

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
March 31, 2024

7:00 A. M.
Easter Sunday

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Judy Fells, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!¹

***HYMN** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #217

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 317). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

New Testament: Acts 10:34-43

Elder

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 320). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "The Day of Resurrection!" #226

SERMON To Infinity(Galilee) and Beyond!

***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** "He Lives" #220

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Purple Gang
Richard Morgan
Father of Cindy Myrice
Mark Diersen
Julie Langner
Shari O'Bannon
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier
Brett Currie
Joel VanBuskirk
Joyce Deloach
Shelly Fenner
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Dexter Meseck
Malia Meyer

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Anna Jacobson and Kallie Pyle who were confirmed on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Associated Church of Hawarden, Hawarden

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Westminster, Ida Grove & CRE Shari O'Bannon

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".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2024

- 28 Thursday
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service
- 29 Friday (Good Friday)
Bring your Easter food donations to the church!
- 31 Sunday (Easter Sunday)
(Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)
Children bring back their fish coin boxes
7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service
8:00 am Easter Breakfast prepared by the McDonough Family

The free will offering goes to the Deacon fund to help with postage, and cards for special occasions.

NO 10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

APRIL 2024

- 01 Monday
6:00 pm Session Meeting
- 03 Wednesday
3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang
- 07 Sunday
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

EASTER LILIES

Please help adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Morning by sharing real or artificial Easter Lilies with us. Thank You.



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesday's 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 MARCH & APRIL

3rd	Dolores Tuel	10 th	Kellie Bendixen
17 th	Rosemary Blum		
		24 th	Purple Gang Program & Meal

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.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Kirk Langner (March 31st)

Philip Diersen (April 6th)

Daniel Langner (April 20th)

Anna Jacobson (April 21st)

Susan Diersen (April 22nd)

Gerrit VanDenTop (April 27th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Aaron & Sarah Jacobson (April 7th)

Philip & Susan Diersen (April 18th)

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Jennifer Dukes Lee

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APRIL 12-14, 2024
Women's Retreat
featuring Jennifer Dukes Lee

Cost

- Full Retreat - Double Occupancy: \$225
- Full Retreat - Bunk Room: \$175
- Full Retreat - Cabin: \$150
- Full Retreat - Commuter: \$100
- Saturday Only: \$85

