

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
February 12, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP: Elder

Elder: The choice is before us: life or death.

People: Let us choose life, so that we may live.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” #2

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ’s way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful

disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. In Jesus name we pray.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Exodus 30:15-20

15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:21-37

Elder

21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister, will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 221). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 462). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

danger of the fire of hell. 23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. 25 “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. 31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Trust and Obey” #349

SERMON “Choose to Truly Live!”

A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION (SEE INSERT)
***APOSTLE’S CREED**

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Randy Leask
Courtney Terry
Carol Wendel

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Grace Beckford
Ron McClintic
Barb Lindgren
Warren Ehrp
Diane King
Aubree Galvin
Laura Turnquist
Judy Fells
Florene & Richard Cork
Kirk Langner
Jim Robinson
Mark Diersen
Ryan McDonough & Family
Mark Siebrecht & Family
Tom McDonough & Family
Malia Meyer
Doug O'Bannon
Shari O'Bannon
Dexter Meseck
Andy Beckord
Hazel Snyder
Brenda Segebart
School

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 "Lord, Speak to Me" #450

*BENEDICTION

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

2023 PER CAPITA
2023 Per Capita amount is \$48.35. 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".

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Austin Ronfeldt & Jaqi Joy on the birth of their son Bryce Lee born on January 31st. He weighed 6 lbs, 5 ozs. and 20 inches long. Proud Great Grand Parents are Jim & Cathy McDonough.

ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY:

Bruce Mentzer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2023

12 Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class
9:00 am Sunday School Classes
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
& Ordination of Ruling Elder
Lorna Currie (Masks are
optional)

15 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang

16 Thursday

7:00 pm Online Bible Devotional

19 Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class
9:00 am Sunday School Classes
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)
11 am – 1 pm St. Paul Lutheran Church Pork
Chop Dinner

20 Monday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

PORK CHOP DINNER

Schaller St. Paul Lutheran Church Pork Chop Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 19th from 11 am to 1 pm.

Tickets: \$12 for Adults; \$5 for children Ages 4-9; Age 3 & Under free hot dog meal. All Carry-Out and Drive-Thru meals available at \$12.



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

February 15th

Cathy McDonough

February 22nd

Brenna Franken

March 1st

Jane Bisenius

March 8th

? Jackie Mentzer

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Janice Ploeger (Feb. 13th)
Jaycee McDonough (Feb. 21st)
Melanie Pyle (Feb. 24th)
Joyce Currie (Feb. 26th)

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES

Sunday, February 12

First, Estherville and Rev. Dr. David Ullom

February 19

Union, Lake City – Rev. Randy Russom

A Service of Ordination and Installation

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him.

Though we have different gifts ... Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all.

Just as the son of man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life to set others free.

(After the questions to the candidates an elder will ask the questions of the congregation.)

Unison Prayer

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the lord of all. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth,

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

