

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
August 11, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: Happy are those who trust in God.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #59

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON II Samuel 18:5-9,15, 31-33

Elder

The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders. David's army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. There Israel's troops were routed by David's men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men. The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword. Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going. And ten of Joab's armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him. Then the Cushite arrived and said, "My lord the king, hear the good news! The LORD has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of all who rose up against you." The king asked the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" The Cushite replied, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man." The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 6:35, 41-51

Pastor

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'" "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws

¹Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 370).
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them, and I will raise them up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" #460

SERMON "Eternal Love"

***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** "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" #435

***BENEDICTION**

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

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Polly Jansen (Hospice)
The Bonnie Currie Family

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School and Teachers
Iowa Flooding, Tornadoes, Wild Fires, Hurricanes, Earthquakes
Dennis Pfrimmer
Betty Franken
Veronica Moyle
Rod Plagman
Carol Wendel
Velma Woodke
Joel Van Buskirk
Chanda Snow
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

August 11, 2024

Unity, Sac City & Rev. Missy Erikson

August 18, 2024

Pastors Serving Colleges & Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser,
Northwestern College, Orange City



**Congratulations to Jaxon & Skye Cauthron
Franken who were married on Saturday, August
10th!**

***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".

AUGUST ELDER: Phil Diersen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 2024

11 Sunday

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

18 Sunday (Blessings of the Backpacks)

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary



**The Session will be meeting on Monday, August 19th at
7:00 pm.**



Sunday, August 18th during worship Blessing of the Backpacks. All ages and levels of students, staff and teachers are encouraged to participate!



VBS CAMP FIRELIGHT: SPECIAL THANKS!

THANK YOU – Thank you to all of the people who helped by providing food, supplies, prayers, and for volunteering your time to make this week such a FANTASTIC week!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Sac County 4-H'ers who exhibited at the 2024 Sac County Fair!

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

**Rev. Ken Fells (Aug. 11th) Shirley Claussen (Aug. 20th)
Kallie Pyle (Aug. 27th)**

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

John & Brenna Franken (Aug. 13th) Jim & Missy Kestel (Aug. 29th)

SYMPATHY

May the love of the Lord flow gently and freely into our hearts, giving peace and strength.

With Sympathy to the Bonnie Currie Family.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4.

