

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa 10:00 A. M.
September 17, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

People: Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” #278

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31 Pastor

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

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

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 375). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition Presbyterian Church.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 167). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Elder

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #292

SERMON "An Awesome God!"

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Vanessa McGivern (Megan Hansen's Mother)
(bypass surgery and valve replacements on Sept. 18th)

Carol Schreier
(Health Issues)

Julie McClintic and her Family
The TJ Schaefer Family

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Purple Gang

Doug O'Bannon & Family
Shari O'Bannon

Joyce Deloach (Friend of the Sydnor's)
(Kidney Issues)

Janice Rydberg
Colleen Woodke

Karla Hustedt and her family
(Stage 4 Cancer)

Ken Fells Jr.

Diane Overmohle

Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel

Mark Siebrecht & Family
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Malia Meyer

Brenda Segebart (Hospice)
Alice Spooner (Cancer Terminal)
Mark Gividen and his family
(Cancer and is in Hospice)

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 "Lead On, O King of Eternal" #483

*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

September 2023

17	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Mask are optional)
18	Monday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
19	Tuesday	6:00 pm	Last Ladies' Bible Study (chapters 11, 12, 13 and 14)
20	Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Purple Gang
24	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Mask are optional)

Prayers for the Churches

September 17, 2023 First, South Sioux City – Rev. Beth Hamilton

September 24, 2023 Community, Lawton – Rev. Ken Meissner



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang will start on Wednesday, September 13th 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.

The program includes a snack, Bible study, music and recreation. We hope that your children will join us in a fun experience where we learn more about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

You can get enrollment forms from Melanie Pyle (at the school) or the brown box outside the front door of the Presbyterian Church. You can return the filled out forms to Melanie or place them in the brown box. If you would like to find out more information, please contact Rev. Michael Sydnor at 712-275-4691.

SEPTEMBER SERVERS:

Cindy Joens
20th

Amanda Leshner
27th

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Cathy McDonough (Sept. 22nd)
Parker Currie (Sept. 23rd)
Jeff King (Sept. 24th)
Brenna Franken (Sept. 30th)

