

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
August 13, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Let us hear what the Lord will speak.

People: God will speak peace to the faithful.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #26

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Pastor

Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan. This is the account of Jacob's family line. Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him. Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them." "Very well," he replied. So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. When Joseph arrived at Shechem, a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?" He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?" "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him. "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other. "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams." When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it. As they sat down to eat their meal,

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 370). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 58). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt. Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed. So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33

Elder

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Be Still, My Soul" #347

SERMON "The Dream Will Live!"

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

The Tom McDonough Family
Purple Gang
School Children
School Teachers

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Shari O'Bannon
Janice Rydberg
Grace Beckord
Karla Hustedt and her family
(Cancer)
Ken Fells Jr. (Cancer)
Ron McClintic and his family
Diane Overmohle
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel
Mark Siebrecht & Family
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Jon Snyder
Malia Meyer
Brenda Segebart (Hospice)
Alice Spooner (Cancer Terminal)

Prayers for the Churches

August 13, 2023 First, Sac City – Rev. Missy Erickson

August 20, 2023 Pastors Serving Colleges – Rev. Dr. Cambria
Kaltwasser, Northwestern College, Orange City

***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 “It Is Well with My Soul” #493

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

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(*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

August 2023

13 Sunday

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

20 Sunday

10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

21 Monday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

22 Tuesday

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study



Blessing of the
Backpacks

teachers are encouraged to participate!

Sunday, August 20th
during worship
Blessings of the
Backpacks. ALL ages
and levels of
students, staff and



PURPLE GANG KICKOFF

The Schaller United Methodist Church will be having root beer floats and ice cream on Monday, August 21st during the time of Schaller-Crestland Open House. Whether you have a child dropping off supplies or just love ice cream, stop by the church and learn more about Purple Gang and register for the program. (Watch for the times).

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

John & Brenna Franken (Aug. 13th)
Jim & Missy Kestel (Aug. 29th)

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Shirley Claussen (Aug. 20th)
Kallie Pyle (Aug. 27th)

Mailing Addresses:

Doug O'Bannon
C/O Shari O'Bannon
202 Elm
Lakeside
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Kay McDonough
1159 198th Road
Boone, IA 50036

FUNERAL SERVICES

A memorial service for Tom McDonough will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, August 19, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church, 703 Greene Street, Boone, IA. Visitation will be held one hour before the service at the church.

