

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M.
June 23, 2024 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice;

People: for the steadfast love of God, give thanks!¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "How Great Thou Art" #4

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Holy God, we doubt you and are people of little faith. When the circumstances of our lives overwhelm and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Does this justice include the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war? Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust systems from which we cannot see our way clear. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace. (Time of silent prayer) Amen.²

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 363). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: I Samuel 17:32-49

Elder

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you." Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine. Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!" David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD

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Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

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

Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

Pastor

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "It Is Well with My Soul" #493

SERMON "More Powerful Than a Storm"

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Marge Babcock (Congestive heart failure)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
VBS
Kevin King
Betty Franken
Popcorn Days
Betty Roeder
Rod Plagman
Carol Wendel
Chanda Snow
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Velma Woodke
Joel Van Buskirk
Ken Fells Jr.
Malia Meyer

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

June 23, 2024

First Presbyterian Church, Alta – Rev. Denise Malvesti

June 30, 2024

Emmanuel, Carnarvon

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 "Love Lifted Me" #505

*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".

Early Community Food Pantry

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2024

23 Sunday

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

30 Sunday

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

POPCORN DAYS FOOD STAND

The sign up sheets can be found on the table in the Narthex.



CHURCH FLOAT

The theme for this year's Schaller Popcorn Days: Popcorn Days "A BIG SCORE" in 2024. We have some ideas for our church float.



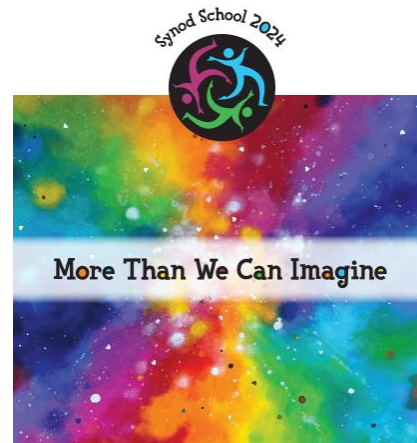
COMING SOON

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vacation Bible School will be July 29th through August 2nd from 9 – 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. July 29th for registration.)

ANY students going into Kindergarten through students who have completed 4th Grade are WELCOME and Encouraged to come!

This year's title is: Camp Firelight!



July 21-26, 2024

Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

SYNOD SCHOOL 2024

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. 2024 is the 70th year of Synod School in Iowa. It is an opportunity to learn something new, to continue conversations begun by keynote speakers with others over meals or a board game, to share talents of creativity and music, to worship without being in charge, to be energized for service, and to enjoy not having to cook for a week.

Registration has begun! We hope you can join us! There are Synod School books on the table in the entryway.



Lakeshore Center at Okoboji

We're excited to offer opportunities for all ages to experience camp together. If you and your family are looking for a fun summer experience at the lakes, register for camp and come hang out at Lakeshore Center!

<https://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org/>