

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
July 16, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder The word of the Lord will not return empty;

People: it will accomplish all that God intends.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

#34

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.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 366). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI**

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

Pastor

This is the account of the family line of Abraham’s son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. The Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger.” When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom.) Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.” “Look, I am about to die,”

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 59). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

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

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Elder

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear." "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

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

CHILDRENS TIME

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Janice Rydberg
Grace Beckord
Randy Leask
Joan Bebee

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Vacation Bible School
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Shari O'Bannon
Danielle King (Heart Issues)
Kathleen Sydnor
Diane Overmohle
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel
Tom McDonough & Family
Mark Siebrecht & Family
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Jon Snyder
Malia Meyer
Brenda Segebart (Hospice)
Alice Spooner (Cancer Terminal)

Prayers for the Churches

July 16, 2023 United, Denison

July 23, 2023 Lakeshore Center at Okoboji – Rev. Sara Sutter, Director Serena Lynch, Program Director Steve Sutter, Office Manager Rev. John Hanna, Maintenance

UPDATE ON DEXTER: On June 10th we found out his tumor had increased. Then on June 26th he went in and had hip surgery where they took a chunk out of his femur and reconstructed his ball of his hip. He is 6 weeks non weight bearing right now. Life has been busy lately but taking it one day at a time. Thank you for the continued prayers! #DexterSTRON

PRESBYTERIAN ECUMENICAL BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School will be July 31st through August 4th from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. on July 31st for registration.) ANY students going into Kindergarten through students who have completed 5th Grade are **WELCOME** and **ENCOURAGED** to come!

This year's theme is: "Hero Hotline

Called" Together to Serve God!

VBS Registration, Health, and Covenant forms can be found in the brown information box by the Presbyterian Church's Front Door.

Please fill out the forms and enclose them in the envelopes that are provided and put back in the information box. Take as many forms as you would like! The information box is checked daily.

JUICE DONATIONS FOR VBS

We are asking for donations of juice for VBS.



dolphins also came to symbolize resurrection.

DOLPHIN — Because dolphins often swim alongside ships, they've been used to symbolize Christ's presence, guiding people through earthly life and into eternal life. Although they're mammals, dolphins have been depicted as the fish that swallowed Jonah. Jesus compared

HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

#375

SERMON

"The Promise Will Win"

***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**

"Blessed Assurance"

#345

***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".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 2023

- 16 Sunday
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)
- 20 Thursday
7:00 pm Online Bible Devotional
- 23 Sunday
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)
- 23-28 Sunday thru Friday
Rev. Michael will be attending Synod School at BVU in Storm Lake
- 25 Tuesday
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
(We will be doing Chapters 2, 3,
and 4)
- 30 Sunday (Rev. Ken Fells will be filling the pulpit)
10:00 am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary
(Masks are optional)
11:00 am Coffee Fellowship

Mailing Address for Doug O'Bannon:

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

**Big
Thank
You!**

A HUGE THANK YOU to Jim & Cathy McDonough, Mark & Sam McDonough, Adam & Melanie Pyle, Bruce & Jackie, and Jane Bisenius who helped getting the float ready!!! The work and dedication is very much appreciated.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Adam & Melanie for the new landscaping in front of the church.

God is watching

In the cafeteria line one day, a seminary dean noticed a bowl of big, juicy oranges. A sign by it read, "Take only one. God is watching you!" At the other end of the lunch line sat a large plate of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Beside it was a hastily scrawled note, likely from a hungry student: "Take as many cookies as you want. God is back there watching the oranges."

The message behind that good-natured irreverence? If you believe that God's sight is limited to one place, then your idea of God is too small!

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Jane Bisenius (July 16th)
Eli Franken (July 19th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Jerry & Dee Gosch (July 17th)
CA & Terri Rininger (July 18th)
Dan & Theresa Bailey (July 28th)

