

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
April 7, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

People: Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“Thine Is the Glory”

#227

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Elder

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Leader:

The Word of the Lord:

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” 24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 332). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 339). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Because He Lives” #213

SERMON “Holey Faith”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Congregational Response (Verse 1) #421

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** “Christ Arose” #216

***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
Dexter Meseck
Shari O'Bannon
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Joyce Deloach
Shelly Fenner
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Malia Meyer

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Westminster, Presbyterian Church of Ida Grove & CRE Shari O'Bannon

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Wheatland, Breda

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

April 2024

07 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes

10:00 am In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary

10 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

14 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes

10:00 am In-Person Worship Service in Sanctuary

16 Tuesday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 28th will be Senior Recognition Sunday following the morning worship service with a special Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Christian Growth Committee. Hope all can attend to recognize and congratulate our outgoing Senior, Courtney Pyle.



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 APRIL

- 10th Kellie Bendixen
- 17th Rosemary Blum & Judy Wall
- 24th 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:

- 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)

THANK YOU'S

Thanks to those who provided Easter Lilies for the Easter morning worship service.

The Easter Breakfast was hosted by Jim & Cathy McDonough and family. It was difficult to choose from the different delicious varieties of egg bake. Thank you for your hard work. It was greatly appreciated. Also thank you to Jackie Mentzer for the rolls.

The McDonough Family wishes to Thank those who donated the items needed for the breakfast.

The free will offering went to the Deacons Fund to help pay for cards and postage.



Lakeshore Center at Okoboji has scheduled their Spring Cleanup Event for the weekend of April 19th-20th. If you would like to join us that Friday and/or Saturday to help get cabins and the grounds ready for summer, let us know.



LAKESHORE Center at OKOBOJI
A Ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Register Today at www.ilovelakeshore.org

Stuff I'd Only Tell God
A GUIDED JOURNAL OF COURAGEOUS HONESTY, RESILIENCE, TRUTH-TELLING, AND BEAUTIFULY AUTHENTIC SELF-DISCOVERY
Jennifer Dukes Lee

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



All women are invited to Lakeshore Center's annual Women's Retreat. Come for the whole event April 12-14 or stop by for part of it. We are excited to welcome back Jennifer Dukes Lee who will be sharing about the spiritual practice of journaling, using her book "Stuff I'd Only Tell God". A copy of the book is included in the registration cost.

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD. PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU. PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."
-Jeremiah 29:11

A SUMMER SERVING AT CAMP IS A GREAT WAY TO EXPLORE GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

YOU COULD LIVE AT THE LAKES THIS SUMMER!

We are looking for camp counselors, lifeguards, musicians, program staff, and support staff. We run a 10 week summer camp season and starting pay is \$300/week plus room and board. BVU students may be eligible for an additional \$2,000 in tuition grants! Internship credit may be possible, too.

Call or text 712-320-3313 with questions, email Sara Sutter (director@ilovelakeshore.org) or apply online under the summer camp tab at www.ilovelakeshore.org

