

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
February 18, 2024

10:00 A. M.
First Sunday in Lent

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: The word of God is near to us.

People: Call on the Lord and you will be saved.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

*HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King"

#267

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

*GLORIA PATRI

#623

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

Pastor

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

Elder

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 258). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

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

animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #451

SERMON "It's Happening Now! "

***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 "A Charge to Keep I Have" #448**

***BENEDICTION**

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

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

***POSTLUDE**

(*Those who are able please stand.)

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NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Betsy Lenz and her husband Kenny
(Betsy is in hospice at Methodist Manor)

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
Joyce Deloach
Willie Lang
Shelly Fenner
Steve Schaefer
Karla Hustedt and her family
Ken Fells Jr.
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Malia Meyer

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

February 18, 2024 Union Lake City and Rev. Randy Russom
February 25, 2024 First, Armstrong and Rev. Suzanne Wobig

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".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2024

18	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
19	Monday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
21	Wednesday	3:30-5:30 pm	Purple Gang
		6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study (Lesson #2)
24	Saturday	9:30 am	Presbytery at Faith United Presbyterian Church in Sioux City
25	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
		11:00 am	Christian Growth Committee Meeting

13th Annual Clover Dinner

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. To buy \$15 tickets and make reservations please contact any Early Achievers 4-H member. Ticket Sales end February 16th.



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

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

SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY & March

21 st	Florene Cork	28 th	Tabitha Ballou
6 th	Amanda Thompson	13 th	Janice Ploeger

Greetings from the local Early Community Food Pantry in Early.

Assistance is needed to feed families/households in our communities of Early, Schaller and Nemaha. 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.

If you know of a family, in the three communities area in need of food assistance, please tell them of us. All we ask is name, address, phone, email, number in household, and ages.

The Early Community Food Pantry is located at the south end of Sacred Heart Parish Center, double red doors. We are open Mondays 10:00 – 2:00 or by appointment by calling 712-661-9417.

Thank you in advance – Liz Davis, Terri Schmitt and Karen Pickhinke

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Jacee McDonough (Feb. 21st)
Melanie Pyle (Feb. 24th)
Joyce Currie (Feb. 26th)

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YEARS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (February 14 – March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes 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.

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