

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
October 13, 2024

10:00 A. M.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: Elder

Elder: How can a mortal receive eternal life?

People: For God all things are possible.¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” #6**

INVOCATION (Please be seated) Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Elder

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Elder

Then Job replied: “Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning. If only I knew where to find him; if only I could go to his dwelling! I would state my case before him and fill my mouth with arguments. I would find out what he would answer me, and consider what he would say to me. Would he vigorously oppose me? No, he would not press charges against me. There the upright can establish their innocence before him, and there I would be delivered forever from my judge. “But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me. Yet I am not silenced by the darkness, by the thick darkness that covers my face.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:17-31 Pastor

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 379). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 61). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN “Jesus Calls Us” #375

SERMON “The Invitation”

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pastor appreciation

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me."

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

Encourage your pastor by assuring him or her of your prayers and love.



Be well-rounded.
Get plenty of sunshine.
Give thanks for life's bounty.
Have a thick skin.
Keep growing.
Be outstanding in your field.
Think big!
—Ilan Shamir

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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #376

*BENEDICTION

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

*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".

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Please remember Rev. Michael with a card, note or phone call during the month of October and thank him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER 2024

13	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In-Person Worship
20	Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
		10:00 am	In Person-Worship
21	Monday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
23	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship
26	Saturday	9:00 am	Presbytery at Lakeshore in Okoboji

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Jim Illum (Oct. 13th)
Madelyn Jacobson (Oct. 22nd)
Jackie Mentzer (Oct. 24th)
Terri Rininger (Oct. 29th)

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Kirk Langner
The Dennis Miller Family
The Betty Roeder Family
John King (stroke)
(Cousin from California who was here a couple of weeks ago)

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Our School
Iowa Flooding, Tornadoes, Hurricanes
Florene Cork
Denise King
Drake Alesch
Lois Carlberg
Wanda Jeppeson
Dorothy Ploeger
Carol Wendel
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Terri Rininger
Veronica Moyle
Rod Plagman
Velma Woodke
Chanda Snow
Richard Morgan
Mark Diersen
Dexter Meseck
Steve Schaefer
Ken Fells Jr.

PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

October 13, 2024

Trinity, Wall Lake

October 20, 2024

Pray for the National Staff of PC(USA)

