

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Schaller, Iowa  
March 24, 2024

10:00 A. M.  
Palm Sunday

Rev. Michael Sydnor

**PRELUDE**

Janice Ploeger, Organist

**CANDLELIGHTING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Elder: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Elder: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.<sup>1</sup>

Elder: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN            “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

#173

INVOCATION    (Please be seated)

Pastor

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Pastor

**FIRST READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: “His love endures forever.” Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered

me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Leader:            The Word of the Lord:

People:            Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 11:1-11**

Elder

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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People:            Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup> Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 265). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

**CHILDRENS TIME**

**HYMN**            **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**                   **#174**

**SERMON**                    **“Look Around!”**

**REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

**PRESENTATION**                               **Kallie Pyle & Anna Jacobson**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING**

**WELCOME**

**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**    **“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”**                   **#562**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION SONG**    **“Freely, Freely” (V. 1)**           **#447**

**\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**(\*Those who are able please stand.)**

## NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Richard Morgan  
Father of Cindy Myrice

## CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

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

## PRAYER FOR CHURCHES

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

First, Odebolt

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

Associated Church of Hawarden, Hawarden

## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Kirk Langner (March 31<sup>st</sup>)

## 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

### March 2024

24 Sunday (Palm Sunday)

9:00 am

Sunday School Classes

10:00 am

In-Person Worship in Sanctuary  
and Confirmation Students will  
be Confirmed (Kallie Pyle &  
Anna Jacobson)

27 Wednesday

NO PURPLE GANG

6:00 pm

Women's Bible Study

28 Thursday

7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Communion  
Service

29 Friday (Good Friday) Bring your Easter food donations to the church!

31 Sunday (Easter Sunday)

(Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)

Children bring back their fish coin boxes

7:00 am

Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 am

Easter Breakfast

(by the McDonough Family)

The free will offering goes to the Deacon fund to help with postage, and cards for special occasions.

**NO 10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

## EASTER BREAKFAST

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for anyone interested in bringing food donations for the Easter Breakfast.

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

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## 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS



Anna Jacobson attends eighth grade at Ridge View Middle School. She is the daughter of Aaron & Sarah Jacobson. Anna has four siblings: Clayton, 17, a Junior at Ridge View High School; Madelyn, 12, in sixth grade at Ridge View Middle School; Henry, 7, in second grade at Schaller-Crestland Elementary; and Waylon who is 18 months. Anna's Grandparents are Jeff & Kathy Jacobson, Galva and (Richard) & Florene Cork, Schaller. Her Great-Grandmother is Wanda Jeppeson, Storm Lake.

Anna participates in basketball, track, and softball. She is a Middle School wrestling manager. Anna is a member of the Schaller Shamrocks 4-H Club. Anna likes to draw and to practice to be a Gamer.

Anna had her Grandmother Florene as her sponsor for Confirmation.

Anna's favorite scripture is: "For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Kallie Pyle is in the eighth grade at the Ridge View Middle school. She is the daughter of Adam & Melanie Pyle. Her siblings are Kaitlyn Currie who will be getting married in December to Jack Mentzer, Courtney Pyle who is a senior at Ridge View, and Cari & Cody who are in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Kallie enjoys the sports of wrestling, volleyball, track, and softball. She is also a member of the Schaller Shamrocks 4-H Club.

Kallie had her sister Kaitlyn as her sponsor for confirmation. My favorite scripture is: For I know the plans I have for you, "declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11



## 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 MARCH & APRIL

27 <sup>th</sup>	NO PURPLE GANG	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dolores Tuel
10 <sup>th</sup>	Kellie Bendixen	17 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Blum
24 <sup>th</sup>	Purple Gang Party		

## EVERY DAY IS EASTER

“Easter comes but once a year,”  
So many people say,  
But, to a person saved from sin,  
It’s Easter every day!

A man, when saved or “born again”  
His life, to Christ, will give,  
And, as a new-born babe in Christ,  
He’s just begun to live.

“I am the resurrection, life,”  
The Savior, one day, said;  
‘And he, believing in my word,  
Shall live, though he be dead.”

And that well known Apostle,  
Paul, in Philippi made plain;  
“For me to live is Jesus Christ,  
For me to die is gain.”

So when the Blood of Christ,  
our Lord, Redeems a soul from sin;  
Every day is Easter,  
For Jesus lives within!

THE GREATEST BLESSINGS AND NEWS THE WORLD EVER RECEIVED  
CAME FROM A GRAVE YARD NEAR JERUSALEM!

— Author Unknown

## EASTER

What does Easter mean to you?

An Easter egg or a hot cross bun?  
A trip to church, maybe family fun?

Have you looked deeper to find the true reason?  
Have you met the Man who gave Life to this season?

Would YOU die a cruel death to save somebody’s life?  
For a stranger, his son, father, daughter or wife?

Who in his right mind would do such a thing?  
A madman perhaps, a crazed ruler or king?  
But no ... this Man was no madman or thief.  
He carried our sorrows, our burdens, our grief.

He carried it all as He hung on that cross,  
His disciples all thought, “It’s over ... we’ve lost”.  
“The man whom we thought was God – come to earth ...  
this man whom we know had an uncommon birth.”

“He’s dying before us – His life ebbs away.  
Where are God’s angels to enter this fray?”  
“Listen! He speaks now! Come closer and hear  
what he’s saying to those who show Him no fear.”

Is He ranting and cursing, is he muttering hate?  
Is he damning all those? Is he sealing their fate?  
But the words that he uttered were surprisingly few.  
“Father, forgive them ... they know not what they do”.

What love, what forgiveness, what freedom He gave –  
To those who believe, to those He would save.  
“It’s too good to be true,” say the doubters and scoffers.  
“The church just wants money to fill up its coffers.”

If that’s what you think, think again and you’ll see  
This Jesus who suffered – died for you and for me.  
It’s simple, not hard, to seek truth from above.  
So ask God to show you His heart and His love.

Lay down your agenda, put aside your distrust.  
It’s hard to be humble ... lay pride in the dust.  
But there’s no other way to come to the King  
There’s nothing of value to Him you could bring.

There’s only one thing of value to give  
The heart that you offer, the life that you live..

— Author Unknown

