

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
August 21, 2022

10:00 A. M.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP: Elder

Elder: God rescues the weak and the needy;

People: God maintains the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Elder: Let us worship God!

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

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.¹ (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Elder

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:49-56

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 59).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

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

CHILDRENS TIME Blessings of the Backpacks

HYMN “It Is Well with My Soul” #493

SERMON “Striving for Joy and Justice”

***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 “Come, We That Love the Lord” #18**

***BENEDICTION**

WHAT YOU WILL BE

As I gazed up at the mountains, I was awed by their majesty;
I bowed my head and asked myself, "Why should He care for me?
I am not great like the mountains that tower so high above,
What is there about me that God can find to love?"

"Father, I am not strong like the wind that makes your tall trees sway,
I cannot sing sweetly like your birds; will you love me anyway?
But most of all, I am simply me, and often have cause to fear,
In spite of all my weaknesses, do you promise to be near?"

With eyes closed tight against my tears, I wished He could hear me pray.
Then I felt His Spirit tell me, "Child, look up, I have something to say.
"You are simply you, the spirit I love, a part of my great plan.
I put you here to learn of life and to return to me again."

"You are more beautiful to me than the loveliest mountain I made,
And your strength exceeds that of the wind's, so do not be afraid.
I love you not for what you are, but for what I know you will be.
I am always beside you watching you grow, you are very special to me."

A smile touched my lips – I knew it was true, my Father had always been there
Giving me comfort and blessings and love and my own special talents to share.
So I do my best to make Him proud. I am not afraid, for you see,
He loves me not for what I am, but for what He knows I will be.

— Author Unknown

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

2022 PER CAPITA 2022 Per Capita amount is \$42.48. 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".



**Sunday, August 21st during worship
Blessing of the Backpacks. All ages
and levels of students, staff and
teachers are encouraged to participate!**

FOOD PANTRY

Reminder: When bringing food items for the food pantry, please check the expiration dates.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:
Kallie Pyle (Aug. 27th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:
Jim & Missy Kestel (Aug. 29th)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2022

- 21 Sunday (Blessings of the Backpacks)
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)
- 22 Monday
7:00 pm Session Meeting
- 25 Thursday
7:00 pm Online Bible Devotional &
Community Prayers. All are
welcome!
- 28 Sunday
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)

PURPLE GANG KICKOFF

The Schaller United Methodist will be having root beer floats and ice cream on Monday, August 22nd from 4-8 pm 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.

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

School Kids
School Teachers
College Students
Dennis Miller
Terry Miller & his family
(Terry has covid and pneumonia at Fort Dodge in ICU)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Doug O'Bannon (Liver)
Shari O'Bannon
Steven O'Bannon's fiancée
(Therapy, on dialysis, waiting for a heart transplant)
Lucy Mason (at Willow Dale Wellness Village in Battle Creek)
Sue Diersen
Malia Meyer
Marilyn King
Rev. Michael Sydnor
Rollin & Cindy Joens
Thanael Dzala Ert'Obashia (The lost of his friend Danny)
(Nathanael Cork)
Tress Diersen
Don Thompson (Assisted Living in Holstein)
Dexter Meseck
Janet Schubert & Kandace Schubert
Andy Beckord
Tasha King (Safe Deployment)
Carissa King (Mission Work in Guatemala)
Dennis Pfrimmer
Hazel Snyder
Brenda Segebart

CONGRATULATIONS – To Becca Kestel & Dane Paihi Pestano, who were married on Saturday, August 11th. Proud parents are Jim & Missy Kestel.

