

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
June 16, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: The kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed;

People: it grows into a great plant with many branches.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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**INVOCATION** (Please be seated)

Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Elder

Holy God, you are a blessing to all people yet we choose sides and pit "us" against "them." Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace. <sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor

**\*GLORIA PATRI** #623

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

First Reading: I Samuel 15:34-16:13

Elder

Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 362). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> © Presbyterian Outlook, 2024 Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution.

of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

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

### **Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:26-34**

**Pastor**

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.” With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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

### **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN** “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” #296

**SERMON** “Automated Farming”

### **\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

### **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Kevin King  
(Surgery on the 20<sup>th</sup>)  
Betty Franken

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Our School  
VBS  
Betty Roeder  
Rod Plagman  
Carol Wendel  
Chanda Snow  
Carol Grundmeier  
Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier  
Rich & Barb Jorgensen  
Richard Morgan  
Father of Cindy Myrice  
Mark Diersen  
Dexter Meseck  
Steve Schaefer  
Velma Woodke  
Joel Van Buskirk  
Joyce Deloach  
Shelly Fenner  
Ken Fells Jr.  
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family  
George & Darlene Franzkowiak  
Malia Meyer

## PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

**June 16, 2024**

Pray for the PC (USA) Special Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness, Christmas Joy

**June 23, 2024**

First Presbyterian Church, Alta – Rev. Denise Malvesti

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #625

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #559

\*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”.

CONGRATULATIONS to Melvin & Dorothy Ploeger on the birth of their great-granddaughter Everleigh Ann Myrtue on May 29<sup>th</sup>.



JOIN THE PARADE!

## CHURCH FLOAT

The theme for this year's Schaller Popcorn Days: Popcorn Days "A BIG SCORE" in 2024.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### June 2024

- 16 Sunday (Father's Day)  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
- 17 Monday  
7:00 pm Session Meeting
- 23 Sunday  
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary



## COMING SOON

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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

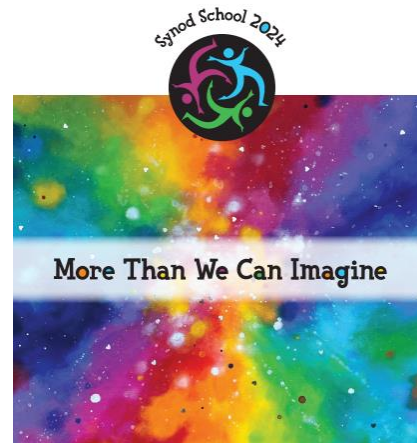
This year's title is: Camp Firelight!

### BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Glenda Turnquist (June 22<sup>nd</sup>)

## 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.



July 21-26, 2024  
Buena Vista University  
Storm Lake, Iowa

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



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

## 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.

## 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!

Happy Father's Day to all who share a caring relationship with a dad or dad-figure — even as we gather to worship the most loving Father of all, our God of infinite goodness.

## Tornado Prayers & Recovery

Dear Iowa Presbyterians,

Join us in sending prayers and condolences to the families affected by the recent tornadoes across the state. Our hearts go out to those experiencing loss of loved ones and property.

Please be assured Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is aware and in contact with the communities in the storms' paths. Both physical and emotional recovery will take time - and we are planning to provide ongoing support. For now, the best thing we can do to help is wait and let the professional rescue teams do what they have been trained to do. Once a centralized recovery effort is defined, we will contribute and work with them.

Meanwhile, if you would like to make a financial contribution to the efforts, checks can be mailed to the address below with memo line "Tornado Relief Efforts". You can also give online at [dmpresbytery.org](http://dmpresbytery.org), [prospecthillpresby.org](http://prospecthillpresby.org), or [presbynciowa.org](http://presbynciowa.org).

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Should you or your church community have a specific need, please contact [our office](#) at 319-233-1747. We are available and ready to help.

Grace and Peace,  
Presbytery Staff

## Thoughts for Father's Day

An unknown father who began to consider the example he should set for his children penned the following poem:

A careful man I ought to be;  
A little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;  
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries —  
Like me, he says, he's going to be,  
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine:  
The base in me he must not see,  
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,  
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,  
I'm building for the years to be,  
For a little fellow follows me.



