

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
March 3, 2024

10:00 A. M.
Third Sunday in Lent

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: The law of the Lord revives the soul;

People: the word of God makes the simple wise.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

#262

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: Exodus 20:1-17

Pastor

And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 260).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 236).
Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22

Elder

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #371

SERMON "What Is Your Safe Place?"

*APOSTLE'S CREED

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

MAILING ADDRESSES

Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier

1500 Edgewater Drive #260, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327

Ruth Schmidt

Good Samaritan Nursing Home (Holstein)

505 W. Second St., Holstein, IA 51025

Betty Roeder

Park View Rehabilitation Center, 601 Park Ave, Sac City, IA 50583

Brett Currie

C/O Lynn Currie

606 Orchard Drive, Madison, WI 53711

Bonnie Currie

(Wakefield Health Care, 306 Ash Street, Wakefield, NE 68784)

Shane Reimers

(2015 Strawberry Lane, Sioux City, IA 51104)

Wanda Jeppeson (Methodist Manor)

THANK YOU'S!

Thank You to Adam & Melanie Pyle and their Sunday School class for doing the bulletin boards in the Narthex and entryway.

Thank You to Cathy McDonough for all the beautiful flower arrangements we see on Sunday mornings.

Also Thank You to Jackie Mentzer who puts out different center pieces each month for our tables in Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday – 10 am Worship and Confirmation Class will be Confirmed followed by a special Coffee Fellowship following the worship service

Thursday, March 28th – Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 pm. Sunday, March 31st – Easter Worship Service at 7:00 am and Easter Breakfast at 8:00 am by the McDonough Family.

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Julie Langner
The Robert Blankers Family

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Purple Gang
Shari O'Bannon
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Dennis & Sharmin Grundmeier
(Dennis has Parkinsons & Sharmin has dementia)
Brett Currie (Dementia)
Joel VanBuskirk
(home waiting for treatments to start)
Joyce Deloach
Shelly Fenner
Steve Schaefer
Karla Hustedt and her family
Ken Fells Jr.
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Malia Meyer

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

March 3, 2024 United, Manilla and Rev. Lori Shannon

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Other Christian Churches in Your Community

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "Living for Jesus" #372

*BENEDICTION

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

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

2024 PER CAPITA

2024 Per Capita amount is \$53.95. 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".

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

13th Annual Clover Dinner (Early Achievers 4-H)

The Annual Clover Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 3rd from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Early. Menu will include Pork Loin, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Pasta Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert, and Drink.

March 2024

03 Sunday

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

06 Wednesday

3:30-5:30 pm Purple Gang

10 Sunday

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

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YEARS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

OGHS will be received during the season of Lent (February 14 – March 31).

The One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes and fish coinboxes can be found at the back of the Sanctuary through the season of Lent.

PLEASE mark your checks Presbyterian Church and in the memo line mark OGHS. PLEASE give generously.

Early Community Food Pantry

We welcome your needed food, toiletries and cash donations throughout the entire year. Please check the expiration of food donations before bringing them in. Please, no glass containers.

We are open Mondays 10:00 – 2:00 or by appointment by calling 712-661-941

Liz Davis, Terri Schmitt and Karen Pickhinke

ANNOUNCEMENTS



cancelling a Purple Gang event if the school closes due to weather or illness.

SERVERS FOR MARCH

6 th	Amanda Thompson	13 th	Janice Ploeger
20 th	Bob & Marilyn Hantsbarger	27 th	NO PURPLE GANG

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Julie Langner (March 2nd)
Courtney Pyle (March 19th)
Libby McDonough (March 21st)
Kirk Langner (March 31st)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

David & Kathy Siebrecht (March 9th)

EASTER LILIES

Please help adorn our Sanctuary on Easter Morning by sharing real or artificial Easter Lilies with us. Thank You.

Please let Rev. Michael or Denise King know if you would like to share an Easter Lilly.

PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang meets on Wednesday's 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