

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

10:00 A. M.

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: God said to Moses: I am who I am.

People: This is the name of the Lord forever.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #6

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.<sup>2</sup> (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 373). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

\*GLORIA PATRI #623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Pastor

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me

<sup>2</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 60). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

to you.’ ” God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

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

#### **Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28**

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

#### **CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN**           “Open My Eyes, That I May See”           #381

**SERMON**           “Burning, Burning!”

#### **\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

#### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

### CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor  
Our Church  
Purple Gang  
School Children  
School Teachers  
College Students  
Doug O'Bannon & Family  
Shari O'Bannon  
Janice Rydberg (procedure on the 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Becca Kestel Pestano  
(had Shoulder Surgery)  
Coleen Woodke  
(Stroke)  
Mark Gividen and his family  
(Cancer and is in Hospice)  
Henry Jacobson  
(Broken Wrist)  
Grace Beckord  
Karla Hustedt and her family  
(Stage 4 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  
Malia Meyer  
Brenda Segebart (Hospice)  
Alice Spooner (Cancer Terminal)

## 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 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" #233

\*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

03	Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Mask are optional)
04	Monday	Labor Day	
05	Tuesday	6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
10	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Resumes

## Prayers for the Churches

**September 3, 2023** First, Battle Creek

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

### BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Jerry Gosch (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>) 80<sup>th</sup>  
Samantha McDonough (Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Stephan Sydnor (Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>)  
Betty Franken (Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>)  
Sarah Jacobson (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Waylen Jacobson (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Becca Kestel Pestano (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Janice Rydberg (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Cathy McDonough (Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
Parker Currie (Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Jeff King (Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>)  
Brenna Franken (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>)



## 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

## SEPTEMBER SERVERS:

Betty Franken  
13<sup>th</sup>

Cindy Joens  
20<sup>th</sup>

Amanda Leshar  
27<sup>th</sup>

## ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>)

