

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
October 15, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: The Lord will make a feast for all people.

People: and destroy the power of death forever.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“Ye Servants of God”

#17

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.² (Time of silent prayer)
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Pastor

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.” Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord.” So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’ “I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.” But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’ ” Then the

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 379). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 59). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

Elder

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Jesus Calls Us" #375

SERMON "What Are You Wearing?"

***APOSTLE'S CREED**



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OCTOBER & NOVEMBER SERVERS:

Megan Hansen
Oct. 18th

Judy Fells
Oct. 25th

Cathy McDonough
Nov. 1st

Jackie Mentzer
Nov. 8th

Florene Cork
Nov. 15th

NO PURPLE GANG
Nov. 22

Marilyn King
Nov. 29

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Grady Heckt infant son of Tanner & Lesa Heckt
(for a quick recovery)
Jan & Willie Lang
The Shawn McGowan Family
(Meg Broders McGowan Husband)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Purple Gang
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Shari O'Bannon
Joyce Deloach
Bethany & David Walker
(Health Issues)
Vanessa McGivern
Carol Schreier
Laverne Evans
Colleen Woodke
Karla Hustedt and her family
Ken Fells Jr.
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Malia Meyer
Alice Spooner

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCHES

October 15, 2023 Trinity, Wall Lake

October 22, 2023 Pray for the National Staff of PC(USA)

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 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #369

*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".

FOOD PANTRY:

REMINDER: WHEN BRINGING FOOD ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY, PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2023

15	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
18	Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Purple Gang
21	Saturday	10:00 am	Presbytery Meeting Lakeshore Center at Okoboji
		2-4 pm	Ken & Judy Fells Wedding Anniversary Party
22	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
		11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship (Jim & Cathy McDonough)
23	Monday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting

AN INVITATION to KEN & JUDY FELLS' 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Ken & Judy will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary party in fellowship hall on October 21st from 2 to 4 pm, no gifts please. All are invited!

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 22nd)

Jackie Mentzer (Oct. 24th)

Terri Rininger (Oct. 29th)

OCTOBER IS

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Please remember Rev. Michael with a card, note or phone call during the month of October and thank him.



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