

September 15, 2024

First, South Sioux City & Rev. Beth Hamilton

September 22, 2024

Community, Lawton & Rev. Brian Maag

