

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

People: love is the fulfillment of the law.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” #52

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI** #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-12 Pastor

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover. “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 374). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 60-61). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

Elder

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” #477

SERMON “Get Ready for Freedom!”

***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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 2023

10 Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School Classes
9:00 am Confirmation Class
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Mask are optional)

13 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang Resumes

17 Sunday

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Prayers for the Churches

September 10, 2023 Lakeside, Storm Lake – Rev. Jennifer Olson

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

"I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world."

—Mother Teresa



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:

Betty Franken
13th

Cindy Joens
20th

Amanda Leshar
27th

Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone."

—Thomas Merton

