

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
February 23, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Marshall Brown

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 37:3-4, 39-40 NRSVue) Elder

Elder: Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

People: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Elder: The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

People: The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked and saves them because they take refuge in him.

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #8

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Holy God, forgive us when we fail to live in the light of your good news: when we choose politeness instead of kindness, fear instead of love, and routine instead of revelation. Help us to hear your Spirit calling us to new life, and move us to feel your presence wrapping us in love.¹ (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

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*GLORIA PATRI #623

CHILDRENS TIME

Pastor

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Elder

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.' ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Elder

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life

unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. ⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. ⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

Pastor

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Rev. Michael
Our Church
Randy Leask
Bob Hantsbarger & Marilyn
Carol Wendel
(Methodist Manor Room #674)
Rich Jorgensen and Barb
Ron Miller
(Marilyn King’s Nephew)
Denise King
Wildfires in California
Florene Cork
Terri Rininger
Wanda Jeppeson
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

February 23rd, 2025

First, Odebolt

March 2nd, 2025

United, Manilla – Rev. Lori Shannon

you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #1

SERMON “A Dream for the Church”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response #1 “Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee”(V3)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** “Lift High the Cross ” #304

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Lift High the Cross” (Refrain) #304

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

2025 PER CAPTA

2025 Per Capita amount is \$55.70. 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".

ATTENTION!

Peace Lutheran Church of Wall Lake is hosting a Women's Faith Conference on March 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Look at our Church News Bulletin Board or call (712-664-2961) for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2025

23 Sunday (Pulpit Supply – Rev. Marshall Brown)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

26 Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Ladies Fellowship

March 2025

01 Saturday

10:00 a.m. The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill will be held at First Presbyterian Church at Battle Creek, IA.

02 Sunday (Pulpit Supply Bev Logsdon)

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran Church Pork Chop Dinner
(See Insert)

14 Friday

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Healthy Feet Clinic at our church
Watch for more info.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR MARCH-APRIL

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| March 9 th | Lue Baker |
| March 16 th | Bev Logsdon (Sioux City) |
| March 23 rd | Bev Logsdon |
| March 31 st | Rev. Marshall Brown |
| April 6 th | Norman Prather (Ida Grove) |
| ?April 13 th | Norman Prather |
| April 17 th | Rev. Ken Fells (Maundy Thursday) |
| April 20 th | Rev. Ken Fells (Easter) |
| April 27 th | |

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Melanie Pyle (Feb. 24th)
Joyce Currie (Feb. 26th)
Julie Langner (March 2nd)
Courtney Pyle (March 19th)
Libby McDonough (March 21st)
Kirk Langner (March 31st)

Anniversary Wishes:

David & Kathy Siebrecht (March 9th)

